



St Joseph's Catholic High School Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025



Year 12 'Challenges Abroad' Trip to India

A group of our Year 12 students is currently in India, embarking on a life-changing journey in partnership with Challenges Abroad. This incredible opportunity is supporting local communities and helping students in need. *Please see page 12 for more content.*

Click on the below links to see the latest video messages from India:

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Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

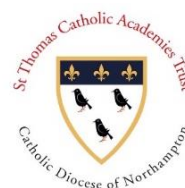
I hope you are all safe and well. Please click on the image below to be directed to this week's Head Teacher Message.



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St Joseph, pray for us.

Mr Stapleton



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

Who is first to throw a stone

Weekly Reflections
6th April 2025
5th Sunday of Lent
Year C



From the Gospel of John (8:1-11)

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father,

Give us the ability to make impartial and fair decisions, wisdom to discern the right way forward, strength to forgive others and help to accept your forgiveness and allow me to always start anew in you

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Reflection on the Gospel from Sunday:

The Scribes and Pharisees wanted to see if Jesus would disobey the law and show the woman mercy. Jesus understands that we are often weak and do things that are wrong. He was always willing to give people another chance to be better and to change. Sometimes it is easy for us to see what other people are doing wrong, and hard to see our own faults. Jesus wants us to learn to be more forgiving of other people just as he is.

The goodness and mercy of God, and our need for repentance, continues to be illustrated all through the Lenten readings. The account of the woman caught in adultery is in reality a story of the conflict of Jesus and the religious authorities who were intent on putting him to the test. The dilemma for Jesus is whether he advocates the appropriate Mosaic sentence - death by stoning - or clings to his own teachings on mercy and compassion. Despite her guilt, the woman herself is of minor significance to these authorities (her equally guilty partner has not be dragged forward), and Jesus does not even look at her or address her until they have all left in shame. With compassionate respect, Jesus neither condones nor condemns this stranger, as he invites her to a new life. Acceptance and love allow repentance and change to occur in others far more readily than harsh judgments and unacceptance.

As we approach the most important few weeks in the Church, how can you before Easter look to repent for times you have sinned? Equally important, how can you look to forgive others that have sinned against you?

St Joseph's the Worker Feast Day – Thursday 1st May 2025

On Thursday 1st May, all of St Joseph's Catholic High School will come together in the morning to celebrate our Feast Day. Fr Kevin O Driscoll will be coming in to celebrate Mass and then we will go onto the field for a whole school photo.

All students will then go out into the community from 12pm to illustrate our School Mission Statement of **"Unlocking Belief in All"** and demonstrate our school virtues of being: **Learned and Wise, Loving and Compassionate, Truthful and Eloquent, Intentional and Prophetic, Attentive and Discerning, Faith-filled and Hopeful, Curious and Active, Grateful and Generous.**

We will also be living out to others the Catholic Social Teaching Principles of the Church. A letter for this is attached with the newsletter. **Please can all parents/carers sign up to this on ParentPay by Wednesday 23rd April.** There is no cost.

The following Houses will go to the following destinations:

House	Destination	Travel arrangements
Cecilia (all)	St Ethelberts	Walk (will be supervised by members of St Joseph's staff to and from)
Mark	St Bernard's Prep	Walk (will be supervised by members of St Joseph's staff to and from)
Jerome	Our Lady of Peace	Coach/minibus to and from OLOP
Peter	St Anthony's	Coach/minibus to and from St Anthony's
Teresa (All) and 9 Veronica	Holy Family	Coach/minibus to and from Holy family
Veronica (10V and 11V)	Iqra primary school	Walk (will be supervised by members of St Joseph's staff to and from)
12 Mark	Wexham Park Hospital	Walk (will be supervised by members of St Joseph's staff to and from)
13 Mark	Oxford House	Walk (will be supervised by members of St Joseph's staff to and from)

Mr Gibbons is still to confirm the destination for 7 Veronica and 8 Veronica. He will send this information to parents/carers once this has been confirmed.

Within each House the following year group will be doing the following activities:

Year	Activity	Working with following year group
7	Arts and Crafts	Reception classes of primary school
8	English/Maths workshop	Year 1 classes of primary school
9	Retreat/prayer workshop	Year 2 classes of primary school
10	Alternative Sports Day	Year 3 classes of primary school
11	English/Maths workshop	Year 4 classes of primary school
12	Retreat/prayer workshop	Year 5 classes of primary school
13	Supervising lower year groups	All year groups

All students will be back to St Joseph's by 3pm and for those that wish, there will be a **free barbeque** and **Staff vs Student football match after school at 3:15pm.** All students have been sent a link on ClassCharts for the BBQ. Please can you ask them to complete it.

TVLP Student Helpers: Supporting Those in Need This Lent

Our TVLP student helpers have been reaching out to students in other schools this Lent, working together to maximise charitable opportunities in the spirit of community and compassion. Their first project this term is the **Baby Bank Collection**, supporting families in need. If you can, please donate essential baby items to help make a difference and hand it in to your Form Tutors.

Please see the attached PowerPoint slides for further details.

Rooted in Catholic values of charity and service, this initiative reflects our commitment to helping the most vulnerable. Looking ahead, we will continue our fundraising efforts over the next year in support of Save the Children. If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you!



Baby Drive
TVLP charity drive

Date:
Friday 2nd
May
2025

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Items to donate:

- Sudocrem
- Baby/children clothing
- Nappies
- Baby wipes
- Bibs
- Muslin towels
- Steriliser
- Baby formula
- Toy
- Book
- Dummies
- Baby bottles
- Baby shampoo
- Flannel
- Baby food
- Stationary for young children





Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7
Oliver Neves and Ines Dankyi for picking up the most positive points, with no X's this half term.
Year 9
Loikita Graca Mendonca De Jesus and Myah Halligan , voted for by the Year 9 Form Tutors.
Year 10
Licia Triumph and Afonso Reis Gomes for receiving the most positive points this week.
Year 11
Oliver Ventura and Emmanuel Ofori for achieving the highest amount of positive points this week.
Year 12
Julia Deskiewicz and Chesley Gyasi for the most positive points on ClassCharts.

MFL Superstars



Year 9	Victoria Kowalik (9 Mark) and Maja Skrzydlewska (9 Mark) for their resilience and effort to get better in Spanish.
Year 10	Daria Mamczak (10 Veronica), Jayona George (10 Peter) and Viktorija Voloshyn (10 Peter) for their commitment to excel in Spanish and for practising their speaking outside the classroom and in real case scenarios.
Year 11	Liza Pereira (11 Jerome), Keira Webster (11 Jerome), Loris Gumbs (11 Jerome), Maksymilian Oleszak (11 Veronica) and Dominik Maslach (11 Veronica) for their commitment and effort to improve their grades in Spanish.

Year 7 News

It has been a great term and it is hard to believe that the students are only a few months away from finishing Year 7, a **massive well done to all the Year 7s!** I hope everyone has a lovely Easter Break!

Thank you.

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Year 9 News

Year 9 and 10 Girls Flag Football. The Girls, this week, played Pioneer Secondary Academy and after a great win against Wexham at home last week, it was the opportunity to prove themselves against yet another Slough school. The Girls started strongly and were 30-0 up at Half Time, with **Ava Bellamy** scoring a Hatrick and **Loikita Graca Mendonca De Jesus** swerving her way through to the line to make the converting 2 points. The **Team finished with a phenomenal 60-0 win** and are looking to play Langley Grammar to prove they truly are the best in Slough!

Finally, into the last week of what has been a very busy term for Year 9, Options Choices have all been confirmed for the start of GCSEs in September. This week, we have seen **Veronica House** with the least Lates, and receiving KFC and Domino's Pizza in their Reading Time. On Thursday, there was a Mufti Day for all those that have received 0 XH's as well as our Rewards Assembly for subject-specific and Pupil Profile badges. This is also a time to celebrate the highest attendance and positive points.

I hope you have a great Easter and looking forward to seeing you in two weeks' time.

Miss McCormack – Head of Year 9



Year 10 News

What a fantastic week it's been! We've had so much excitement packed into the last few days of term. Rewards Assembly was a celebration of all your hard work and achievements. It was inspiring to see so many of you being recognized for your dedication, whether it was for most progress or outstanding performance. Keep up the great work, Year 10 – the next Rewards Assembly will be here before you know it! In PE, we saw the return of the Inter-House Competitions, and it was brilliant to see such enthusiasm and team spirit! We also came together as a whole school for Whole School Mass on Friday. It was a special moment for us to reflect as a community, celebrate our shared values, and come together in prayer and unity.

Special mention this week to the Year 10 Girls who played in the NFL fixture against Pioneer Secondary Academy, beating them 60-0! Another **special mention to Rosie McGrory**, who came 2nd in the Pi day competition, remembering 104 digits of Pi!

It has been an amazing Spring Term, hope you have a lovely Easter break. See you on 23rd April.

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 10



Year 11 News

As we approach the Easter break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past week and look ahead to the crucial weeks leading up to the GCSE exams. This week, we recorded **261 positives**, showing excellent engagement from many students. However, 86 negatives were also recorded, with the main concerns being lateness to school (19), missed homework (14), and lack of equipment (11). With exams just around the corner, organisation and punctuality are more important than ever.

Easter Interventions & Online Sessions

To provide extra support, intervention sessions will run during Easter break. Teachers will inform students directly about the sessions they are expected to attend. Additionally, some online sessions will take place, and teachers will notify students via Teams or ClassCharts. Please ensure you check these platforms regularly so you don't miss out on valuable revision opportunities.

GCSE Exams & Leavers' Assembly

- GCSE exams begin in the second week of May—time to step up revision efforts!
- **Leavers' Assembly – 2nd June:** We want to make this a memorable occasion, but so far, I have not received any photos or videos for the Leavers' Video. If you have any, please send them as soon as possible.
- **Leavers' Speeches:** Two students will be giving a speech during the assembly. So far, no volunteers have come forward—if you're interested, please let me know. Otherwise, students will be selected.
- **Leavers' Hoodies:** **The online shop is open until 30th April.** Orders will arrive by the end of May, so don't miss the deadline.

This is a pivotal time for Year 11, and I urge everyone to stay focused, attend interventions, and take ownership of their learning. Enjoy a well-earned rest over Easter, but make sure to balance revision with relaxation—the final stretch is just around the corner!

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the kindness, support, and understanding I have received following the passing of a very close family member. Your messages and words of comfort have meant a great deal to me and my family, and I truly appreciate being part of such a supportive community.

Year 12 News

This week, students have seen copies of their reports for Spring 2 and have been reflecting in Form Time on their progress alongside the targets that have been given by their teachers for improvement. Copies of these reports should be received in the post within the next few days if you have not received them already. Where there are concerns, please be assured that conversations are being had with the students by Miss Stevens, Mr Dann and their subject teachers to see what we can do to help. If you have concerns about your child's progress and would like a meeting with Miss Stevens to discuss this, then please do not hesitate to get in touch via s.stevens@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk.

Having said that, some very good grades and reports have been sent out on the whole, so **well done** to the year group on another very successful term! A number of Rewards were given out to students on Monday in assembly for Academic Performance and Progress. Currently, we have some students in India volunteering with the Challenges Abroad and we are looking forward to hearing about all of their exciting adventures when they return.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter!

Miss Stevens – Head of Year 12

House Competition – Musical Statues



MUSICAL STATUES RESULTS



	HOUSE POINTS	HOUSE
1ST PLACE	Veronica	1000
2ND PLACE	Jerome & Teresa	800
3RD PLACE	Mark & Cecilia	400
4TH PLACE	Peter	200



A MASSIVE WELL DONE TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART!

ONLY ONE PARTICIPANT FROM YEAR 11, SO WELL DONE MAX IN 11V.

Overall Standings

Competitions Run this Term:

Term 2												
House	Paper Plane Flying	Hook & Chase	Spaghetti Slurp	XL Comp 1	Minute Madness	Dance Off	Scavenger Hunt	Stare-Down	Press-Up Mash-Up	Code Cracking	Arm Wrestling	Musical Statues
Veronica	800	800	1000	1000	800	1000	1000	600	1000	400	1000	1000
Peter	100	400	600	200	1000	100	600	400	800	200	600	200
Jerome	400	1000	400	800	800	600	400	800	100	1000	800	800
Teresa	1000	800	800	400	400	800	800	100	600	600	200	800
Mark	200	400	200	600	600	1000	100	1000	200	100	400	400
Cecilia	600	100	100	100	100	200	200	200	400	800	100	400

Overall House Standings:

Overall Standings			
	House	Positive Points	House Competition + Positive Points
1	Veronica	19551	33751
2	Jerome	19703	32503
3	Peter	21005	32005
5	Teresa	19429	29529
4	Mark	19813	28613
6	Cecilia	18075	23875

Punctuality Reward

Punctuality to school and lessons is important because it shows responsibility, maximises learning time, and ensures your child does not miss essential information. **Congratulations to Veronica and Mark House for the best punctuality this half-term.** They were rewarded with Domino's and KFC this week!



Homework Reward

Completing homework is very important because it reinforces classroom learning, builds good study habits, and helps parents stay informed about their child's progress. **Congratulations to the 704 students who achieved 0 XH's this half-term.** They were rewarded with a Mufti Day this week!



Model United Nations (MUN) – Important Update

I am pleased to announce the list of students who will be representing our school at the Model United Nations (MUN) on **30th April 2025**. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their oracy skills, critical thinking, and global awareness while debating key international issues with students from other TVLP schools.

Students Participating in MUN:

Student Name	Country	Committee
Natalia Kochanowska	Spain	Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee
Finlay Gibbons	Brazil	Security Council
Patrycja Artemska	Colombia	Security Council
Liam Paes	Colombia	Human Rights Council
Cameron Fyfe	Spain	Human Rights Council
Brianne Barrozo	Brazil	Economic and Social Council
Aldrick Castillo	Colombia	Economic and Social Council
Adrian Jurys	Spain	Historical Committee
Kahlil Carty	United Kingdom	Historical Committee
Johanna Nakasujja	United Kingdom	Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee

Over the Easter break, all participants must write their Position Paper for their assigned country and committee. This will form the foundation of their contributions during the conference. The list of allocated countries and committees will be shared in the next newsletter.

To support them, all participating students will be added to a dedicated MUN MS Teams group, where they will receive further guidance and resources. Please ensure you check this regularly.

A **huge thank you to all teachers for your support** in encouraging these students and for your understanding regarding any disruptions this may cause. I apologise for any inconvenience and truly appreciate your cooperation in making this event a success.

Looking forward to seeing our students shine at the conference!

Mr. Romero – Head of Year 11



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Model United Nations



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Inspiring Impact: Year 12 Students in India

Our Year 12 students are in the midst of an incredible adventure in India, working alongside Challenges Abroad to support underprivileged communities. During their time there, the students are engaging in a variety of meaningful projects, including helping to improve educational opportunities for local children. This trip not only offers them a chance to make a positive difference, but also provides valuable insights into the challenges faced by communities less fortunate than their own. Stay tuned for more updates as they continue their journey, creating lasting change and expanding their global perspectives.



A-Level Geography Fieldwork in Black Park




On Thursday 27th March, the Year 12 Geographers completed fieldwork to investigate the factors that impact infiltration rates, with a hypothesis that if the soil is more saturated, there will be slower infiltration. They demonstrated excellent teamwork to collect data at different sites, and had a fun day enjoying the nice weather and bonding. We are now drawing conclusions and evaluations in class, making it a really valuable experience for their A-level studies.

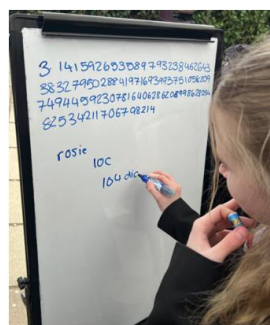
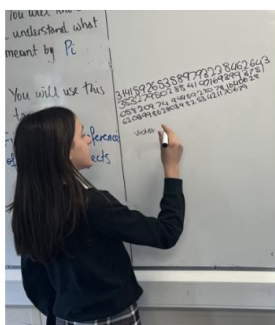


'Memorizing Pi' Champions

A massive well done to our winners and everyone who took part!

2025 MEMORIZING π ($\pi = 3.141 \dots$) CHAMPIONS

-  **1ST PLACE: VOILET BODOR 7V (114 DIGITS)**
-  **2ND PLACE: ROSIE MCGRORY 10C (104 DIGITS)**
-  **3RD PLACE: CHRISTIAN PISCOPO-EVANS 12M (100 DIGITS)**



New Age Kurling Competition

On Monday 31st March, a group of Sports Leaders across Year 9 and 10 took part in an exciting and impactful event that showcased their leadership, sportsmanship, and dedication to sport. They helped to run a New Age Kurling competition for primary and secondary competitors with additional needs.

New Age Kurling is an inclusive and accessible version of the traditional curling sport, using specially designed stones and targets. It's perfect for individuals of all abilities and allows participants to experience the thrill of the game while fostering teamwork, strategy, and fun.

Our Student Leaders took on a pivotal role in ensuring the event was a success. They not only helped participants understand the rules of New Age Kurling but also acted as officials, overseeing the smooth running of the competition. Their responsibilities included explaining the game's objectives, ensuring everyone understood the rules, and making sure that each participant had an opportunity to enjoy the game to its fullest.

Throughout the event, students demonstrated excellent communication skills and patience, making sure to cater to the needs of every participant. They encouraged sportsmanship and provided assistance when needed, ensuring everyone was included in the competition regardless of their ability. The students' hard work and dedication truly made a difference, as they created an environment where all competitors could thrive and feel supported.

The event was a fantastic success. Not only did the students help the participants engage in a fun and inclusive sport, but they also gained valuable experience in leadership and teamwork. It was a truly rewarding experience for everyone involved!

We are incredibly proud of our students for their hard work and commitment to making the event a success. Their efforts have not only made a positive impact on the participants but also set a great example of how sports can bring people together, regardless of ability.



Poetry Open Mic

Thank you to all Year 7s who participated in our Lenten Fundraiser of the 'Poetry Open Mic' this week. The passion, enthusiasm and creativity was fabulous. Particular **shoutout to Neo Rodrigues**, who performed a religious poem he wrote for Pope Francis upon his retirement!

Year 7 Football

The Year 7s had a game against Dedworth Middle School in the Quarter Final of the Cup. Unfortunately, we lost the game 3-2. A **massive well done to the team**, they played extremely well and showed a lot of heart!

Player of the Game – Dayen King-Sandhu

Year 8 JNR NBA

The Year 8s had a game against Queens Park Community School in the Quarter Finals of the South Region. Unfortunately, the boys came away with a loss, but great effort was demonstrated throughout the game. The Year 7s will have their JNR NBA Quarter Final when we return from Easter Break.



Science Club

Our budding Engineers designed and built spaghetti structures with marshmallows. Next Science Club will take place on **Wednesday 23rd April**. Happy Easter and enjoy the holidays!



Geography Club

Students created their own Paper Globe. This creative activity helped students explore the world map in a fun and interactive way. As they carefully cut, folded, and assembled the pieces, they gained a deeper understanding of continents, oceans, and global geography.



Nature at its Best Geography Club Photography Competition

On Tuesday 22nd April, in commemoration of Earth Day, a photography competition will be held to celebrate nature at its best.

Photograph: This should capture the beauty and diversity of natural landscapes/ wildlife/ecosystems, highlighting the wonders of the natural world.

Entries: All entries should be emailed or sent on MS Teams to Mrs Rodrigues in digital form. The last date to receive entries is 18th April.

Prizes: 2 prizes in each category (natural landscapes/ wildlife/ecosystems).



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Break-Time Teaser

In 2014, in Boston, Massachusetts, Eli Bishop set a world record for the greatest number of claps per minute. He achieved 1020 claps in one minute. How many claps is that per second?

- A 17 B 16.5 C 16 D 15.5 E 15

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

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

E The diagrams show that all four options could be the shape of the region where two triangles overlap.



Solution to the Break-time Teaser:

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Puzzler of the week

The adult human body has 206 bones. Each foot has 26 bones. Approximately what fraction of the number of bones in the human body is found in one foot?

- A $\frac{1}{6}$ B $\frac{1}{8}$ C $\frac{1}{10}$ D $\frac{1}{12}$ E $\frac{1}{20}$

'Dear England' Theatre Trip

On Wednesday this week, Mrs Dunleavy, Mr Mall and Mr Martin took Drama students from Years 9, 10 and 11 to see 'Dear England' at The National Theatre in London. The play charts the rise of the England team under the management of Gareth Southgate. It was a great day and the students conducted themselves beautifully. We had complements from the general public about how engaged they were in the theatre; which is always a good thing to hear.



Battle of the Bands – Thursday 27th March 2025

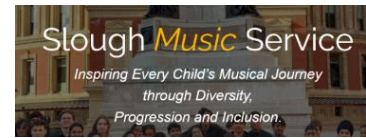
Last week, four of our students took part in the Battle of the Bands, hosted at Westgate School. They were up against 10 other bands from schools across Slough, including Langley Hall Arts Academy, Burnham Grammar, Westgate, Upton Court Grammar, Langley Academy and Langley Grammar. For **Daniel (9C)**, **Olly (9C)**, **Vittorio (9M)** and **Zach (8T)**, this was their first Battle of the Bands after forming their band, **D.O.V.Z.**, through Band Jam (one of our afterschool clubs).

Though there were some unfortunate technical problems which slowed the pace, all of the bands performed really well, with **D.O.V.Z** smashing their performance of the song *Smells Like Teen Spirit* by Nirvana.

Unfortunately, the boys just missed out on placing, with Burnham Grammar winning with their band, Something Stupid, but **they did get a shout out from the Judges** who mentioned how well they played on such a technical song, loving the Grunge!

Well Done D.O.V.Z!





Instrumental Lessons

Through Slough Music Service, we are offering lessons in a variety of instruments. At the moment, we have lessons for Piano, Violin, Guitar, Bass and Drum Kit, with more keen interest developing, including for Tabla. If you are interested in taking lessons in a musical instrument, please take a look at the [Slough Music Service website](#), or please contact Miss Ure (k.ure@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk) or Mr Orval (r.orval@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk) for any queries as well.

MFL Club

Our KS3 French and Spanish students have had a fantastic half-term in MFL club with Ms Shaw, on **Tuesdays (Week A) at 3:30-4:30pm in T5**. Having fun with languages, exploring cultural themes and enjoying friendships is what we love, so do come along! An appealing prospect with chocolate: *les oeufs de Pâques* (French); *los huevos de Pascua* (Spanish).

Read our research below on French Easter and follow [this link](#) to find out about the beautiful and moving Spanish traditions.

MFL Club wishes Happy Easter to all students, families & teachers!

In France, Easter eggs are said to be brought by the Easter bells ("Cloches de Pâques") which fly from Rome and are dropped in people's gardens! Traditionally, the bells fly back on Saturday night. So, Sunday morning is the start of the traditional Easter Egg Hunt ("la chasse aux oeufs"). Someone shouts "les cloches sont passées" and all the children run outside or inside, to collect chocolate or sugar eggs, hens, chicks, bunnies, lambs and flying bells, all symbolic of Easter, spring and renewal. In the old days, the eggs were real boiled eggs, decorated by children and tinted in red with onion juice, pink with radish and green with ivy! Early Christians of Mesopotamia stained eggs red in memory of the blood of Christ shed at his crucifixion. The Christian Church then adopted the custom so the eggs became of symbol of The Resurrection. Some say the egg represents the boulder of the tomb of Jesus. During Lent ("le Carême"), in French speaking tradition, people cook pancakes ("Les crêpes") for Mardi Gras, before Lent. They eat a traditional meal called "L'Agneau Pascal" at Easter. Easter symbolizes Jesus' passage from death to life and his sacrifice. The lamb symbolizes new life in Spring time. "Pâques" is an important holiday for family gatherings. The Easter bunny was adopted by the French & German speaking region of Alsace in the Alpes, so it's common to see rabbit shape treats in abundance there!



Absences

Dear Parents/Carers,


Please be aware that all medical absences from the last week of term and the first week of the Summer Term will be unauthorised without medical evidence. This is per our attendance policy. Please be aware that if your child is unwell in school, we will make a decision whether to send them home and this will be authorised.

If you have planned a holiday during term-time, please email office@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk with an explanation, including the dates of absence and proof of the travel documentation (both outbound and inbound). This must be the original documentation and not the e-ticket.

Please note that having unauthorised absences will affect future Rewards trips and college/university applications.

Thank you as always for your support in the education of your child/ren.

Menu

				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Korean Fried Chicken Burger	Beef Bolognese with Pasta & Parmesan Cheese	Pork Sausages served with Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Enchilada	Oven Baked Fish served with Chips & Tartare Sauce
Sweet Potato & Chickpea Tagine served with Couscous	Quorn Enchilada	Vegetable & Edamame Bean Noodle Stir-Fry	Vegetable Tikka Masala served with Rice & a Poppadom	Bombay Potato Frittata
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
Tomato & Basil Pasta Pot	Red Pesto Pasta Pot	Tuna Pasta Pot	Pasta with a Tomato & Chilli Sauce	-
Jacket Potato with a Selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	-
Chocolate Brownie	Fruit Crumble served with Custard	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Dorset Apple Cake	Salted Caramel Banana Bread

Available daily:

Sandwiches, Wraps & Baguettes, Panini, Jacket Potatoes, Cold Desserts & Fruit



EAL NEWS

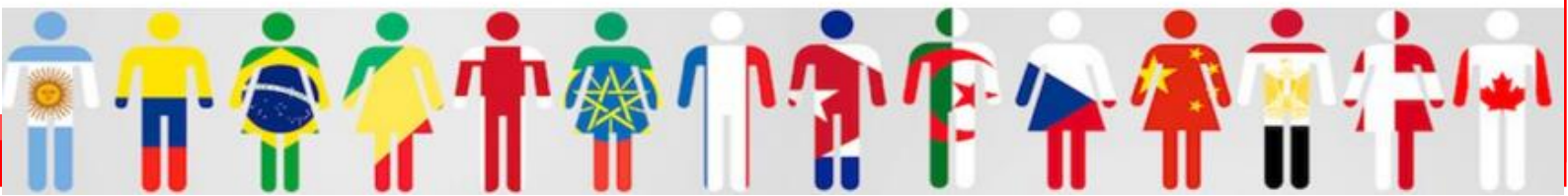
(English as an Additional Language)

Reminder: Use your CGP online book, Anton and Oxford owl to continue your independent learning at home. Please try to complete as many sessions as possible during this Easter break.

Mrs Ura will always be happy to help. If you need any support, please contact her via J.Ura@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk.

Reading ideas for families During the Easter Break

- **Read together:** Look for time to read together and talk about the books you read.
- **Tell stories:** Use some of your holiday time together to tell stories from your childhood.
- **Give books:** Give your child a book for the holidays. It does not have to be new.
- **Visit the library:** Encourage your child to read for pleasure
- **Make travel fun:** if you are traveling during your holidays, look for maps and tourist books about your destination.



SCHOOL CLUBS



Languages Department

Our KS3 French and Spanish students have had a fantastic half-term in MFL club with Ms Shaw, on **Tuesdays (Week A) at 3:30-4:30pm in T5**. Having fun with languages, exploring cultural themes and enjoying friendships is what we love, so do come along! An appealing prospect with chocolate: *les oeufs de Pâques* (French); *los huevos de Pascua* (Spanish).

Mr. Orval welcomes you to:

STRINGS CLUB

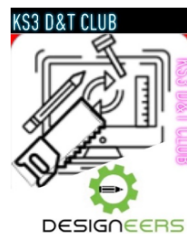
bowed string instruments available

TUESDAYS
3:15-4PM
XA room

Love music? Want to learn how to play in a string ensemble? Join Mr Orval on **Tuesdays at 3:15pm** in the **XA room**. Several instruments (violin, viola, cello) are available for new/aspiring members. Contact your music teacher for further details.

Thursday at 8am – **Singing Club** / Friday Afterschool – **Band Jam**

D+T Club- KS3 DESIGNeers



If you love a challenge, enjoy solving problems and Designing and Making, consider joining our D&T team of DESIGNeers (designers and engineers). We 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**.

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.

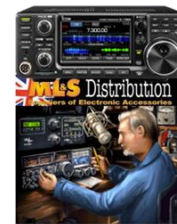
Geography club meeting will be held every week after school on Friday, 3.30-4.00pm in T-15. Open to year 7 to year 11.

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

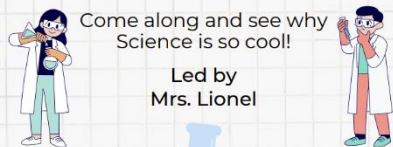


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YEAR 7 & YEAR 8 AFTERSCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:15PM TILL 4PM



Come along and see why Science is so cool!

Led by Mrs. Lionel



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	Flag football HMC Tennis JCO	Rounders KBR MJO AAN Cricket THU	Athletics JCO THU MJO KBR	Fixtures	