



Girls Football Team



On Thursday, the Year 10 and 11 girls' football team played in the first round of the 5 a-side power-league tournament. After being drawn in a pool with some strong schools; the girls played amazingly winning 1, drawing 2 and losing 2. All the girls played outstandingly with goals being scored by Paige, Ava and Athena. The girls go again next week with the 2nd round of the tournament.

Well played to Athena, Paige, Ava, Laura, Martyna, Patrycja, Abi, Zuzanna and Agata.

Player of the tournament: Paige

FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well.

My weekly message is in video format. Please do take a listen and let us know what you think, any feedback is welcome.

Please find below the link to our website to view my message:

<https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Letters/20221111-Parent-Newsletter-1-v3.m4v>

St Joseph, pray for us

Ciran

THEME OF THE WEEK – Trust in the Lord

When we reflect on the Gospels, Jesus expects each of us to share his message with others. Not only does Jesus tell us the way, he shows it to us in his Death and Resurrection and even gives us the Holy Spirit to give us strength, courage and wisdom so that we can do this.

So what does Jesus mean when he talks about the stones being knocked down? Is he trying to scare us?

When Jesus talks in this week's Gospel, he does talk about the end of time; but he tells us not to be afraid. He will remember our faithfulness and reward us at the end of time.

So why talk about the end of time?

This gospel was written after the destruction of the Temple in AD70. At this time, the early Christians were being forced to leave the synagogues, and would have been very anxious about what lay ahead for them. There were amazing reports at this time of ordinary people, fishermen and other workmen, who were preaching with great power. Despite not being educated in theology, philosophy or rhetoric, they were speaking with irresistible wisdom and eloquence.

Many people over the years have made specific predictions about the end of the world. Jesus states that they will say, *"The time is near at hand."* But warns us that they are not to be trusted.

Today's gospel uses symbolic 'apocalyptic' language to describe the end of time. This language is not meant to be taken literally but to express the insight that life is characterised by struggle and conflict. It models a way of coming to terms with the powerlessness, suffering and death which are an inevitable part of our existence but which were especially apparent during the persecution of the early church. In our struggle to deal with the pressures and difficulties of life, we can draw on the promise of Jesus and experience his peace.

Many times Jesus promises the gift of his peace to his faithful followers. This peace does not avoid challenge or conflict, or seek its own comfort, but responds to the demands of the gospel - endurance in faith and sharing the good news.

Can you reflect on some of the upheavals in your life?

Have there been times during which all you have been able to do is endure?

What are the things that have supported you through times of struggle and difficulty?

The gospel today calls us to a very specific response. 'Trust in the Lord' even in our times of struggle

In what ways have you begun to join in the building up of the Kingdom of God and the sharing of the Good News?

Have you faced opposition over your faith?

During this coming week be aware of being cheerful as you face the tedious tasks in your life with greater faith - particularly those things that you cannot change

Trust in the Lord

Weekly Reflections
14th November 2022



A reading from St Luke's Gospel

Luke 21:5-9

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Prayer for the Week

Generous Father, we put our Trust in You. Give us grace to serve you always with joy, because our full and lasting happiness is to make of our lives a constant service to the author of all that is good. Remind us that that you call us to be faithful stewards and guardians of the Good News and to share it with others through our actions and words.

Amen

Day 3

In the second part of the Gospel Jesus tells us that we must endure to win our lives. Live is not easy, in fact it can throw challenges that you could never imagine coping with. However, with all of these challenges, Trust in the Lord.

Why?

Because it is through this Trust of faith and following the Good News that we will find what we want most, peace

Day 4

The month of November is the month that we remember those who have gone before us. Let us remember and pray that in their Trust, they have found eternal peace in heaven.

Day 1

Our theme this week is 'Trust in the Lord'. Jesus tells us that our endurance will win you your lives. Let us put our trust in the Lord. The Lord has a great dream for us. We may not know what it is or even know how we may fulfil it. But let us 'Trust in the Lord' to realise this dream and listen to him through our hearts

Day 2

Jesus talks about '*Nation will fight against nation and Kingdom against Kingdom. Great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there*'

- Think about today's society?
- Can you refer to anything today that relates to this?
- How might people feel about this?

Day 5

The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen

Remembrance Day



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let's Not Forget

As a school we came together today to mark Armistice Day remembering all those who have died in war.



School Immunisations

Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 - School Immunisations – Tuesday 13th December

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting St Josephs on Tuesday 13th December for the Flu Vaccination. On the day the nurse will be vaccinating all Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students.

Consent is required in order for your son/daughter to receive their vaccination. Please provide e-consent using the website link in the attached letter.

Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

School-aged Immunisation Team



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services



Free school meals

For all parents of students entitled to Free School Meals, you will have received a voucher today via huggg.me for meals over the half term holiday. In the event it has not arrived in your inbox please can you check your junk mail.

Am I eligible for free school meals?

You will be able to claim free school meals for your child if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have a net income from employment of no more than £7400 per year). For more information on how the government calculates your earnings from employment whilst claiming Universal Credit, please check the "Eligibility under Universal Credit" section below.
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

<https://www.slough.gov.uk/xfp/form/244>

Mr J Gibbons

Rewards Screen

Link to a video report outlining the Rewards for the Winter Half Term.

[Rewards Report November 2022.mp4](#)

Please see the attachment for full details of the rewards, challengers and dates.

REWARDS SHOP - COLLECTION



In the **LRC** from 1pm - 2pm



- Orders before 5pm should be available from the following day
- Orders more than **two weeks** old will be cancelled (points will be refunded)

Mr R Dann

Literacy - Word and Idiom of the Week

Analogy

Word of the Week is 'analogy'. This is a noun meaning a comparison between one thing and another, typically for the purpose of explanation or clarification. For example:

"All the world's a stage / And all the men and women merely players "

Fallen on deaf ears.

This means to choose or appear to another not to listen.

"The teachers instructions appear to have fallen on deaf ears."

Miss A Nash

St Jopen 2

On Saturday 22nd October, St Joseph's held its 2nd Golf Day, The St. Jopen at the South Buckinghamshire Golf Club. Thank you to all students, staff, parents, and supporters of St Joseph's for taking part. Congratulations to Declan Dillon who was the overall winner

A big thank you to all the kind sponsors of the event: Slough Irish Club, Thames Valley Printers, Valcon, Mill Ride Golf Club, London Plant Haulage, South Buckinghamshire Golf Club, Martin Gibbons Haulage and the kind donations from Phil Cusack, Jim Phelan, Tony Murphy and Peter Strachan.

£800 was raised for our school charity, the 'Access to Shine' project which aims to provide every child with a fair chance in life. Their current project is to build a new school in Ndi Uduma in Nigeria.

If you would like to help support us with our school charity please email Mr Gibbons at j.gibbons@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Winner

Declan Dillon collecting his trophy from James Gibbons



Steve Lockhart, Jamie Patterson, Gary Parkinson, Leon Webster

Ned Smyth, Michael Gibbons, Phil Cusack, Pat Smyth





Declan Dillon, Anthony Grogan,
Daragh Byrne, John Haughey



Wayne Doogan, Malcom Gibbs,
Tom Byrne, Derek Flynn



Daniel Hawes, Bernie Irwin,
James Irwin, John Irwin



Paul Hundell, Peter Strachan, John Tierney



James Gibbons, Jonson Cooper-Santos, Geoffrey Harrison, Mica Joseph, Nick Hill



Wayne Mangan, Adrian Mangan,
Darren Mangan

Support at St Joseph's

At St Joseph's we are aware and understand that the current cost of living crisis causes worry and concern for many. As a Catholic School, we always have the well-being of our school community at the heart of everything we do and as a result, we want to help as best we can. We are putting together fortnightly food parcels that will be delivered to families most in need in order to support them over the next few months. A typical food parcel will contain the following:

Food items	Cereal Pasta Soup Rice Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce Lentils, beans and pulses Tinned meat Tinned vegetables Tea/coffee Tinned fruit Biscuits UHT milk Fruit juice
Non-food items	Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes, hand sanitizer Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid Feminine products – sanitary towels and tampons

In order to receive a food parcel each fortnight please can you email office@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk where you will be invited to come into St Joseph's to discuss the needs of your family and the food parcel that will not only meet your family's dietary needs but also how we as a school can support further.

Mr J Gibbons

YEAR 7 NEWS

Well done to all the students who have gained positive points this week. Year 7 have come back after half term with an excellent attitude to learning, let's keep those high standards up. Can I remind you to have ALL of your books for the day in your linen learning bags as it saves time when preparing for lesson and learning time. Another request as the winter months grow colder can I remind you that dark coats are in line with our uniform policy. Today we had a remembrance service for all who served for our country. The pupils conducted themselves with pride and respect.

In the meantime have a great weekend!

Mrs Dunleavy

YEAR 8 NEWS

Y8 Football fixture v Trevelyan

A year 8 squad down to the barebones of their team hosed Trevelyan of Windsor in what would be an extremely competitive game.

St Josephs played the majority of the football passing the ball around well in the midfield but often the attack would fizzle out without a final product. Andreus took it upon himself to have a long range effort and test the keeper. This effort managed to sneak its way into the far right hand side of the goal 1-0.

The Trevelyan defense held up well, refusing access into their box. This lead Fabian to have a long range effort and again find the corner of the goal 2-0.

After a push back from the Trevelyan team the half finished 2-2.

The 2nd half was a tight contest, with the majority of the football being played in the middle of the park. Jean-Marie made some crucial covering tackles to keep the Trevelyan out of striking distance. As the pressure mounted Kingsley kept the ball out of the St Joseph's net.

Late on in the second half Olivier found the ball in some space and struck it towards goal. The ball flew past the keeper and into the net. This put St Josephs ahead 3-2.

The final minutes played out with some strong attacks from both teams but neither able to find the end product.

FT 3-2 St Joseph's

Goal scorers: Andreus Fabian Olivier

Man of the Match – Fabian

Next fixture is Wednesday 1st March @ Langley Grammar

Mr T Hunt

YEAR 9 NEWS

Dear Year 9

First week back after half term break and only 6 weeks more for Xmas. I would like to reiterate and re-praise you for your outstanding behaviour during line-up on Thursday and also today during Remembrance Day. You are truly an example of St Joseph's pupil profile.

Probably you have lots of exams next week (at least my students do, so I guess the rest of you have as well) so organise your materials, use check lists and mind maps. In two weeks, I think you may receive your reports. I am looking forward to seeing your fantastic grades!

Just one more thing: I would like to recommend again Duke of Edinburgh. There are still free places and it is truly a life changing activity. Please do contact with Mr Romero (the other one) if you would like to have more detail information

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Romero

YEAR 10 NEWS

Y10 Badminton Fixture

The year 10 badminton team travel to Cox Green School in Maidenhead for an afternoon packed tight games.

The St Joseph's team showed good pedigree in the first round as the majority of the St Joseph's team winning.

With a doubles and singles format all accumulated into an overall team there was plenty to fight for.

The girls' team made up of Paige, Itohan, AJ and Elisa finished the afternoon in 3rd place overall picking up a bronze medal for their efforts. A fantastic effort and result considering the stiff competition.



The boys' team made up of Joel, Perase and Jaydon narrowly missed out on a podium position finishing in 4th overall another outstanding achievement considering the quality opposition they faced.

Mr T Hunt

Year 11 News

Exams

Firstly I just wanted to say how incredibly Year 11 have approached this week of exams. There is a real buzz about the year group and everyone is engaged in their revision lessons. If we can maintain this incredibly high standard until the end of the year we will be in an amazing position.

Please do ensure that your child has a healthy balance between revision and rest. It is imperative that students come to exams with a full night's sleep as well as completing their revision timetable.

Period 6

From Monday we will be changing how we start Period 6 lessons. There will be 5 minutes of movement time after period 5 and then period 6 will commence at 15:20. There will no longer be a lineup and students are expected to make their own way to classrooms.

We hope this will enable us to utilize more of the time for our sessions.

However if as a result of this change issues arise with behaviour, punctuality or attendance we may have to go back to lining up.

The schedule for Period 6 for next week is as follows:

Monday 14th November - Maths							
11X1	11X2	11X3	11X4	11Y1	11Y2	11Y3	11Y4
M5	M6	M7	M4	M2	M8	M3	M1
Tuesday 15th November - Chemistry							
11X1	11X2	11X3	11X4	11Y1	11Y2	11Y3	11Y4
M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8
Wednesday 16th November - Maths							
11X1	11X2	11X3	11X4	11Y1	11Y2	11Y3	11Y4
M5	M6	M7	M4	M2	M8	M3	M1

British Airways Career Event

On Monday there is an online event between 5pm and 6pm to learn about British Airways careers. The link has been posted on the Year 11 team for those interested. You need to register in advance.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Robinson

Geography News

This week all of the Year 11 Geographers took part in their river fieldwork studies at the upper and lower course of the River Chess in Buckinghamshire. The aims of the day were to discover how the discharge of a river stream changes downstream and to understand physical fieldwork methodologies. This involved measuring the width and depth of the river as well as the velocity of the water using a hydroprop.



Despite the challenging and rainy conditions, the students participated incredibly well and we are very proud of how they represented the school. The data collected will now be analysed in class and the methodologies will be evaluated to prepare students for their paper 3- fieldwork investigations- exam in the summer. If parents would like further information about geographical fieldwork, please email Miss L. Boland - Head of Geography L.Boland@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk.

Miss L Boland

PE News

Upcoming fixtures

Girls

Tuesday 15th November- Year 7 and 10 netball vs LGS (away)

Thursday 17th November- Year 10 and 11 power league football tournament

History News

Armistice Day

Today marks 104 years since the signing of the armistice 11am on 11th November 1917 between the new German government, the Weimar Republic's leader, Friedrich Ebert, and the Allies. This brought fighting to an end and paved the way for peace talks, and ultimately led to the Treaty of Versailles.

It is as a result of this event that Remembrance Day is marked today as World War I was the first total war of its scale with casualties from both sides reaching approximately 41 million, leaving approximately 20 million dead.



This week marks the return of our recommendations for sources to Watch, Read, Listen. This gives students suggestions on what they can read, watch, listen to, or visit to enhance their enjoyment of history!

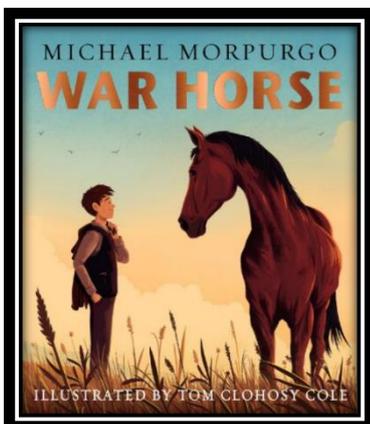
As today is Armistice Day, our recommendations are based on WWI.

To Watch:

"All Quiet on the Western Front" is recently recommended by Ms. Araf. A new edition to Netflix, this film shows the perspective of a 17 year old German boy who joins the army shortly after the war breaks out. Shortly after joining, they're shown the true realities of war, and the initial excitement is soon shattered! This film is also a book in the event you're looking for something extra to read!



To Read:



War Horse, by Michael Murpurgo. Students may be familiar with this author reading *Private Peace* (also based on WWI) during the Read Programme in Year 7. This text tells the tale of what life was like on the frontlines of WWI from the viewpoint of a horse, Joey, who witnesses firsthand the atrocities of the war and the impact it has on the soldiers. This is also a film for anyone that may wish to check it out!

To Listen:

Although the majority of the fighting on the Western Front took place in Belgium or Northern France, YouTube is a great way of seeing places without having to leave your home!

Our recommendation is to “walk” some of these battles, such as the Battle of the Somme and Battle of Yprès.

Battle of the Somme - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwFu0NuXXEO>

Battle of Yprès - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tHQOqtdfra>

Or check out the Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate, in Yprès, Belgium.

If you have any recommendations for our Watch, Read, Listen, please do let your History teacher know in person, or by email. Don't forget to check out History Instagram page for more suggestions as well as samples of students' work!

History House Competition!

This month, the History Department are running an emoji competition. Each week, the History Department will provide a sequence of emojis and all you have to do is guess the answer!

Can you guess what the below event is?

If you think you know the answer, send it through Teams to Ms. Weir by Thursday 17th November.

Winner will be announced in next week's newsletter, alongside the winner of our Black History Competition winner.

Good luck! 😊



Miss E Weir

Music Department News

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8:00am-08:20am		Music Theory Club (All Year Groups)		Singing Club (All Year Groups)	
Break: 10:45am -11:05am	Practice Rooms Open		Practice Rooms Open		
Lunch 1: 1:05pm - 1:40pm		Practice Rooms Open		Keyboard Club (Yr 8, 9 and 11)	Practice Rooms Open
Lunch 2: 1:40pm - 2:15pm		Practice Rooms Open		Keyboard Club (Yr7, 10 and 6th form)	Practice Rooms Open
Afterschool 3:15pm - 4:15pm	GCSE Lesson 6/ Composition	GCSE Lesson 6/ Composition/ Matilda Rehearsals	GCSE Lesson 6/ Composition		Matilda Rehearsals

Music Department Schedule

Club Overview:

Music Theory Club: This is a club for students who would like to understand how to read music. Aside from the advantages in music, learning music theory is excellent encourages the brain to work in different ways. This then helps in other areas of your learning. For example in building long term memory, divergent thinking, numeracy and literacy skills, which apply to all subjects.

Keyboard Club: This club is for students who would like an extra opportunity to develop their keyboard skills. We go through a number of different pieces, as well as students bringing in their own suggestions for pieces.

Singing Club: This is a great warm up for the day and is all about the singing. No Pressure. We focus on singing technique, breathing and posture, as well as working on harmonisation and projection.

Practice Rooms: Students are welcome to come and practise content from music classes, or would like to practise pieces of their choosing. Students need to speak to Miss Ure or Mr Richardson beforehand to check availability.

Instrumental Lessons:

If you are interested in starting to play an instrument, please go and see Miss Ure in the music block.

Instruments include: Guitar, Bass, Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet, Violin, Viola, Cello, Drum Kit, and Trumpet

Miss K Ure

TVLP NEWS

TVLP Leadership Skills Course. Open to students in Years 12 & 13 from TVLP schools.

3 x sessions. Students can either attend in-person at Eton College OR online (remotely, via Zoom). All 3 sessions must be attended to receive a course participation certificate.

- Wednesday 1st February 2023, 5.00pm - 6.00pm.
- Wednesday 8th February 2023, 5.00pm - 6.00pm.
- Wednesday 22nd February 2023, 5.00pm - 6.00pm.

Run by Dr Iro Konstantinou, Head of Research Programmes at the Tony Little Centre for Innovation and Research in Learning.

To book your place, send your name & school email address to info@tvlp.org.uk, outlining whether you would like to attend in-person or online.

Miss L Boland



GEMS Workshops and Activities for parents with children that have Special Educational Needs

Please find attached to the newsletter local workshops and activities for all students who have a diagnosis of ASD or ADHD or are awaiting a diagnosis.

For other support available, please see the link to our Local Offer on the school website under SEND

[SEND Information - St Joseph's Catholic High School \(st-josephs.slough.sch.uk\)](http://st-josephs.slough.sch.uk).

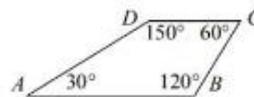


Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- D** Let there be g girls and b boys in Tegwen's family. Then, as she has the same number of brothers as she does sisters, $b = g - 1$. Also, each of her brothers has 50% more sisters than brothers. Therefore $g = \frac{3}{2}(b - 1)$. So $b + 1 = \frac{3}{2}(b - 1)$ and hence $2b + 2 = 3b - 3$. Rearranging this equation gives $b = 5$. So $g = 5 + 1 = 6$. Therefore there are $5 + 6 = 11$ children in Tegwen's family.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

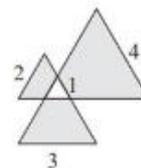
- E** The sum of the interior angles of a quadrilateral is 360° , so $x + 5x + 2x + 4x = 360$, that is $12x = 360$. Therefore $x = 30$ and the angles of the quadrilateral, taken in order, are 30° , 150° , 60° and 120° . The diagram shows the shape of the quadrilateral. Since $30 + 150 = 180$, we see that AB and DC are parallel. Since it has no equal angles, it is not a rhombus or a parallelogram so it is a trapezium.



Problem of the week

- The diagram shows four equilateral triangles with sides of lengths 1, 2, 3 and 4. The area of the shaded region is equal to n times the area of the unshaded triangle of side-length 1. What is the value of n ?

A 8 B 11 C 18 D 23 E 26



Break time Teaser:

- Which of the following numbers is the largest?

A 1.3542 B 1.354̇2 C 1.354̇̇2 D 1.3̇542 E 1.3̇54̇2

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

PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Maya Biskupiak-Shah and **Jude Martin** for the highest number of positives this week

YEAR 8

Jeff Sibanda (8 Cecilia), **Emma Powell** (8 Peter) for achieving the most positive points in the year this week.

YEAR 9

Ariyana Maraj and **Oskar Gawlik** awarded student of the week for significant progress and attainment in their Bedrock for English across October

Marcus Chodoruk and **Lucy Wilson** for their outstanding behaviour and hard work

YEAR 10

Serfine Ogosa, **Nicole Lewandowska**, **Jermaine Chatyoka**, **Freda Lourenco** for the most amount of positive points this week.

YEAR 11

Edina Vinojan and **Grzegorz Kuczynski** for being grateful and generous on the Geography field trip

YEAR 12

Megan Cobb for showing great resilience this week and **Bobby Kadiri** for earning lots of positive points this week

YEAR 13

Rebecca Conlon and **Lewis Passos-Wiggs** awarded student of the week for an excellent start on their work placements