

# Newsletter 1st May 2026



## Head Teachers Message

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Hope you are all safe and well. Click [HERE](#) to see the Headteachers video for the 1st May 2026*

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*St Joseph, pray for us.*

*Miss Riddles*

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## 33. Theme of the week 3rd May 2026

### Jesus - the way to the Father

Weekly Reflections  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



#### From the Gospel of John (14: 1-12)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'



### Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father,

Continue to show us the way; allow us to be truthful in what we do for you  
and give us the chance to live a life of love and hope.

Through Christ our Lord  
Amen

#### Day 1

Think of a famous quote or saying? Why was it said? Why do you think you remember this quote from others?

#### Day 2

What does "I am the way, the truth and the life" mean to you?  
Why do you think this reassuring message from Jesus to his disciples is also commonly shared at a funeral?

#### Day 3

How can you be more Faith-Filled and Hopeful in your mission to truly show your belief in Jesus?

## Theme of the Week – Jesus – the way to the Father

"I am the way, the truth and the life". One of the most powerful and most recognizable quotes from Jesus during His ministry. Can you think of any other famous quotes from individuals such as poets, leaders or writers you can remember? What was said? What event was taking place? And what does the quote mean? Why also do you remember this quote or saying? Sometimes things or events said to you strike a chord. They resonate with you, they mean something to you and for some reason they may always stay with you. Whether for happy or sad reasons, when something is said to you that makes a deep feeling within you, it is hard not to remember!

Let us reflect on what Jesus said and why? "I am the way, the truth and the life". This quote was used to the disciples when they were troubled, concerned and upset about what was going to happen next (this was before Jesus' Passion). For us, it may also be something we hear when we are troubled. Unfortunately, you may have heard this reading at a funeral you've attended. It is one of the most common used for this occasion. But why?

When we lose someone, when we don't know or are unsure what is going to happen, it is very easy to be troubled just like the disciples were. And like the disciples this can be a real challenge to our faith! Not understanding reasons why something has happened to us or is going to happen can be hard. But in this difficulty, we must remember Jesus and His ministry first and then this quote! Jesus preached to us what was going to happen to Him, not just in His death but also His resurrection. He also professes in this Gospel reading what will happen to him in His Ascension '**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also**'. Jesus doesn't lie to us, He loves us and He knows that with belief in Him, everything will be ok.

This gospel reading on Sunday should give us as what it gave the disciples, assurance! This is a joyful message of faith, love and hope remembering that Jesus loves us so much that He not only gave his life for us but will also bring us to our heavenly Father. This gospel reading gives us assurance but if we truly listen to Jesus, we shouldn't really need it. Let us be more **Faith-Filled** and **Hopeful** this week and every week! Let us live our lives with the deep trust and belief in Jesus. This simple act of belief that Jesus asks of us is all we need in our lives.

## Year 8 News

As we celebrate **St Joseph's Day**, I hope Year 8's have had a meaningful and enjoyable day, particularly through their participation in the **Faith Walk**.

This week was another great week, where the year 8's received an impressive **94% positive points**. Well done to all students for their continued effort and positive approach to learning.

We also had our **tug of war house competition**, which was a great success. Congratulations to **8 Teresa**, who were the overall winners, massive well done to the participants.

Lastly, please ensure that all homework is completed and up to date by checking ClassCharts.

**Mrs Viegas - Head of Year 8**

## **Year 9 News**

It was delightful to see all of our St Joseph's students in action today as we celebrated our Patron Saint's Day. Year 9, in particular, represented both themselves and the school impeccably. Their enthusiasm, respect, and pride were evident throughout the day, and I hope they all had a fantastic time taking part in the celebrations.

Overall, it has been a very positive week for Year 9, with an impressive 93% positive ratio.

One area we will continue to focus on is homework, which remains a key area for improvement. Consistency here will make a significant difference to students' progress.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful and well-deserved Bank Holiday weekend.

Look after your loved ones

**Mr Hunt – Head of Year 9**

## **Year 10 News**

A reminder that Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 7 May. Attendance is mandatory. Letters have been sent home: please go onto ParentPay and confirm that you will be attending. Some families have also not yet logged into

Pupil Progress; the link has been sent to your email. Please ensure you log in before Parents' Evening so we can use the information to shape purposeful, target-focused conversations on the night.

This week, Year 10 recorded 504 positive points (84%) and 98 negative points (16%). Our biggest concern continues to be homework, with 28 Homework Xs already this week, alongside a rise in disrespectful behaviour. Please support from home by checking ClassCharts regularly, ensuring homework is completed on time and to a high standard, and reinforcing the expectation that students must speak respectfully to staff and follow instructions first time.

Attendance this week was 95.30% (down from last week), and we will continue to push for strong daily attendance wherever possible.

Finally, a big well done to all Year 10 students who visited Our Lady of Peace Primary School to help deliver St Joseph's Day sessions, an excellent example of leadership and service.

Have a great weekend. God bless.

**Mr Whiteside - Head of Year 10**

## Year 11 News

Year 11s have enjoyed a brilliant week, showing real dedication both inside and outside the classroom. Today was a wonderful way to finish it off as we celebrated St Joseph's Day with a beautiful mass, followed by visits to local primary schools where students spent time with the children leading various workshops such as English, Maths, Art and PE.

The jam packed day concluded with the staff vs students football game which is always a competitive match!

With exam season fast approaching, I'd like to remind all Year 11 students of the importance of regular revision and speaking up in lessons whenever something isn't fully understood.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend, see you on Tuesday :)

**Miss Joseph – Head of Year 11**

## Year 12 News

Year 12 have had a fantastic week, working hard both in and out of lessons. Today we had a lovely end to the week celebrating our patron saint with a beautiful mass and various visits to local primary schools to spend sometime with the children there. I could not be prouder of the students and how they threw themselves in to leading the various workshops and just having fun with the children.

Just a reminder that today is the deadline for submitting CV and cover letters for interview day and these should be saved on the year group teams page. Monday 4th May is a bank holiday so we will see the students back in school on the Tuesday 5th May.

Now that the summer term is underway exam season is just around the corner. There will be summer exams for those students doing BTEC qualifications and anyone resitting GCSE English or Maths. Timetables have been issued to students so they should be aware of when and where the exams will be taking place.

I hope you all have a great weekend,

**Mrs Finn – Head of Year 12**

## Year 13 News

Year 13 continue to impress me and it is becoming harder and harder to think about saying goodbye to them in just a short period of time. On Thursday registration we had a great time on the field taking our form group and whole year group photographs which will be going into our Leavers Yearbook! It was a beautiful sunny morning which was perfect and both Magdalena Tynor and Oliwia Mroz worked skilfully to produce some great pictures. On

Friday we had a great day together supporting local primary schools as part of our celebrations for St Joseph's Day. The students really demonstrated their skills in leadership and communication throughout the day and the primary school pupils loved them! As we move closer to the exam period just a reminder for parents to check in with your son or daughter about their revision plans - they should have a timetable that works for them which they should already be following - little and often is the key for revision.

Have a great weekend!

**Miss Stevens – Head of Year 13**

## **Students of the Week**

**Year 8: Sasha Gumbs & Lorcan Daly - For having a good week**

**Year 9: Vanessa Blicharz-Singh & Oliver Szuba Ox's Great application in lessons**

**Year 10: Myah Halligan and Luke Balleza**

**Year 11: Mikah Aungon and Antoni Tobjaszewski for leading assembly to their peers**

**Year 12: Jason Sobotka for working hard in Economics and Antwone Peters for excellent participation in the electives programme**

**Year 13: This week I nominate Magdalena Tynor and Oliwia Mroz for all of their help with the year group photographs.**

## **Exam's support**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the upcoming assessment period, I am writing to confirm that all student exam timetables have now been distributed in class. For your convenience, a digital version has also been sent to your child's school email address.

We strive to ensure our schedules remain consistent; however, please be aware that minor adjustments—such as room changes may occasionally be necessary to ensure the smooth running of these examinations.

To stay fully prepared, I kindly ask that you encourage your child to log into their school portal regularly. This will ensure they remain up-to-date with any amendments and arrive at the correct location, at the right time, fully equipped for success.

If you or your child have any questions regarding these documents, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Exams Office, who will be happy to assist you.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work our students have put in leading up to this point. We wish them all the very best of luck with their upcoming assessments.

Kind regards,

Ms. S. Dar

Exams Office

Below are a few links for exams support and help for students and parents:

[Help your child beat exam stress - NHS](#)

[Exam Time & Exam Stress | Parents Guide To Support | YoungMinds](#)

[Exam stress | Barnardo's](#)

[Info on exam stress - for 11-18 year olds | Mind](#)

## **Changes to the School Day - Tuesday 5th of May**

Dear parents/guardians,

To support our exam students, we will be making the following changes to the day, which will come into place on Tuesday the 5th of May for the rest of the summer term (reverting back to our regular timings in September). This is so that students sitting their national exams, and later, PPEs, will be able to get lunch and have their break before the exam starts.

Best of wishes to all of our students sitting their exams this summer!

Thank you kindly,

Mr Stack-Clark

Period	Timing
Registration	08:25 – 08:45
Period 1	08:45 – 09:45
Period 2	09:45 – 10:45
Break	10:45 – 11:05
Period 3	11:05 – 12:05
Lunch 1 – Year 11, Year 13, Year 10, Year 12	12:05 – 12:40
Lunch 2 – Year 7, Year 8, Year 9,	12:40 – 13:15
Period 4	13:15 – 14:15
Period 5	14:15 – 15:15

**How We Learn - Attention Comes First** **The idea:** Children only learn what they pay attention to. Before anything can be remembered, it has to be noticed and focused on. If attention isn't there, learning doesn't happen. **What this means at home:** Even short periods of distraction can mean your child:

- misses key instructions
- doesn't fully understand homework
- forgets things quickly

*This isn't always about ability; it's often about attention.* **How you can help at home:** Create a distraction-free space

- Turn off TVs and reduce background noise
- Keep phones out of reach during homework time

*Ask yourself: when they study, is there anything that is competing for their attention?* **Use short, focused bursts**

- 20–30 minutes of focused work is more effective than long, distracted sessions
- Build in short breaks between tasks so that attention can be maintained across the day

**Questions about their learning/homework that focus their attention and more focused thinking creates stronger memory:** Ask:

- *“What is your homework about? What is your goal for this piece of work?”*
- *“What does the question ask you to do?”*
- *“Can you explain that word to me? Can you use it in a sentence?”*
- *“If you are stuck, what resources can help you?”*

Talking helps focus attention and strengthens understanding. At home, small routines like these make a big difference to how much your child remembers.

## Year 12 Fieldwork in Black Park



On Friday 24th April the Year 12 geographers spent the day at Black Park. They completed fieldwork to investigate the relationship between soil saturation and infiltration rates, and worked in groups with students from St Michael's School (Aylesbury). It was a beautiful, sunny day to spend in nature, and everyone had a great time building up their fieldwork skills, working as a team, and enjoying nature!

## Year 7 Science Museum Trip

**Rockets, Forces and Future Scientists:**

**Our Year 7 scientists spent two remarkable days at London's Science Museum April 21 and 22 — and came home buzzing.**

**Despite the news of ongoing tube strike leading to lots of traffic in London, the year 7 descended on Exhibition Road for a day at the Science Museum — and what a day it was. From standing face to face with the Apollo 10 command module to the development of video games through the ages in *Power Up experience*, our students were engaged, curious, and genuinely inspired from start to finish.**

**The trip was designed to bring classroom learning to life across key areas: space, forces, working scientifically and STEM careers. It was wonderful to see so many students engaged with the exhibits with real enthusiasm.**

**The Technicians section of the museum (STEM careers) prompted some conversations about future ambitions — from aerospace engineering, robotics to pharmacy**

technician and lighting technician. It is a reminder that these visits matter not just for curriculum coverage, but for broadening horizons.

A huge thank you to all the staff who supported over the two days, and to our Year 7 students who represented the spirit of St Joseph's well.















## Sustainability Elective



Last week, our students took part in a community litter-picking initiative, showing real care and responsibility for the world around them. Equipped with pickers, bags, and a strong sense of purpose, they worked together to clean local streets and green spaces, making a visible difference in our neighbourhood.

This act of service reflects our Catholic values, especially stewardship and respect for God's creation. By looking after the environment, students are living out the call to care for our common home and to act as responsible guardians of the Earth. Their teamwork also demonstrated the importance of solidarity, as they supported one another in a shared mission for the good of all.

We are proud of their efforts and the positive example they have set. Through simple actions like these, our students continue to show how faith can be put into action in meaningful and impactful ways.

## Lodge Gardening Elective

This week during our Lodge Gardening Elective, we planted our vegetables in our troughs. Students had lots of fun doing this! Mrs Nicuale was our demonstrator ensuring all steps were followed! It was a great afternoon!



## Design and Technology Department

A busy few weeks for the D+T team. Examination groups have all submitted their non-examined Assessment, which has been marked and standardised. Revision continues in lessons, a particular highlight was the competitiveness shown in some of the revision games this week.

Delicious dishes have been leaving the food room, with a feast of sweet treats to mark our feast day.... cheesecakes, cookies and sticky toffee puddings have been very popular and what a pleasure when pupils enjoy the dishes so much that they cook them again at home to enjoy with their family. Thankyou for sharing!

We look forward to sharing some year 10 work with you next week as they complete their 'love to read' projects.

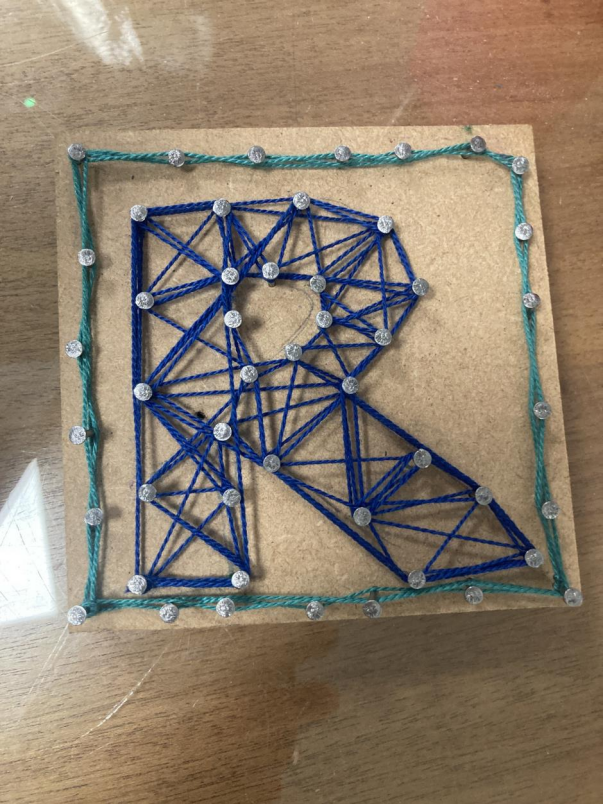
## D+T Make It Elective

Pupils have been working with wood (like St Joseph) they have created items to spread hope and love.















### **D&T club**

We will miss our super Designers at Tech club next week as it is Bank Holiday Monday, and so no school. We will continue the following Monday with the make of this half-term.

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### ***D+T Stars***

*Well done to all pupils gaining positive points in lessons this fortnight and a particularly big cheer to our stars this week*

***Maksymilian Wedrzyk and Liliana Lewandowska for being Active and Curious.***

***Rio Moore-Fleming, Oliwer Wlodkowski for being compassionate, Loving, Intentional and Prophetic and generally quite helpful.***

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## Science Club



Science club- Students enjoyed making simple water filter and investigated how dirty water can be filtered to get clear water.

## PE Department

### Year 11 vs Staff Netball Match

On Wednesday this week, Year 11 students took on staff in a closely matched and good-natured netball game. After an exciting contest, the students narrowly secured a 2–1 victory. Well done to everyone who got involved and played with such positive spirit. A special mention goes to **Natalia** for scoring for the students, and **Mrs Anstiss** for representing the staff



*1 - Staff vs Students netball team*

## NFL

Massive congratulations to Vanessa Buda for making the Jets Elite Team and representing London! Vanessa will have the opportunity to play in New York in August against different American teams. Everyone at St Joseph's is extremely proud

## Dates for the diary

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May - Exams start (Don't be late!)

Thursday 7th May- Slough Cricket leaders

Thursday 7th May- Yr 7 and 8 rounders vs Bayliss

Monday 11th May- Year 7/8 district athletics

Wednesday 13th May- Year 9/10 district athletics

## A Message from The GEMS Team

**Upcoming Events**

Please visit our website to book your space - [www.Gems4Health.com](http://www.Gems4Health.com)

Date	Time	Event
MAY 05	7 PM TO 9 PM	3 Part Autism Course
MAY 13	10 AM TO 12 NOON	Empowering Calm
MAY 18	7 PM TO 9 PM	Understanding Emotional Regulation
JUNE 03	10 AM TO 12 NOON	PDA - Demand Avoidance
JUNE 09	7 PM TO 9 PM	Sleep - Autism and ADHD
JUNE 10	10 AM TO 12 NOON	Managing Anxiety
JUNE 10	7 PM TO 9 PM	3 Part ADHD Course
JULY 01	10 AM TO 12 NOON	Barriers to School, Can't go, Not won't go!
TBC 00	7 PM - 9 PM	AuDHD & Interoception workshop coming soon


Parenting Special Children | NHS Frimley | the autism group

## Weekly Student Competition – Get Involved!

This week's challenge is all about **Exam tips** to help students succeed.

We are inviting all students to design a creative and informative poster sharing useful tips for revision, staying organised, managing stress, and performing well in exams.

Posters can be **hand-drawn or digital** and should be clear, colourful, and informative. Entries will be judged on **creativity, clarity of message, and visual impact**.

 The winning poster will be featured in the school newsletter and the winner will receive **10 positive points**.

 Please send all entries to [T.Oleary@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:T.Oleary@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)

 Please submit your design by **Thursday 7th May**.

We're looking forward to seeing your creative ideas!

## S L E E P Z..Z..Z..z..



A good **8 to 9** hours of sleep can,

1. Improve mental health
2. Give healthy skin and hair
3. Help to concentrate and learn better
4. Aid to Perform better at sports
5. Enables quick recovery from injury and illness

### TIPS for good sleep

1. Decide the time to sleep and wake up and stick to the timing daily.
2. Melatonin the sleep hormone can be affected by bright light. Avoid screens 1 hour prior to sleep.
3. Keep your room dark, cool, quiet and comfortable.
4. Limit caffeine and don't drink caffeinated drinks after 12pm.
5. Reduce stress.



- Nathanael Sumith Oommen (7V)

Congratulations to Nathanael Sumith Oommen (7V) for winning this weeks competion. 10 postive points are coming to you!

## Wellbeing

This week's wellbeing highlight is **Wellbeing for Slough** — a fantastic website offering a wide range of support, information, activities, social groups, charity resources, and much more.

If you're looking to connect, find support, or explore what's available in your community, this is a great place to start.

For more information, follow the link to their website:

[Slough Community Directory – Activities and services to keep Slough residents fit and healthy](#)

## Knife Crime Awareness Week 19th to 25th May 2025

**GATE OPENS AT 5:30 PM 22.05.2026** **FREE RAFFLE TICKET ON ENTRY**

**THAMES VALLEY POLICE VS SLOUGH COMMUNITY**

**ANTI-KNIFE CRIME COMMUNITY FOOTBALL MATCH**

**NO KNIVES, JUST VIBES** #BALLOVERBLADES

**FREE ENTRY** **ARBOUR PARK** STOKES RD, SLOUGH, SL2 5AY **KICK OFF AT 7.00 PM**  
GATE OPENS AT 5:30 PM

**Safer Slough Partnership** **TOUGH TO MESS WITH NEIGHBOURS** **CAV** **TOGETHER AS ONE**

**GUEST PENALTY SHOOT OUT** **INSPIRING SPEECHES** **FILM TRAILER** **VIRTUAL REALITY** **WIN FREE PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS** **CAR SHOW**

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[Knife Crime Awareness Week will take place from 19th to 25th May 2025. This week aims to raise awareness and educate the public about the risks associated with knife crime and the importance of prevention efforts.](#)

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- [For this Slough Council is hosting a free live Q&A Webinar during Knife Crime Awareness Week with BenKinsella Trust - The Ben Kinsella Trust - Real Stories, Real People LIVE Q&A webinar | Thursday 21st May @ 6:30-8pm. Sign up to get the necessary joining details.](#)
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- *During the Knife Crime Awareness Week, Thames Valley Police and Slough Borough Council are collaborating to host an anti-knife crime football match between community members and the police. It will take place at Arbour Park on Friday 22nd May and doors will open at 5:30pm for a 7pm kick off.*
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### ***No Knives, Just Vibes: Community Football Against Knife Crime***

*Support a positive message and an unforgettable evening of community football by joining us for the Anti-Knife Crime Community Football Match on Friday 22nd May. Gates open at 5:30pm, with kick-off at 7:00pm.*

*Held under the motto “No Knives, Just Vibes,” this free event brings together Thames Valley Police and local community members for a friendly but meaningful match. Beyond the football, there will be a range of activities for young people to enjoy, including virtual reality experiences, arts and crafts, and opportunities to learn more about knife crime prevention in a safe, positive environment.*

*This is a family-friendly event, open to all, with no tickets required. Come along to show your support, enjoy the football, and be part of a community united for change.*

*#BallOverBlades #SaferSloughPartnership*

*Any questions, kindly ask Mrs Ossei -Brainoo on [j.ossei-brainoo@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:j.ossei-brainoo@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)*

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## **I Can do Maths**

### Solution to last Week’s Puzzler



- B** We label the five squares, from left to right,  $P, Q, R, S, T$  respectively. In order to paint two adjacent squares, Lucy could paint  $P$  and  $Q$ , or  $Q$  and  $R$ , or  $R$  and  $S$ , or  $S$  and  $T$ . So in four of the finished grids, Lucy’s red squares are adjacent to each other.

## Solution to the Break-time Teaser:

- A Note that  $9 \times 11 \times 13 \times 15 \times 17$  is a multiple of 9. Therefore the sum of its digits is also a multiple of 9. The sum of the digits of '3n8185' equals  $25 + n$ . So  $n = 2$ , since 27 is a multiple of 9.

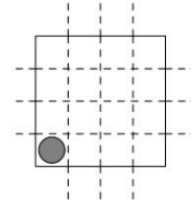
## Puzzler of the week

The game of *Rorrim2* is played on a  $4 \times 4$  board, starting with a counter in one corner, as shown.

At each turn, the player moves the counter to a cell that is the reflection of its current cell in one of the six dashed lines.

How many cells could the counter occupy after precisely three turns?

- A 4      B 6      C 8      D 12      E 16



## Break-Time Teaser

Megan writes down a list of five numbers. The mean of her first three numbers is  $-3$ . The mean of her first four numbers is 4. The mean of her first five numbers is  $-5$ .

What is the difference between her fourth number and her fifth number?

- A 66      B 55      C 44      D 33      E 22

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

## Menu

WEEKLY MENU				
St Joseph's Catholic High School - Week One				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Tikka Masala served with Coriander Rice	Cottage Pie	Korean Style Chicken Burger	Beef Bolognaisse served with Penne Pasta	Battered Fish served with Chips
Quom Enchilada	Black Bean Tacos served with a Sweetcorn Salsa	Cheese & Chive Quiche	Spicy Persian Style Potato Wellington	Vegetable Spring Roll served with Sweet Chilli Sauce & Chips
Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Baked Beans or Mushy Peas
Pasta with a Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with Garlic & Parmesan	Pasta with a Tomato Sauce	Teriyaki Noodle Pot	-
Jacket Potato with assorted fillings	Jacket Potato with assorted fillings	Jacket Potato with assorted fillings	Jacket Potato with assorted fillings	-
Chocolate Chip Cookie	Lemon & Lime Drizzle Cake	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Apple Crumble with Custard	Rice Crispy Cake

Baguettes, Sandwiches, Bagels & Wraps. Salad Bar, Assorted Cold Desserts & Fruit Pots.

HARRISON food with thought

# Clubs

## DESIGNeers- DT club - Monday afterschool 3.20-4.15



**KS3 D&T CLUB**

**Make it Monday!**  
 If you love a challenge; enjoy solving problems and Designing and Making; consider joining our D&T team!  
 Please see or message **Mrs Stacey on Teams**  
 Join us in **A3** for DT Club on **Monday afterschool. 3.20-4.15.**

This week we are planning a bit of CAD/CAM



**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

Radio Society of Great Britain  
 Advancing amateur radio since 1913



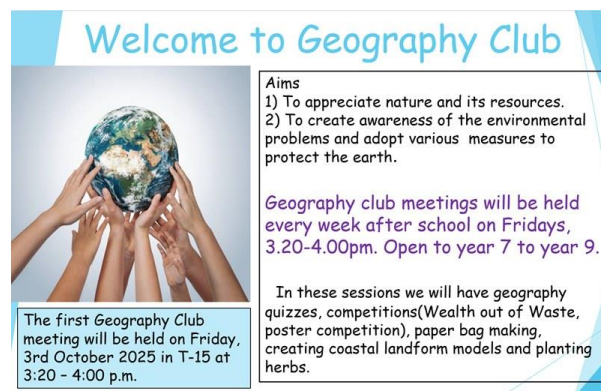
**KEY STAGE 3  
 AFTERSCHOOL  
 SCIENCE CLUB**

WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:15PM TILL 4PM

Come along and see why  
 Science is so cool!

Led by  
 Mrs. Lionel and Mrs.Hameed

For more information please  
 contact Mrs. Lionel



**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 meetings will be held every week after school on Fridays, 3.20-4.00pm. Open to year 7 to year 9.

In these sessions we will have geography quizzes, competitions (Wealth out of Waste, poster competition), paper bag making, creating coastal landform models and planting herbs.

The first Geography Club meeting will be held on Friday, 3rd October 2025 in T-15 at 3:20 - 4:00 p.m.

**WELCOME TO OUR MFL CLUB (SPRING 2)**  
 Reaching out to KEY STAGE 3 LANGUAGE PARS.  
 Get ready to join us WEEK A TUESDAYS 15.20 in TS  
 Have fun with your friends and make new ones.  
 Join us for Easter themed fun & treats (oh & the  
 Year 8 boys think "les biscuits" are the best bit!)  
 Snacks are provided by Ms Shaw but you can ask  
 to also bring your own snack (Not Free Pizzas.)  
**If you wish to be a "role model mini mentor" and  
 lead a practical session for our MFL students, just  
 let me know so I can print the resources for you  
 in advance. Get extra-curricular points & a prize!**  
 Exciting activities we get involved in: languages,  
 games; music; video; projects; displays; assembly;  
 & competitions; Goldfish Bowl for over & beyond.  
 Always ensure your safe travel home afterwards.  
**CHALLENGE:** Do you speak another language? Can  
 you translate WOW/OW? and "Enjoy Friendship"?

**FRIEND in different  
 languages:**  
 French: Ami(e)  
 German: Freund  
 Latin: Amicus  
 Arabic: Saḥabī  
 Hindi: Dost  
 Spanish: Amigo  
 Italian: Amico  
 Japanese: Tomodachi  
 Dutch: Vriend  
 French: Ami(e)  
 Spanish: Amigo  
 For me, just simply FRIEND!

**HAPPY \*EASTER**  
 FROME OSTERN VROLIJK PASËN GLAD PASK  
 FELICES PASCUAS  
 WESOLEYCH ŚWIĄT  
 BUONA PASQUA  
 JOYEUSES PÂQUES PÁScoa FELIZ

## St Josephs Dance Club

Starting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January in the Assembly Hall

**Move. Groove. Repeat.**  
 Dance Club — Mondays after school  
 Fun routines • New skills  
 No experience needed!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1	Badminton and Basketball	GCSE Students Badminton	Badminton and Table tennis	Badminton and Basketball	Basketball and Volleyball
Lunch 2	Badminton and Basketball	GCSE Students Badminton	Badminton and Table tennis	Badminton and Basketball	Basketball and Volleyball
Afterschool	Netball Year 7-13 AAN and MJO  Football Year 7-13 boys FWA and THU  Volleyball/ Badminton Year 7-13 JRO  Fitness KBR Year 7-13  Dance Year 7-13 HST	Basketball Year 7-13 JCO  Fitness Year 7-13 THU	Fitness KBR Year 7-13  Badminton Year 7-13 AAN  Girls Football Year 7-13 MJO		

Term Dates

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## School Year 2025 - 2026

### Autumn Term

Inset Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Inset Day Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Year 7 + 12 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Whole school returns Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Inset Day Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Half Term Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Term Ends Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (12:30pm finish)

### Spring Term

Term Begins Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Half Term Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Term Ends Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (12:30pm finish)

### Summer Term

Inset Day Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Term Begins Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Half Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Term Ends Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (12:30pm finish)

## School Year 2026 - 2027

### Autumn Term

Inset Day Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

Year 7 + 12 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

Whole school returns Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026

Half Term Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2026 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Term Ends Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026 (12:30pm finish)

### Spring Term

Term Begins Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Half Term Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2027 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027

Term End Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027 (12:30pm finish)

### Summer Term

Term Begins Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027

Half Term Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027

Term Ends Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2027 (12:30pm finish)