



**Our Mission statement at St Joseph's encompasses our ethos and values:**

Inspired by Jesus, we grow closer to God through prayer and worship. We always do our best and show respect, love and care for everyone.



## Reading Stars



Well done to these lucky children whose tickets were drawn this week.

Reception— Millie  
Year 1— Max  
Year 2— Connie  
Year 3— Daisie  
Year 4— Max C  
Year 5— Dixie  
Year 6— Ellie

Well done to Frankie M from Year 4 who won the half-term book raffle—he chose a book from the book hamper—enjoy your book and keep reading.

Thank you to all the parents who have listened to and read with your children this week, you are making a huge difference in their lives—well done.

### 100% Attendance Winner

Well done to Jessica in Year who won the 100% Attendance Raffle.

Remember we start fresh every week so don't worry if you were sick this week—you could still be in with a chance if you are in every day next week.

Good Luck!



### Y5 Finch Farm

A group of pupils represented the school at Finch Farm on Wednesday, the teachers were delighted with their behaviour and attitude throughout the afternoon. Well done.

### Y4 Community Assembly

What a wonderful assembly today led by Year 4. So many wonderful parts to the assembly, it was lovely to hear about all the different communities the children were part of from football, martial arts, horse riding, gymnastics and not forgetting our church community of St Aidens & St Agnes and of course our special school community of St Josephs. Reminding us all that we are God's special gift and our importance in the world. Thank you Year 4.



### Gymnastics Display



The children have been receiving gymnastics lessons from the Beth Tweddle gymnastics company for the last 6 weeks. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these lessons and I have seen the children develop so much over the last 6 weeks. We were so lucky today to have a gymnastics display from the coaches who showed the children that if they continue working hard they can also achieve these impressive skills.

### Welcome Mr Birch

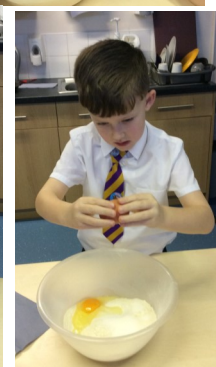


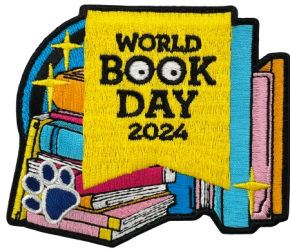
I am delighted to welcome Mr Birch to St Josephs who will be leading our PE lessons after half term.

## Ash Wednesday

As Ash Wednesday falls during half term this year we still wanted to make sure this special day was marked in school. All the classes learnt about the day and how as Christians we mark this special time in the church calendar.

Every class also made pancakes and discussed Shrove Tuesday. Talking to the children I think their favourite part was eating them! Please see class pages on the website for more photographs.





## World Book Day

One of my favourite times of the year is fast approaching; the children all know how much I love to read and a whole day dedicated to celebrating books is a dream for me. To help celebrate the importance of books and reading the children (and staff) can all dress up as a character from their favourite book on **Thursday 7th March**. Or your child can come in wearing pyjamas ready to curl up with a good book. We would also like the children to bring in their favourite book to share with their friends. The day will consist of a whole school assembly, prizes from the competition and fun activities in classrooms linked to books and reading.

## World Book Competition

### Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

We are asking the children to make a toilet roll character from their favourite book. This is a great chance for our creative children (and parents) to shine. If you looking for something to keep the children entertained during half term this could be just the activity needed. Below are some examples.



## Competition for Years 3,4, & 6

We are asking the children to make a book in a box. The children are to recreate their favourite story in a small box (no bigger than a shoebox please). Some examples below. Please do not send in entries until the week beginning 4th March and no later then 6th March. Hope you enjoy the art activity together—we had some amazing entries last year and I am excited to see this years creations.



## Attendance

Well done to **Year 5** who have won the attendance this week as they had fewer lates.


Remember attending school is so important, as is being on time.

Our school target is **97%**

Our overall school attendance for this week is 91.1%

Green met the target or exceeded, yellow just below, red is below and must be improved.

Please remember punctuality is as important as attendance please ensure your child is in school on time everyday.

R	95.3%
Y1	93.1%
Y2	77%
Y3	91%
Y4	89.3%
 Y5	96%
Y6	96%

## School Menu

This week the children will have a 3 choices. Option 1 will be a hot meal (see table below), option 2 will be a jacket potato and Option 3 will be sandwiches.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Meatballs Sub	All Day Break-fast	Tomato Pasta Bake	Roast Beef Dinner	Fish fingers and Chips

### Next week:

- Return to school Monday 19th February 8:40
- CLC session for years 3 and 4
- Shakespeare Schools Festival performance of Macbeth at Shakespeare North Playhouse

Keep Safe and God Bless

Ms McIlroy