

# Newsletter 6th March 2026



## Head Teachers Message

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Hope you are all safe and well. Link to the latest video is: [Head Teacher Message 06th March 2026](#)*

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*St Joseph, pray for us.*

*Miss Riddles*

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## 26. Theme of the week 8th March 2026

### Water of Life

Weekly Reflections  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent



**From the Gospel of John (4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42)**

At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water. Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming — he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.'

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him. So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.'



## Prayer for the Week

Merciful Lord,

Once more, we pray. Assure us of your constant mercy; As the Water of Life, cleanse us from our sins and renew in our hearts your love so we too can bring it to others; teach us to follow.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

### Day 1

What are all the positive ways we can use water for?  
What type of water was the women seeking for in the Gospel?  
Why do you think it is significant that Jesus goes to a Samaritan woman in public to ask for a drink?

### Day 2

How can you be more **Active** and **Curious** in your life to bring the **Water of life (Jesus)** to others?

### Day 3

Day 3 during Lent will be given over to the Stations of the Cross. This week please reflect on Stations 6, 7 and 8

## Theme of the Week - Water of Life

Since Christmas, it's fair to say we've had our fair share of rain! If you go to Windsor and look at the water flowing quickly past in the river, it's quite staggering the volume we've had. Some unfortunately in this country have had so much it has destroyed their homes and their lives have changed. Some in the world face the opposite; little or no water and this has caused drought and starvation. Again, their lives have completely changed! So in the latter part of the Gospel, when we hear the woman's need for water, it is so much more than just what comes from the sky. It is also much more profound than just to quench her thirst. Her actual thirst is to receive the living water that is Jesus Christ and when she, and when we, allow ourselves to receive Jesus (the Water of Life), our lives will also change, but only for the better!

In the earlier part of the Gospel, Jesus was thirsty and he asked a Samaritan woman for some water. Jews and the Samaritans had a long-standing hatred, so this was a very significant encounter. With this hatred, it would have also been likely that the Samaritans' practices of cleanliness were not to the same standard of the Jews so for Jesus to ask for her to draw him water using her own bucket, really shows Jesus putting norms and traditions to one side. Social practices prevented men and women from speaking to each other in public, so Jesus contravenes all of these to ask the woman for a drink. Jesus is telling us he is for everyone, every single person, and if we truly wish to seek Jesus as our own water, we too need to put aside our own differences to others.

Today, we can have a very superficial understanding of our faith and what Jesus really offers us. At times we may have a really deep understanding of our faith, putting it at the forefront of what we do and how we live. Maybe ensuring we go to Mass regularly, pray regularly, help and support others. Sometimes however we forget about our faith, or don't prioritise it as we should. So what makes us change? Can you think of an event or moment that assisted you on your faith journey? Whether a happy or a sad occasion. Did you then or now have a thirst in your life? A thirst for Christ? Are there others around you who might be thirsty for company or feeling excluded by society? This week, as we approach the half way point of Lent, how can you be more open to yourself or others who don't have Jesus either in their life or don't appreciate Him! How can you be more **Active** and **Curious** to appreciate and present all the greatness of Jesus?

## Lent Check-In



Dear Students,

As we journey through the season of **Lent**, it is a good moment to pause and reflect on how we are growing in faith, kindness, and self-discipline.

Today, take a moment to ask yourself:

**How am I observing Lent? What small change can help me grow closer to God and to others?**

Here are a few simple ways you might choose to observe Lent:

- **Prayer:** Spend a few minutes each day praying or reflecting quietly.
- **Fasting:** Give up something that distracts you or takes up too much of your time, such as sweets, social media, or gaming.
- **Kindness:** Make a conscious effort to help someone each day at school, at home, or in your community.
- **Almsgiving:** Support charity efforts and fundraising activities taking place around the school this Lent.

We warmly encourage you to **take part in the Lent events and fundraising activities happening across the school**. These are wonderful opportunities to live out our faith, support those in need, and grow together as a community.

Remember the words of Jesus: ***“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”***  
Matthew 6:21

May this season of Lent be a time for reflection, generosity, and spiritual growth for each of you.

Wishing you a meaningful and blessed Lenten journey.

Kind regards,

Ms Ura

## Year 7 News

With less than 3 weeks to our first Parents Evening can I please ask that confirmation on ParentPay is made by the middle of next week. Tutors will be in contact if confirmation has not been made via ParentPay.

Teachers will now begin booking appointments with students. The appointment booking sheet can be found in the back of the Student Journal. The expectation is that each student should meet with all of their teachers. Each appointment will last 5 minutes.

If you would like to meet with me to discuss anything then please contact me directly either via Email or ClassCharts.

Have a good weekend!

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

## Year 8 News

Year 8 have had a truly fantastic week. Today we celebrated St Joseph's World Book Day, with students dressing up as their favourite book characters. We were also delighted to welcome author Seth Burkett, whose books are inspired by his experiences as a professional footballer. I hope Year 8 found the session both inspiring and motivating.

As part of our Lent fundraising activities, a different event takes place each Friday. This week's activity was the popular sponge-throwing event, which added even more excitement to the week alongside the continued dedication and hard work shown by students in their lessons.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Viegas - Head of Year 8

## Year 9 News

We had a fabulous celebration of World Book Day today! It was amazing to see so many students embracing the spirit of the day and dressing up as their favourite book characters, well done to everyone who took part.

Year 9 students have now completed their recent assessment window. Reports will be shared with you soon. When they arrive, we encourage you to take some time to sit down with your child to review their progress and discuss the action points and next steps together.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, and as always, look after your loved ones.

Mr Hunt – Head of Year 9

## Year 10 News

Year 10 achieved an 88% positive ratio this week, which is a good improvement, but there is still clear room for progress. Our main concern is homework: Homework Xs have doubled since last week. This is not the standard we expect from GCSE students and it needs to improve immediately. Please support by checking your child's homework regularly (via ClassCharts) and reinforcing completion deadlines at home.

We have also seen an increase in students being much chattier in lessons. Please reinforce the importance of listening, following instructions first time, and staying focused so learning time isn't disrupted.

On the positive side, this week has been full of great moments: World Book Day, a visiting speaker from the BBC, and the sponge throwing event—plenty of fun and enrichment alongside the hard work.

Have a good week. God bless.

Mr Whiteside - Head of Year 10

## Year 11 News

Well done to Year 11 for another fantastic week. Your focus, maturity, and commitment are really starting to shine through as we move further into the GCSE season.

The Sixth Form Leadership Team hosted a brilliant study-resource sale, giving you the chance to pick up high-quality revision materials at a fraction of the usual price. I hope you found these resources useful and that they help strengthen your preparation over the coming weeks.

A special congratulations goes to all GCSE Food Technology students for their outstanding performance in the recent practical exam. From sushi and homemade burgers to steak sandwiches, fresh ice cream, and even a Baked Alaska, the standard of food produced was exceptional. I was lucky enough to try some of the dishes myself, and they were amazing!

Please continue attending after-school interventions; these sessions are incredibly valuable and will make a real difference to your GCSE outcomes. Next week's intervention schedule is:

- **Monday: Maths**
- **Tuesday: Science**
- **Wednesday: English**
- **Friday: RE**

Keep up the momentum, stay organised, and continue supporting one another. You're building excellent habits that will carry you confidently into exam season.

Have a lovely weekend :)

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 11

## Year 12 News

Firstly can I just thank everyone who attended parents evening last night. I apologise if I did not get to see you personally but I hope you found the evening informative. We have a fantastic bunch of students in Year 12 who are keen to do well, but it takes support from home and school to help them to achieve at their very best. If you did not manage to attend then please do get in touch so that we can arrange for you to receive feedback on your child's progress

Today we celebrated World Book Day. I would encourage all of our students to read for pleasure, not only is it a great way to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life but reading is a great way to boost vocabulary and learn about things we have yet to encounter.

We are about to enter a new assessment window for Year 12 students so just a couple of things to think about:

- have you prepared well for this assessment, what revision have you done?
- remember your feedback from your last assessment, have you worked on this in preparation for this new assessment?

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mrs Finn – Head of Year 12

## Year 13 News

Many thanks to all of you who attended Sixth Form Parents Evening last night. If I didn't get to speak to you personally, please know that I really appreciate all that you have done, and are still doing, to support our amazing students through what is always a very challenging period of time! As a school we are all incredibly proud of the year group for their ambition, focus and determination as shown in their academic work. They are also genuinely nice people to be around which is never to be underestimated!

Mock Exams can provide a helpful guide as to where the students are currently at and what they need to do to improve, but I would encourage those who feel disappointed because they did not perform as well as they had hoped to avoid thinking that the situation is irreversible. There is still time to make changes and as a school we are all very much available to give the students all the support that we can. A number of targeted interventions are running currently and have been running for some time. I would encourage you, in the aftermath of last night, to have some reflective conversations with your son or daughter about what actions they intend to take and what plans they will put in place moving forwards.

On a lighter note, we are hoping very much to organize a Year 13 Prom this summer! A Prom Committee has been selected by the students themselves and they are busy making initial enquiries. More on that at a later date!

Have a great weekend!

Miss Stevens – Head of Year 13

## Students of the Week

**Year 7: Frances Okafor & Riley O'Neill for excellent weeks**

**Year 8: Oliver Neves & Lillie Green for excellent weeks**

**Year 9: Kaelan Geca-Njie & Jessica Menezes**

**Year 10: Vanessa Buda and Julian Kosmala**

**Year 11: Natalia Zaworska and Mateusz Szymczak for receiving the most positive points this week**

**Year 12: Anna-Emiliya Larionova for excellent work in Philosophy and Ethics and Christian Amigo for working hard in all subject areas**

**Year 13: Jolisha Silva and Dawid Duczek for resilience and diligence in their studies.**

# Cafod's Big Lent Walk – Saturday 21st March 2026



**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
Roman Catholic School  
in the Diocese of Northampton  
Headteacher: Miss K Riddles



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

5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Cafod's Big Lent Walk – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, as part of St Joseph's Lenten Fundraising activities, students and staff have the opportunity to take part in the Cafod 'Big Lent Walk' and raise money for charity. The walk will commence from St Joseph's Catholic High School at 10.00am and we will walk to Black Park via Wexham Park Hospital. Students and staff will then walk around Black Park and stop for lunch before returning to St Joseph's by 2.00pm. Our aim is for all that take part to have walk a total of 10KM.

Students are required to wear their own clothes suitable for this walk. It is advised they wear suitable walking/hiking shoes based on the weather we have had recently. There is no cost for the trip but we hope that family and friends will sponsor students so we can raise as much money for charity as possible. In the event it rains on the day, the trip will still go as planned but students must dress accordingly, both in terms of footwear and in terms of clothing. Students should bring lunch and a bottle of water for this walk.

Please complete the permission slip on ParentPay for our Cafod 'Big Lent Walk' by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me at [j.gibbons@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:j.gibbons@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

**Mr J Gibbons**  
Assistant Head Teacher

## The Lenten fundraising



### The St Joseph's Big Lent Walk: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, St Joseph's will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk for Cafod. For those wishing to take part we will leave St Joseph's at 10am and walk to Black Park, have something to eat and then walk back to St Joseph's for 2pm. If you are interested please see Mr Gibbons for more details

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesday, 24th March, during both lunches, those who wish, will have the opportunity to go to confession. We will have two visiting priests who will be available in the Chapel and E3a. If you would like to make your peace with God in preparation for Easter, please speak to or message Mr Gibbons on Teams to book a time. Don't worry about what to say. The priest will help you. If you belong to another Christian denomination, other faith or no faith at all, and still wish to have a friendly chat with the priest.



## NFL Launch Day

The squad kicked off their week in unforgettable style as they travelled to London on Monday for the official NFL Launch Day ahead of next season. The girls were treated to an exclusive Q&A session with a current New York Jets player, gaining insight into life at the top of the sport and what it takes to compete at the highest level. They then rotated through six high-intensity skills stations, each designed to sharpen their technique and prepare them for

the competitive weeks ahead. The team left the session focused, fired up, and ready to take on the season.

**First fixture: Friday 13th March**

## Panathlon Challenge



Last week, we were delighted to take a small group of students to the **Panathlon Challenge**. Throughout the day, students showed fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and determination as they rotated around the various activities. It was brilliant to see them encouraging one another, trying new skills and fully embracing the experience. Most importantly, they had a wonderful day being active, building confidence and representing the school so positively.

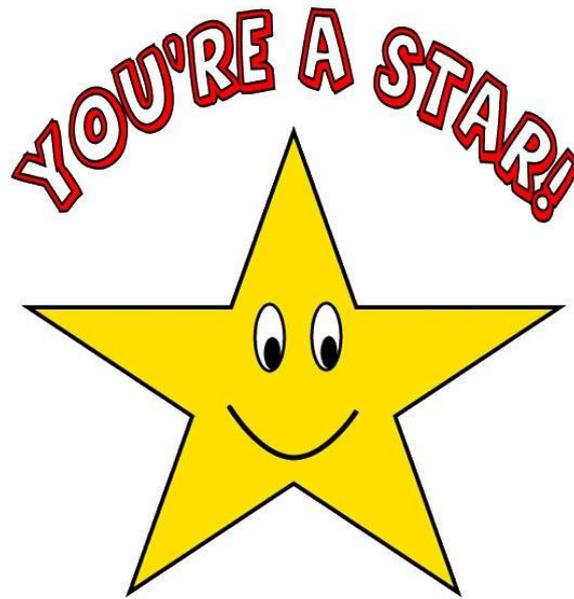
A huge well done to everyone who took part

Mr Hunt

## International Women's Day Trip

On Thursday 5th March we took some of our Sixth Form students to St Mary's School in Ascot for their inspiring annual International Women's Day conference. This was an amazing opportunity provided through TVLP, allowing the students to think on and discuss key issues facing women across the world, and inspire them in what actions they can take. We heard from key note speaker Ollie Belcher from the charity [Shivia](#), who enable and empower women in rural India to start their own businesses, as well as the Big Issue team and how they are supporting women facing homelessness. Other talks included how the students can use their talents to help the world, unfair expectations on women, and how successful women have had support from those around them to allow them to achieve great things.

## Homework Superstars



Jake Kemp 7 Mark

Zak Andaloussi-Sadsad 8 Mark

Claudia Burakowska 9 Jerome

Ella O'Neill 10 Peter

Jonathan Byamukama11 Cecilia

Well done to our Homework superstars of the week!

## Homework Policy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking the time to engage with our recent homework survey. Your feedback has been invaluable, and we are grateful for the thoughtful contributions you made.

We have listened carefully to what you told us, and as a result we are pleased to share that we now have an **updated Homework Policy**. The changes reflect the priorities and concerns raised by families, students, and staff, with the aim of providing a more consistent, purposeful, and supportive approach to home learning across the school.

The updated policy is now available for you to read on the school's website [ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY](#), and we encourage you to take a moment to review the changes. Our goal is to ensure that homework continues to enhance learning, reinforce key knowledge, and help students build confidence and independence.

Thank you once again for your engagement and ongoing support. Working together, we can ensure the best possible learning experience for all our students.

Warm regards,

*E. Jackson-Bickersteth*

## Sustainability Elective- Tree Planting



As the new lodge building takes shape, our Year 13 students have quite literally put down roots of their own. By planting trees in the surrounding grounds, they have created a living legacy that will grow long after they leave our school. These trees will offer shade, beauty, and shelter for future students, standing as a quiet reminder of those who came before them.

This act reflects the heart of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly our call to care for creation and to act as responsible stewards of God's gifts. In choosing to plant trees, our senior students have shown a commitment to sustainability, intergenerational responsibility, and the common good. It is a powerful symbol of hope: that small, thoughtful actions today can shape a more just and flourishing world tomorrow.

## Design and Technology News

The year 11 Food preparation and nutrition pupils had a really productive and successful couple of days in their food exams. Pupils prepped cooked and presented a marvellous array of delicious dishes, well done on your hard work.

### Year 7

The St Joseph year 7 award trophies are on their way to be completed. Students identified a characteristic which they would like to award somebody a trophy for, they then researched, designed, modelled and manufactured their products which will be ready to be awarded to their peers.











**D+T Club.**

This week on Makelt Monday we designed and made our first samples for our Lentern fundraiser. Next week we will continue to design and make some products to be sold, Please

look out for the full selection in the newsletter next week, with details on how to make your purchases.





## D+T Stars of the term

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*Well done to the Design and Technology stars this week*

*Aine Kelly and Jennina Reyes for their great work in DT club this week.*

*Dominik Tokarski for his engagement with Seneca Homework revision.*

*Thank you for your efforts in lessons and positive attitudes to your Learning. Keep up the good work.*

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## **Bikeability level 3 - Monday 9th March**

The following students are taking part in Bikeability level 3 on Monday 9th March. Please see class charts announcements or the teams group for full details.

### **Group A**

Danna Torok

Dawid Tershalla

Dominik Gora

jKevin Paczek

Wiktor Belniak

Olly Kosiba

### **Group B**

Wiktor Dambrowski

Ethan Rohan

Szymon Bogacz

Kaelan Geca

Patryk Gwozdz

Alan Wiewiora

## **Dates for your Diary!**

Monday 9th March- Yr 11 football vs Churchmead (H)

Monday 9th March- Yr 11 basketball vs LGS (A)

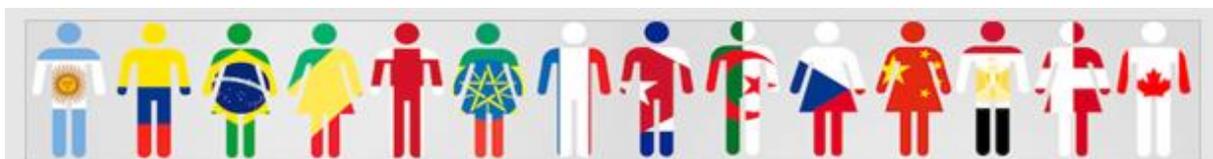
Thursday 12th March- Yr 7/8 girls powerleague football

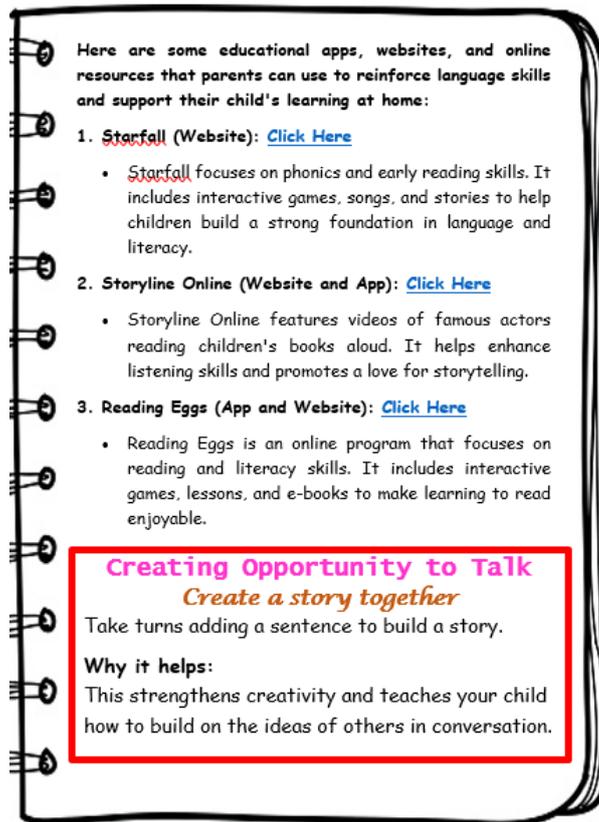
Thursday 12th March- Yr 10/11 GCSE Football match vs DPA

Friday 13th March- NFL fixture (A)

Monday 9th March - Bikeability

## **EAL**



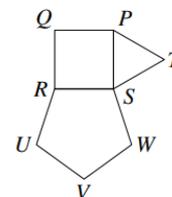


## I Can do Maths

### Solution to last Week's Puzzler



- E** The four angles at point  $S$  include an interior angle of each of an equilateral triangle, a square and a regular pentagon. These are  $60^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$  and  $108^\circ$  respectively. As the sum of the angles which meet at a point is  $360^\circ$ ,  $\angle TSW$  is  $(360 - (60 + 90 + 108))^\circ = 102^\circ$ . The equilateral triangle and the square have side  $PS$  in common and the square and the regular pentagon have side  $RS$  in common, so the triangle, square and pentagon have equal side-lengths. Therefore  $SW = ST$  and hence triangle  $SWT$  is isosceles. So  $\angle WTS = \angle TWS = \frac{1}{2}(180 - 102)^\circ = 39^\circ$ .



### Solution to the Break-time Teaser:

- B** There are 36 different equally likely possible outcomes  $(a, b)$  for the two dice. The number of these which involve only 1, 2, 4, 5 or 6 is  $5 \times 5 = 25$ . So there are just eleven involving a 3, one of which is  $(3, 3)$ . So the probability that both are 3, given that at least one is 3, is  $\frac{1}{11}$ .

## Puzzler of the week

A function machine does the four operations shown in order.



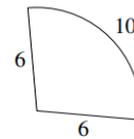
Iris inputs a positive integer and the output is also a positive integer.  
What is the smallest possible number which Iris could have input?

- A 9                      B 84                      C 102                      D 120                      E 129

## Break-Time Teaser

A sector of a circle has radius 6 and arc length 10, as shown.

What is the area of the sector?



- A 30                      B 36                      C 40                      D 60                      E 66

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

**Menu:** To see the dinner choices and price list please click [HERE](#)

| WEEKLY MENU                                  |   |  |  |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| St Josephs Catholic High School - Week Three |   |  |  |   |
| Monday                                       | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                  | Thursday                                   | Friday  |
| Beef Lasagne                                 | Pork Sausages served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy             | Volcano Chicken Pasta                      | Cottage Pie                                | Battered Fish served with Chips & a Lemon Wedge |
| Quorn & Vegetable Enchilada                  | Black Bean & Sweetcorn Nachos served with Sour Cream & Cheese | Quorn Meatball & Tomato Pasta Bake         | Vegetable Korma served with Rice           | Spinach, Tomato & Red Onion Pizza               |
| Vegetables & Freshly Prepared House Salad    | Vegetables & Freshly Prepared House Salad                     | Vegetables & Freshly Prepared House Salad  | Vegetables & Freshly Prepared House Salad  | Vegetables & Freshly Prepared House Salad       |
| Red Pesto Pasta                              | Hoi Sin Vegetable Noodles                                     | Pasta Bolognaise                           | Ham & Sweetcorn Pasta                      | -   |
| Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings   | Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings                    | Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings | Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings | -   |
| Syrup Sponge with Custard                    | Chocolate Brownie   | Blueberry Muffins                          | Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard          | Salted Caramel Banana Cake                      |

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

**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.**

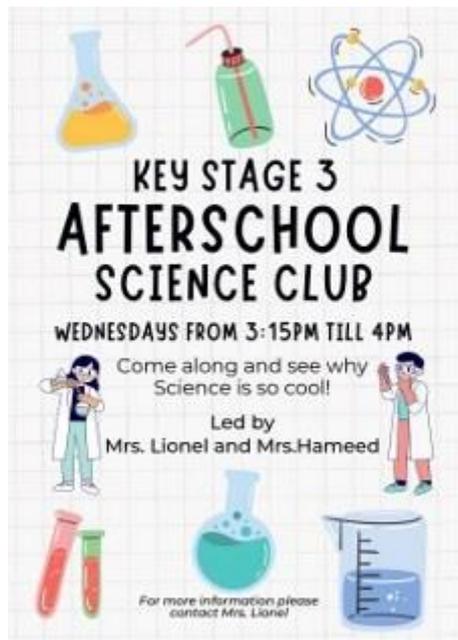
This week we are planning a bit of CAD/CAM



**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

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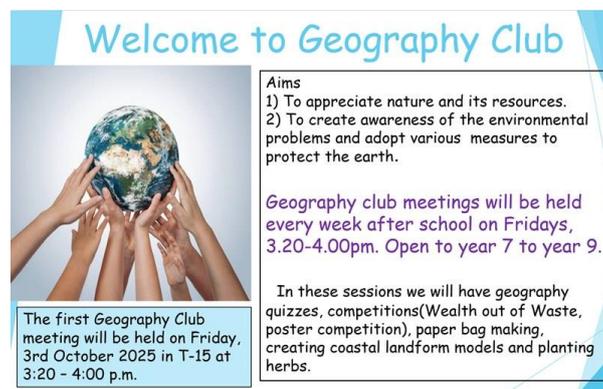
**KEY STAGE 3  
AFTERSCHOOL  
SCIENCE CLUB**

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 PAK.  
 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 (Nut-Free please.)  
 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/TAU? and "Enjoy Friendship"?

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

**HAPPY \*EASTER\***  
 FROME OSTERN VROLIJK PASËN GLAD PASK  
 GOZAN PASKON FELICES PASCUAS  
 WESOLEYCH ŚWIAT BUONA PASQUA  
 JOYEUSES PÂQUES PASCOA FELIZ

**MFL Club**  
 "To foster curiosity about different cultures."  
 "To allow communication with people in another language."  
 "To enhance cultural and linguistic understanding and create compassionate and tolerant students."

## 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<br><br>Football Year 7-13 boys FWA and THU<br><br>Volleyball/ Badminton Year 7-13 JRO<br><br>Fitness KBR Year 7-13<br><br>Dance Year 7-13 HST | Basketball Year 7-13 JCO<br><br>Fitness Year 7-13 THU | Fitness KBR Year 7-13<br><br>Badminton Year 7-13 AAN<br><br>Girls Football Year 7-13 MJO |                          |                           |

## Term Dates

### 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  |
| Inset Day            | Friday 18 <sup>th</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)                             |

# Term Dates

## 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)