



St Joseph's Catholic High School Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2024



Remembrance Day

On Monday, our school came together to honour and remember the brave lives who served and sacrificed for our country. Students and Staff participated in a solemn Remembrance Day ceremony, observing a moment of silence to reflect on the courage and dedication of those who fought for our freedom. Through readings and a display of respect, we expressed our gratitude for their service and the peace we enjoy today.

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

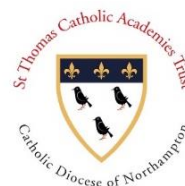
I hope you are all safe and well. Please click on the below image to be directed to this week's Head Teacher Message.



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St Joseph, pray for us.

Mr Stapleton



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

Power from Heaven

Weekly Reflections
17th November 2024
33rd Sunday of Ordinary time



From the Gospel of Mark (13:24-32)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father,

Yours are the hands that shaped the universe. Yours is the love that has been most perfectly and wonderfully revealed in Christ. Allow us to spread the Good News to those in most need.

Through Christ our Lord

Amen

Day 1

Why do you think Jesus is preparing the disciples for the end of time and before His passion?
How does Jesus use the image of a fig tree to demonstrate to His disciples?

Day 2

What is the sign of our time?
i.e. What world do you see around you?
How do you and others respond in faith?

Day 3

When you experienced chaos in your life, how did you feel?
What words from Jesus, in any of the Gospels, mean most to you?
How can you be more **attentive** and **discerning** to these words to help those in turmoil or chaos?

Catholic Social Teaching - Option for the Poor

A preferential option for the poor means that we think first about the needs of those who are the most vulnerable. Jesus taught that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, look after the sick and visit those imprisoned, we are looking after Him. We work wherever the need is greatest. We refuse to accept the suffering of our brothers and sisters. No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty!"

The [Option for the Poor] affects the life of each Christian as he or she seeks to imitate the life of Christ." St Pope John Paul II, Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 42

How this half term can you promote the Common Good in all that you do in St Joseph's and society?

Theme of the Week – Power from Heaven

Sunday marks the last Sunday in Ordinary time of the liturgical year (year B or II) meaning this is the last reading from Mark's Gospel (during year B, in Ordinary time, we hear mainly from Mark's Gospel apart from certain occasions). The Gospel on Sunday is the final message that Jesus shared with his disciples before His Passion, so it is not surprising that he concentrates on helping them to understand something of the end times.

We need to remember not to try and take the Gospel in a literal sense, but focus on the message that was being conveyed: to live in anticipation of the end of our own life or times and to always make sure we do so with God firmly in our hearts. Jesus tells His disciples to spread the Good News and live in anticipation of the time when God's plan comes to fruition. By using a fig tree as a sign of the coming of summer, Jesus points out to His disciples that they must observe the world around them.

The Gospel tells us the time of salvation is not known for certain. It paints a picture of stressful times and disorder, a time when creation is in flux. And if we read the Psalm from Sunday it points us to the attitude we should adopt in the face of chaos and disorder, and offers us hope, *"Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you"*. The first Christians believed that the end times and Christ's second coming were very close, and it was only after many years when this did not happen that the language of the second coming was mellowed. Recognising the 'signs of the times' and responding in faith to changing circumstances and seeking shelter in God is required of Christians.

Can you reflect on a time when you have experienced chaos and disorder? Or times when you have felt things were happening around you that you could not control? What did this feel like? And if you can't, can you imagine what life is like for those experiencing war at the moment? How must they feel? What words of Jesus stay with you when you are most in need? Why is this? Let us again reflect on our Catholic Social Teaching principle of the 'Preferential Option for the Poor' and where Pope Francis says "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty!" so let us use the parable of the fig tree; where and what is the need for society and particularly the poor at the moment? How can you be more **attentive** and **discerning** this week to help those in turmoil or in chaos?

Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7 Noah Greenidge and Madelyn Robinson for exceptional weeks.
Year 8 Denis Puidokas for his brilliant contributions to the poppy display. Luca Tilloca and Eva Henriquez for their great work.
Year 9 Wiki Wrobel and Annbel Joyson for the most positive points this week.
Year 10 Patrick Lopez and Alessia Celorico-Jones
Year 11 Anthony Omale and Nathan James for achieving the highest amount of positive points this week.
Year 12 Natalie Andrew for her excellent attitude to learning and Radek Przerwa for his outstanding effort and performance in Vocational Business.
Year 13 Sachman Sahdra and Amandeep Singh for making good progress in Physics and making excellent use of all available study time.

Homework Superstars

Year 7	Kate Leo
Year 8	Emilia Duzek
Year 9	Brianne Barrozo
Year 10	Marco De Jesus
Year 11	Sydelle Vaz
Year 12	Emilia Pytel
Year 13	Leah Walls



Year 7 News

Year 7s have had a lovely week with many of them going out on their Retreats. They have also had a much better week with Homework, so please make sure that Homework is being completed on time and to the best of everyone's ability. The Year 7s have also got their Basketball game next week, so I look forward to sharing their results next week. Have a great weekend.

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Year 7 Peter Retreat Day

The students had a great time visiting the Holy Family Church; reflecting, performing and building new relationships!



Year 8

We are delighted to inform you that Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 28th November 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.

We ask for parents to **confirm their attendance on ParentPay by Friday 15th November 2024**.

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.

Year 8 Sportshall Athletics Competition

This week, the Year 8 Sportshall Athletics Competition was held at Langley Grammar school. We took a Girls Team and a Boys Team. The students were excellent on the day, and all their hard work resulted in both teams coming 2nd out of 9 school. Well done to all those who took part!

Girls Team - Amelia, Florence, Eva, Leila and Coco

Boys Team - Chibs, Oliver, Wiktor, Tomasz and David





'Hopefull' Pillow Case Appeal

8C have enjoyed decorating their pillow cases for Hopefull this week. – *Miss Crabtree*

Year 9 News

Last week, students achieved 627 positive points. In the first week back of school in September, they were given a target of 1100 positive points. To date, they have achieved a massive 1089 positive points overall, ranging from Participation in Extra Curricular, Excellent Homework, and Oracy where they are speaking out in class. Our undefeated Year 9 Boys Football Team fought a hard game against Burnham Grammar on Wednesday, losing 3-1, but Mr Whiteside is keen to get another win under his belt – so, on to the next game. As we move into the Christmas season, we start to gather donations for our homeless hampers which is always a generous time. Have a great weekend.

Ms McCormack – Head of Year 9

Year 10 News

Year 10s have accumulated 562 positive points; well done for another positive week! Please can I remind both students and parents to check ClassCharts for homework regularly. Year 10s have also had the opportunity to attend a Careers Fair in the Sports Hall to speak to a range of people about different career opportunities.

Over the coming weeks, there will be a variety of House Competitions, including events such as the Lip Sync Battle, Synonym Smash and Rock Paper Scissors. It would be good to see as many Year 10 entries as possible to participate in these competitions. Tickets for the school production of Legally Blonde are on sale on ParentPay, so please get them early as they will sell out fast!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 10

Year 11 News

This week, I'm pleased to share that our Year 11 students have shown increased focus, with 804 positive points awarded—a noticeable improvement from last week. However, we also recorded 74 negative points, with 30 of those related to incomplete homework. As we progress through this term, it remains essential for all students to keep on top of their homework and revision routines to ensure steady progress.

On Thursday, we held our Sixth Form Open Evening, a valuable opportunity for students and parents to explore the next steps at St. Joseph's. We covered many aspects, including entry requirements for subjects, career pathways, college options after Sixth Form, and last year's results. If you have any lingering questions, please don't hesitate to reach out for more information.

Additionally, today's Careers Fair offers a fantastic chance for students to connect directly with professionals from a range of industries. It's a unique opportunity to gain insight into the working world and explore potential career paths. I encourage all students to make the most of this experience, as they won't often have such a valuable chance to speak to professionals first-hand.

For parents, your support continues to be crucial. Regularly checking ClassCharts and reinforcing the importance of completing homework and revision will make a meaningful difference. Thank you for your partnership, and let's continue working together to support our students' success.

Mr Romero – Head of Year 11

Year 12 News

This week, all Year 12 students attended our School Careers Fair, which gave them the privilege of speaking to a wide range of employers from the local area to ask questions, seek guidance, and enquire about potential work experience opportunities in the near future. We are also seeking to secure places for a number of students on an Insight day on Careers in Finance and Accountancy with PwC in Reading.

Miss Stevens – Head of Year 12

Year 13 News

Another fantastic week for Year 13. It is great to see so many students being recognised by their subject teachers their efforts both in class and outside of class with the independent tasks they have been set. In school this week, we hosted a Careers Fair where the students had an opportunity to speak with industry experts in a number of different fields including financial services, construction, public services, medicine, law and marketing, as well as higher education institutions. Many of our students have already decided on their next steps and career path, however for those who are still a little unsure of what career they may wish to enter into in the future, I hope this event has given them some valuable insight. If you know your son or daughter would like some help with Careers Advice, then please do encourage them to speak to us in school.

Mrs Finn – Head of Year 13

Sustainability Elective

This week in the Sustainability elective, students have been making cards to send to children who are suffering from severe illness to cheer them up. This is all part of our Social Sustainability agenda to improve education and wellbeing across communities. We have collaborated with a charity called Post Pals to make sure these cards reach the right children who are in need of some smiles! If you would like to find out more or get involved in our good causes, please contact Mrs Burby (l.burby@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk) or Miss Giannitto (d.giannitto@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk), or visit: <https://www.postpals.co.uk/about/our-video/> for more information on this week's goals!



KS4 Creative Writing Winners

Congratulations to our KS4 winners of the Benjamin Zephaniah Creative Writing Competition. The task was to write a short story or poem about the importance of family, friends and/ or community. These entries were beautifully written and truly uplifting. We wish all three students the best of luck with their entries that have also been entered for the external competition run by Birmingham University. KS3 winners will be announced on Monday. – *Mrs Ward*

Winner: **Samantha Albalate** (10 Jerome) – *What We Need*

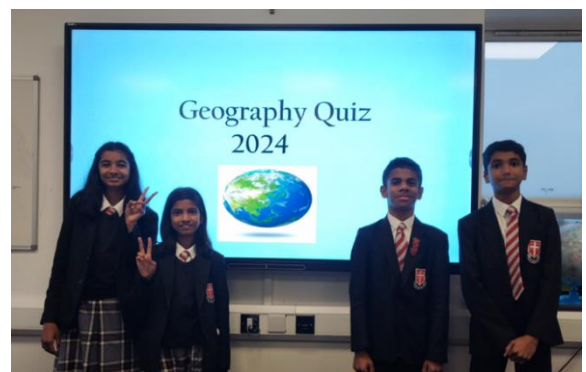
Runner Up: **Lena Wanda Kuczynska** (10 Jerome) – *Spotlight of Courage*

Runner Up: **Oliver Stacy** (10 Peter) – *Work of Art*



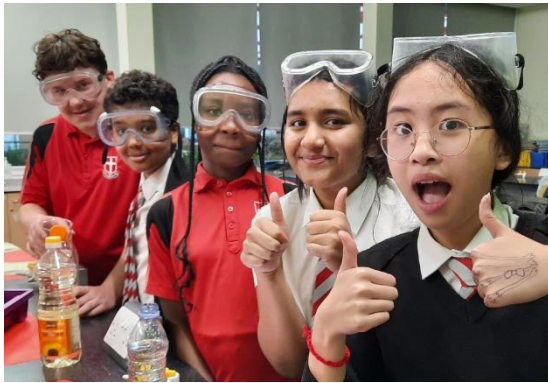
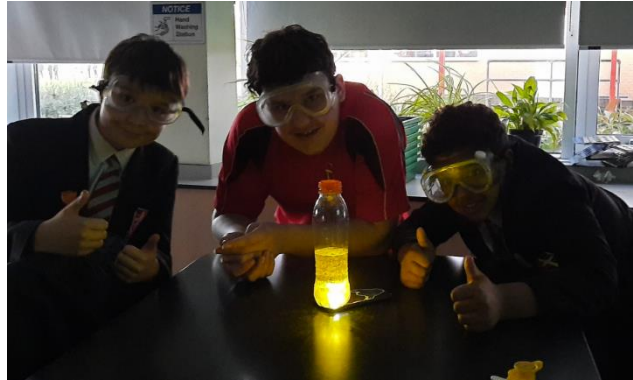
Geography Quiz Winners

Students participated in a Geography Quiz organised by the Geography Club. The quiz was organised over a period of two weeks. The winners of the first quiz were **Theresa Teji (8V)** and **Tesia Teji (9V)** and the winners of the second quiz were **Livio Rodrigues (8J)** and **Aldrin Joseph (8J)**. Well done to the winners and all the young Geographers who participated in the Quizzes! – *Mrs Rodrigues*



Science Club

Students explored the concept of density by making lava lamp using oil and water.



Countdown House Competition

It was inspiring to see all the Year Groups dive into the challenges with such energy, determination, and enthusiasm. Every team brought their best, creating an atmosphere filled with excitement and camaraderie. I'm thrilled to announce that **Peter House emerged victoriously**, showcasing teamwork to outshine competitors across various form groups.

A massive thank you to all the Forms that participated. Remember, every challenge is a chance to learn, grow, and succeed. Whether you won or not, you should be immensely proud of yourselves for stepping up and giving it your best. Competitions like this are about much more than the final score—they're about building skills, supporting each other, and enjoying the journey together. – *Miss Viegas*



Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday evening, St Joseph's welcomed prospective internal and external students to our Sixth Form Open Evening. It was great to meet and speak to so many pupils about their Sixth Form options, and we look forward to welcoming students next September!

A Level Physics & Philosophy Trip to CERN, Geneva

Students had a wonderful time in Geneva. They visited: CERN, a Plasma Centre, The United Nations, The History of Science Museum, The Red Cross Museum, Annecy in France, a boat cruise across Lake Geneva, a tour of the oldest chocolate factory in Geneva and a guided tour of the old town of Geneva.



Student Leadership Positions – 2024 Announcement

We are excited to announce the appointments for Student Leadership across the school this year. These students will play a pivotal role in representing their peers, enhancing our school culture, and fostering leadership skills. Below are the names of our outstanding leaders for this academic year. Well done to everyone who applied!

Senior Student Leadership Team (Year 13)

Position	Student Name
Head Boy	Aleksander Jozwiak
Head Girl	Finlay Gibbons
Deputy Head Boy	Matteo Mennone
Deputy Head Girl	Leah Walls

Role	Name(s)	Year
Parents Evening Ambassadors	Emilia Augustyn-Sharma, Wiktoria Powazka, Julia Pytel, Daniel Pabellano, Zuzanna Cieslak, Nicol Burakowska, Caylev Caluya	Year 12
	Dominik Maslach, Tracy Paterson, Gabriela Majewska, Anna-Emiliya Larionova	Year 11
	Rosa Jarret, Liza Pereira, Benedito Quodres, Darragh O'Connor, Amelia Misiak Chmielewska, Alessia Celorico-Jones, Anna Wydrych-Kang, Dawid Kociolek	Year 10
	Layla Larfa, Jessica Lysiak, Brianne Biel H. Barrozo, Joanna Balasa	Year 9
	Mikhayla Dzumbunu, Kezia Antao	Year 8
	Mark Enwere, Ameilia Dsouza	Year 7
Digital Leaders	Sydelle Vaz, Maksymilian Oleszak	Year 11
	Albert Garniewski	Year 8
Sustainability Leader	Sydelle Vaz	Year 11
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Champions	Dawid Tershallow, Caylev Caluya, Ugo Ibekwe, Zak Sadsad	Years 7, 8, 12

Role	Name(s)	Year
Year 627 Transition Mentors	Niamh Caswell-Harrison	Year 7
	Julia Dulak, Klaudia Kusmierz, Malaika Abubakari, Munachi Okator, Jemima Da Silva, Julia Wojciechowska, Lena Wilk, Patricia Marciniak, Ethan Rohan, Eva Gill, Antonina Dudek, Victoria Podoba, Ciara Croxford-Shalloe	Year 8
	Joanna Balasa, Jessica Lysiak	Year 9
Student Voice Representatives	Leah Walls, Finlay Gibbons, Matteo Mennone, Alekander Jozwiak	Year 13
	Vince Lacsamana, Adriel Dias, Kara Cullen, Molly Dlubak-Daly	Year 11
	Rosa Jarret, Liliana Lewandowska, Michal Kundys, Noah Devereux, Jakub Ogonek	Year 10
	Max Matuszewicz, Eldrich Pailan, Nicholas Jurj, Zofia Waraksa	Year 9
	Amelia Odindo, Chloe Cinco, Albert Garniewski, Wiktor Belniak, Bianca Danek, Rachel Yamlinga	Year 8
	Ethan Slessor, Aine Kelly, Ugo Ibekwe	Year 7
Student Learning Support Assistants	Freda Lourenco, Shenali Palihawadana, Simran Kaur Khalsa, Styne Carvalho, Jolisha Silva	Year 12
	Patrycja Artemska, Shanti Kumar, Nina Czarnecka-Staszok, Emma Tully, Martyna Krzesaj, Finlay Gibbons, Leah Walls, Aleksander Jozwiak, Alex Pienczewski	Year 13
Student Mentors	Gabriela Majewska, Anna-Emiliya Larionova, Ariyana Moraj, Tracy Paterson, Maja Traczyk	Year 11
	Nicola Szuba, Ethan Fernandes, Oskar Belniak, Joyvin Menezes, Grace Lama, Warrick Passos-Wiggs, Casey Woolley, Daniel Pabellano, Julia Deskiewicz, Mary Jane Visitacion, Joel Sunish Manalody, Ann Rixon Kavalakkat, Chloe Mechure, Antionette Samar, Roksana Czyzewska, Emilia Augustyn-Sharma	Year 12
	Natalia Bednarczyk, Alexis Jaca, Jennifer Njau, Adina Soper, Rodnie Coroza, Liam Paes, Anand Kaur Khalsa, Matteo Mennone, Lena Bojarska, Finlay Gibbons, Leah Walls, Chloe Baladad, Zoe Lorraine Galong	Year 13

Leadership Day – Tuesday 19th November

On Tuesday 19th November, all Student Leaders will be taking part in a Leadership Day where they will be doing a range of activities to enhance their leadership skills and the opportunity to pitch an idea for positive change within the school. This will be linked to our School Profile Values and our Mission Statement of *'Unlocking Belief in All'*.

The day will comprise of a two-hour session, either P1-2 or P3-4 depending of which group of leaders the students are in. They will then join together during Period 5 for a speech from our Trust's CEO, Joe Richardson, and then the winners of the pitches and awards will be shared.

Group 1 – Periods 1-2: Parent's Evening Ambassadors / Student LSAs / DEI Leaders / Digital Leaders / House Captains / Chaplaincy Team

Group 2 – Periods 3-4: Student Voice Representatives / Student Mentors / Transition Mentors

Careers Fair

This week, our Students had a unique and exciting opportunity to participate in a Careers Fair, exploring possible future careers and pathways.



Prayer Intentions for our Website and School Community

As a Catholic school, we feel it's always important that Students, Staff and Parents/Families have the opportunity to share their prayer intentions so that as a school community we can come together in prayer to support one another. If you have any prayer intentions you wish for us to pray for, please feel free to send through to chaplain@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk. During the school year, students will come together as a collective group (as a class, year group and as a school) to pray for your intentions. These prayer intentions will also be put on our website (Prayer Corner) to share, so as a whole school community we can prayer for one another.

Remembrance Service - Monday 25th November 2024

On Monday 25th November, there will be a service for all our loved ones who have passed away. If your child would like to attend, please ask them to go to the Chapel at 3.30pm on Monday 25th November. The service will last 30 minutes.

Flame 2024

Flame is the largest Catholic youth gathering in the UK and it returns on the 15th March 2025! Over 8,000 young people are expected to attend the OVO Arena, Wembley, for a day of inspirational speakers, world-class Christian musicians and moments of prayer and Adoration. Bishop David will be also be giving one of the keynote talks.

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as the Jubilee year of 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pilgrimages are journeys with a sacred purpose, often full of challenges. To embark on a pilgrimage is to be unstoppable in one's faith, believing in God's guiding hand throughout the journey. Just as many saints and martyrs have shown, faith and hope make one unstoppable against adversities.

If any student from Year 10-13 would like to attend, please can they see Mr Gibbons, where he will arrange to buy some discounted tickets.

NYMO@ FLAME 2025

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Fan the Flame of Hope

15 MARCH 2025
OVO ARENA, WEMBLEY

NYMO.ORG/FLAME-2025

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The Chance To BE Church With 10,000 Other young Catholics!

Flame Is A One-Of-A-Kind Event Run By CYMFed (The Catholic Youth Ministry Federation) Bringing Together 10,000 Young People Aged 14-25 From All Across The Country. It Is The Biggest Event For Catholic Youth In England And Wales! Do not miss it!

There will be music from incredible Catholic artists, messages from speakers, times for collective prayer, presentations from dance crews and Bishops, and so much more.

So what are you waiting for?! Get booking!

WHEN: 15th March

WHERE: OVO Arena, Wembley

WHO: Ages 14-25

HOW MUCH: £28 for entrance only / £48 for entrance + transport

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We have a limited number of tickets available at this early bird rate. Once these have all sold, the prices will increase to £31 for entrance tickets and £50 for entrance + transport tickets.

nymo.admin@ndttdiocese.org nymo.org/FLAME-2025

Free School Meals – 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

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to apply. If entitled, Slough Borough Council will inform you and the school of this.

Free School Meals Half-term Vouchers

Over the half-term break, Slough Borough Council were awaiting funding from Central Government in order to provide Free School Meals vouchers via the Huggg platform. A letter from Slough is attached. We are now in the process of applying for this funding and we hope we can issue the vouchers for October half-term to those Parents/Carers it concerns in the next two weeks. Sorry for the delay with this.

Legally Blonde Production

St Joseph's Productions proudly presents *Legally Blonde*, performing on **December 11th, 12th, and 13th in the School Hall at 6:00pm**. Tickets are £5 for students and £10 for adults. To secure your seats and avoid disappointment, please **book your tickets via Parent Pay** as soon as possible.



Year 7 to Year 11 Flu Vaccinations

The Berkshire Immunisation Service will be visiting St Joseph's on **29th November 2024** for the Year 7 to Year 11 Flu vaccinations.

Parents/Carers are required to complete a consent form as soon as possible if you would like your child to receive their vaccination at school. If you do not wish for your child to be vaccinated, please complete the form as a non-consent. Please read the attached letters for further details.

CyberFirst Year 8 Girls Competition 18th– 27th November 2024

The 2024 CyberFirst Girls Competition will see girls across the country try their hand at cracking codes, decrypting messages and solving coding puzzles.

The annual competition is run by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) – a part of GCHQ – and aims to introduce girls aged 12 and 13 to cyber security, with the ultimate goal of increasing diversity in the industry.

With women making up just 17% of the UK’s cyber security workforce, it is vital that the next generation of girls is encouraged to explore the opportunities cyber and technology has to offer.

To find out more, watch the [CyberFirst Girls Competition: Inspire the Next Generation video](#), read the [Student Information page](#) and then speak to your Computing Teacher (Mrs Jackson-Bickersteth & Mrs Viegas).

St Josephs Catholic High School - Week One				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sweet & Sour Chicken served with Rice	Beef Bolognaise Pasta served with Parmesan Cheese	Pork Sausages served with Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Tikka Masala served with Rice & a Poppadom	Oven Baked Fish served with Chips, Tartare Sauce & a Lemon Wedge
Cauliflower Cheese Stuffed Jacket Potato	Vegetable Enchilada	Mixed Bean Stroganoff served with Rice	Quorn Cottage Pie	BBQ Quorn Sub Melt
Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad
Pasta with a Tomato & Herb Sauce	Teriyaki Noodles	Pasta with Lentils	Pasta with Garlic & Parmesan	-
Apple & Berry Crumble served with Custard	Lemon & Lime Drizzle Cake	Rice Krispy Cake	Chocolate Chip Cookie	Marble Cake



#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- E The square has sides of length 2π , so its area is $(2\pi)^2 = 4\pi^2$. Each of the four semicircles has radius π , hence the sum of the areas of the semicircles is $4 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \pi \times \pi^2 = 2\pi^3$. Therefore the required area is $2\pi^3 + 4\pi^2 = 2\pi^2(\pi + 2)$.

Solution to the Break-time Teaser:

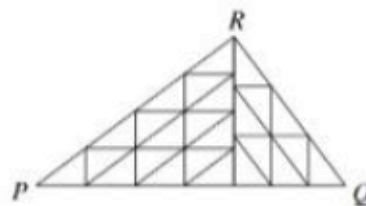
$$C \quad \left(4 - \frac{1}{4}\right) \div \left(2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{15}{4} \div \frac{3}{2} = \frac{15}{4} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{2} = 2\frac{1}{2}.$$

Puzzler of the week

Triangle PQR has been divided into twenty-five congruent right-angled triangles, as shown. The length of RP is 2.4 cm.

What is the length of PQ ?

- A 3 cm B 3.2 cm C 3.6 cm D 4 cm
E 4.8 cm



Break-time Teaser

The angles of a quadrilateral are in the ratio 3 : 4 : 5 : 6.

What is the difference between the largest angle and the smallest angle?

- A 30° B 40° C 50° D 60° E 70°

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

Design and Technology Department



On Friday, we installed our community poppy effort in reception. There are over 100 poppies made by students displayed. Thank you again to all who made and handed in a poppy (or indeed more than one). Your efforts are truly appreciated. THANK YOU!

Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition

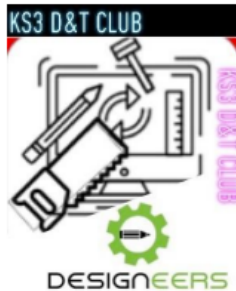


Food Elective

Fabulous Fajitas were the takeaway from this week's Food Elective. I can confirm they were fantastically delicious!



DESIGNeers- KS3 DT club- Monday afterschool



If you love a challenge; enjoy solving problems and Designing and Making; please consider joining our D&T team!
We have started thinking about our competition entries and projects this week but would LOVE you to join us!.
Please see or message **Mrs Stacey on Teams** and join us at **DESIGNeers Club** on a **Monday afterschool in A3**.

REQUEST for RECYCLING help in D&T



The D&T department would love to have your number 2 HDPE plastic:

HDPE plastic is often used to make:

- Plastic bottle lids. (Please remove them from bottles!)
- Colourful Shampoo bottles

Please put any you collect into the labelled container in A3.

Thankyou!

D&T Stars of the week



Denis Puidokas- For his **intentional and prophetic** efforts in supporting the poppy project Denis made 11 super poppies. Thankyou Denis.

Joanna Balasa, Zofia Waraksa, Bianca Lacsamana, Viki Cieslak Vaiva Liutkeviciute, John Cartwright. For being **Learned and Wise** and being amongst the top performers in Year 9 DT.

Darragh O'Connor for continuous amazing efforts and always demonstrating the St Joseph **pupil profile**.

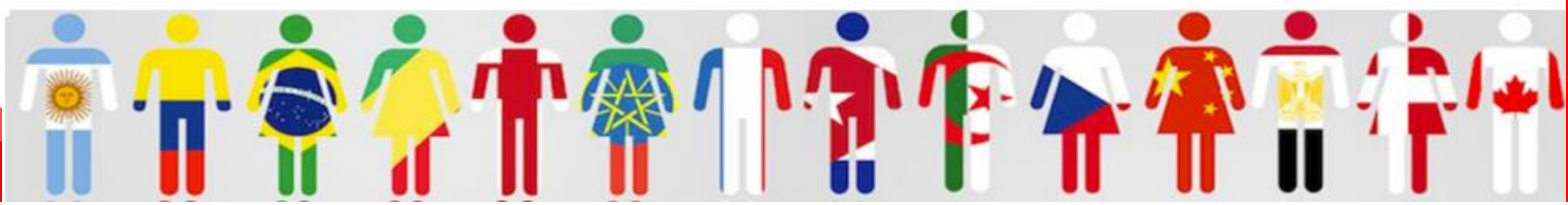


EAL NEWS

(English as an Additional Language)

Why Home Learning Matters for EAL Learners:

1. **Cultural Connection:** Home is where cultural identity is cultivated. Encouraging discussions about cultural backgrounds and traditions not only fosters a sense of pride but also helps EAL learners connect with their heritage. This connection is invaluable for building confidence and a positive self-image.
2. **Customized Support:** Every learner is unique, and home learning provides an opportunity for tailored support. Parents can identify specific areas where their child may need extra help and create activities or exercises that cater to those needs. This personalized approach can significantly boost a child's confidence and comprehension.
3. **Expanded Vocabulary:** Exposure to a rich and varied vocabulary is essential for language acquisition. By incorporating new words into everyday conversations and activities at home, parents can contribute significantly to their child's vocabulary growth. This, in turn, enhances their ability to express themselves more effectively.
4. **Cohesive Learning Environment:** A seamless transition between the school and home learning environments is vital. When parents and teachers collaborate, learning becomes a cohesive experience for the child. Regular communication about classroom themes, projects, and goals ensures that parents can align their home learning activities with what is happening in the classroom.



SCHOOL CLUBS



Languages Department News – NEW KS3 MFL CLUBS START AFTER SCHOOL ON TUESDAYS

SPANISH Week A & FRENCH Week B


Are you a student of French or Spanish in Year 7, 8 or 9? Do you fancy some fun with your friends in languages or want to meet new friends?

You are invited to attend our new clubs which start:

- **Week A: Tuesday 26th November, Spanish 3.30-4.15pm in T5.**
- **Week B: Tuesday 19th November, French 3.30-4.15pm in T5.**

We will be looking at exciting topics like French and Spanish culture, music, animals, geography, sports, food, drink, festivals, and national icons of the countries and communities.

Welcome to Geography Club



Aims
 1) To appreciate nature and its resources.
 2) To create awareness of the environmental problems and adopt various measures to protect the earth.

Geography club meeting will be held every week after school on Friday, 3.30-4.00pm in T-15. Open to year 7 to year 11.

In these sessions we will have geography quizzes, competitions (wealth out of waste, poster competition), paper bag making, creating landform models (volcano, coastal landforms, riverine landforms and glacial landforms) and planting herbs.

Ham Radio Club




Most Fridays 15:15-16:15, at the top of the Tower Block,
 An interesting club for everyone.
 For any questions, please message Mr Allinson



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YEAR 7 & YEAR 8 AFTERSCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB



WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:15PM TILL 4PM

Come along and see why Science is so cool!
 Led by Mrs. Lionel & Ms. Jetwani

For more information please contact Mrs. Lionel

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	Year 7-9 Basketball JCO Rugby Girls and Boys HMC/THU Girls Football MJO Year 7+8 boys Football FWA	Netball- all year groups AAN MJO KBR Dance HST Fitness JCO	Year 9-11 boys Football THU Trampolining KBR		Year 10,11,12,13 Basketball CWH



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Students are invited to participate in our photography competition inspired by "The Nutcracker". The competition offers students aged 4-16 the opportunity to win prizes for themselves and their schools and to see their photography on display at our Howden Christmas Racing Weekend.

HOW TO ENTER

Entry Requirements

Submit a digital landscape photograph capturing the theme of **The Nutcracker** alongside a short paragraph explaining why you took the photograph.

Age Categories

Junior - Primary Schools (Years 1-6)
Senior - Secondary Schools (Years 7-11)

Judge

Entries will be judged by royal photographer, Millie Pilkington. One of the UK's most respected and accomplished portrait photographers, Millie's commissions range from informal family portraits to the private wedding photographs of Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales, and her work has appeared widely in the UK and international press.



Find out more about Millie at milliepilkington.co.uk

Please send entries to csr@ascot.com alongside your name, age and school.
Please send image in jpeg format.

Winners announced - 4th December 2024
Prize giving - 21st December 2024 at Ascot Racecourse

**ENTRY
DEADLINE**
**15TH NOV
2024**

PRIZES

- ➔ £1,000 to spend on photographic equipment for winning schools
- ➔ £100 of John Lewis vouchers for winning photographers
- ➔ Overall winning photograph to appear in the Ascot racecard on 20 and 21 December
- ➔ Winning photographs to be displayed in the Ascot Grandstand on 20 and 21 December

