



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Friday 5th January 2024



**Happy New Year
from All at St
Josephs!**

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well.

Please see Headteacher video message on our YouTube Channel.

Link is also below:

[Headteacher Message NEWSLETTER 05 01 24 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Please enjoy the latest St Josephs newsletter.

St Joseph, pray for us.

Mr Stapleton



"The glory of God is a human
being fully alive!"

Theme of the Week – Epiphany of the Lord

On Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word 'epiphany' comes from a Greek word meaning revelation or manifestation and for us, the birth of Christ is our sign that God is with us. In this passage from Matthew's Gospel, we are introduced to the wise men. The wise men are thought to have been astrologers from Persia or also known as Magi (Latin for Persian priest or wise man) and their part in this story can resonate with many of us; the wise men represent all who seek God with a sincere heart. The wise men were not Jews, the faith that Jesus was, yet they were the one who recognised the signs that led to them knowing something special was to happen and as a result they travelled far to worship this new king. Now if we were asked to go and search for a king or queen, we would probably go to Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle or another royal residence in search of this king or queen. The wise men did the same, they went to the palace in Jerusalem in their search however when they were led to a simple house in a small town with no regalia or giant building they found the **Divine in the Ordinary**. The wise men then presented three gifts, Gold to indicate the royalty of the child; Frankincense to indicate the holiness of the child and Myrrh to indicate the humanity of the Christ Child and after encountering Jesus they left by a new road. Unlike Herod and others who should have known what was happening, they were not open to the revelation of God in this child and sought instead to harm him.

In the Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the welcoming of all people who seek God. It is not just the chosen people who are invited to have faith in Jesus as Lord. He is significant to all who seek truth and his light draws people into a relationship with God. On Monday, 7th January, we also celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Here we see John the Baptist preaching '*someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am...*', then when John baptizes Jesus in the river Jordan the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus with a voice from heaven saying 'You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests with you'. Jesus is the sign of God's love for creation and through who God's love is made known to all.

This week is a time to reflect on how far we have travelled in our own journey towards Jesus. What is leading you? How much progress have you made? How open are you to finding the divine in the ordinary?

Epiphany of the Lord

Weekly Reflections
7th January 2024



A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew (2:1-12)

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
You are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
For out of you will come a leader
Who will shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, in your birth the wise
men found the Divine in
Ordinary and the revelation that
God is with us. Allow us to
further our relationship with you
by demonstrating our love for
all.

In your name we pray.

Amen

Feast Day – Theodosius The Cenobiarch –
11th January



Theodosius were attracted to religion from a young age and was especially drawn to the promise of the Holy Land. He left his parents and friends behind for the love of God and set out for Jerusalem in 451. Theodosius, determined to learn discipline before living in solitude, studied under the hermit Abbot Longinus. Theodosius eventually settled in a mountaintop cave, praying at all times, and roping himself upright to prevent sleep. He fasted constantly and did not taste bread for 30 years. He formed a small community of monks near Bethlehem that tended the sick, elderly and mentally impaired. Theodosius was:

Attentive and Discerning

Day 1

Who were the wise men and
where did they come from?

What gifts did they bring to
Jesus?

What were they looking for and
what did they find?

Day 2

How were the wise men drawn
to the Christ Child?

How does the birth of Jesus
allow us to have a relationship
with God?

What signs does Jesus teach us
in order to further our
relationship with God?

Day 3

Reflect on your relationship with Jesus. What have you done that
demonstrates the love Jesus has for us?

What can you do this week that will allow you to further enrich your
relationship with Jesus?

Year 7 News

Happy New Year! I hope you all had amazing Christmas breaks. It was lovely to have students back in today. We had a great first term in Year 7 and we are looking to build on it in the Spring Term. We have not got any major events for Year 7 in the Diary prior to our Half Term in February where we break up on the 9th of February. Please keep any eye out for any important events via the Newsletter or your Child's form tutor.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Year 11 News

Happy New Year a reminder to pop on to ParentPay and confirm your space for parents evening.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Dunleavy – Head of Year 11

Year 11 Parents Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 11th January 2024, from 4.15pm until 6.45pm. This will take place in the assembly hall.

The purpose of the evening is to meet with your child's subject teachers to discuss their attainment and progress to date, as well as any concerns you may have. It is **essential** that you attend this evening with your child to help fully prepare for their GCSE Examinations in June.

Your child will be given an appointment booking sheet this week during form time. Each appointment will be 5 minutes long. All students are required to attend Parents evening in full school uniform with their journal.

Bikeability Training in School

The school expects every child who cycles to have a helmet, working lights and to have completed a Bikeability road safety course. The Bikeability course is free will take place during school hours in the week commencing 8th January 2024.

Your child will receive an invitation if required to attend.

Football News

A really exciting opportunity has arisen in Slough for U11 and U12 footballers. The Berkshire Football Development Centre at Herschel Grammar school is now ready to offer football training with Brentford coaches. There are also clear pathways to elite and academy programmes. Trials are taking place on the following dates:

Wednesday 17th January – Boys Development Centre trials @ 5:30 – 7:00pm

Friday 19th January – Girls Development Centre trials @ 5:30 – 7:00pm

Please sign up to the trial as soon as possible to secure a place. Use link provided below;

GIRLS trials booking link <https://book.brentfordfcst.com/event/berkshire-girls-football-development-trials-2024/>

BOYS trials booking link <https://book.brentfordfcst.com/event/boys-fdc-berkshire-trials/>

Password: BERKS

Spring Term 2024 PE Clubs

PE After School Clubs

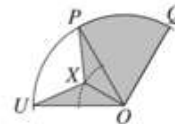
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball (GCSE students only)	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball (GCSE students only)	Badminton and Basketball
Lunch 2	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball
Afterschool	Trampolining KBR Rugby HMC Dance HST	Netball- all year groups AAN MJO KBR Year 7+8 boys Football FWA Year 7-9 Basketball JCO	Year 9-11 boys Football THU Girls Football- all year groups JSI Volleyball HGO		Year 10,11,12,13 Basketball CWH



#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- A The diagram shows exactly one third of the shaded area in the original diagram. It is made up of the quadrilateral $UOPX$, together with a sector of the outer circle, POQ , where O is the centre of the original circle.
- Since P and Q are two of the six points equally spaced around the circle, $\angle POQ = \frac{1}{6} \times 360^\circ = 60^\circ$. The outer circle has radius 2 cm, so the area, in cm^2 , of sector POQ is $\frac{1}{6} \times \pi \times 2^2 = \frac{2\pi}{3}$.



Since U and P are also equally spaced, $\angle UOP = 60^\circ$. So $\angle UOX = 30^\circ$.
Hence the area of triangle UOX , in cm^2 , is $\frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 2 \times \sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$.
So the area of quadrilateral $UOPX$ is 1 cm^2 .
Therefore the total shaded area, in cm^2 , in the original diagram is $3 \times (\frac{2\pi}{3} + 1) = 2\pi + 3$.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- B The value of 2019 tenths is $2019 \times \frac{1}{10} = 201.9$

Puzzler of the week

The line with equation $y = 2x + 3$ is reflected in the x -axis.
Which of the following is the equation of the new line?

- A $y = 2x - 3$ B $y = -2x + 3$ C $x = 2y + 3$ D $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 3$ E $y = -2x - 3$

Break time Teaser:

Which one of these is a multiple of 24?

- A 200 B 300 C 400 D 500 E 600

Send your answers to Mr Allinson. Complete answers will get positive points on Class Charts.



EAL NEWS

(English as an Additional Language)

Accessing Support

Use the links below to determine whether there are any benefits, you could be claiming:

- [Cost of living](#)
- [Free school meals application](#)
- [Enrol on a course](#)
- [Family Activities](#)
- [Turn2us Benefits Calculator](#)
- [Housing and support options for migrant families](#)

Access free or low-cost food:

- [Food Bank near Me | Find a Food Bank — Bankuet @](#)
- [Our members - Independent Food Aid Network UK](#)
- [Find a Food Bank - The Trussell Trust](#)
- [Community Fridge Network \(hubbub.org.uk\)](#)
- [OLIO - The #1 Free Sharing App \(olioex.com\)](#)
- [Join Our Food Waste Movement \(toogoodtogo.co.uk\)](#)
- [Low Price Foods - Save up to 70% on your weekly food shop](#)

Help with energy bills:

- [Bounce Back Checklist - British Gas Energy Trust](#)
- [Energy mythbusting - MSE](#)





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Required to start as soon as possible.

FOOD TECHNICIAN

**19.5 hours per week, term time plus 1 week
insets/during school closure**

8.30 – 3.30pm Tuesday-Thursday

STCAT SCP 6 Actual salary £10,378

- Be able to organise and prepare the Food Rooms prior to use, ensuring hygiene standards are maintained.
- Assist in practical Food sessions.

An information pack is available from the school or can be
downloaded from the school website

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