

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Monthly News Bulletin

'You Are Precious In My Eyes'



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Friday 13th March 2026

"You are precious in My eyes."

This is our motto at St Joseph's and one we continually strive to live out each day, recognising that every child is special and unique. With 345 pupils currently on roll, we always do our very best to respond promptly to any queries. However, as you can imagine, school is a very busy place. Our upcoming Parents' Evening will be an important opportunity to help keep you informed about your child's learning and progress.

Parents' Evening will take place on **Wednesday 25th March**. Meetings will be held face-to-face with your child's class teacher. **Parents' Evening booking slots will be sent out next week for you to choose a convenient appointment time.** Parents' Evening will be held in the school hall, and you will also have the opportunity to visit classrooms to look through your child's books. We do hope you will attend, as this is a valuable chance to discuss how we can work together to support your child's learning and development.

Last week's **World Book Day celebrations and Poetry Challenge** were a huge success. These events encouraged children to explore books and stories and to learn poems by heart. Our SJPS Read Fest was fantastic, with children sharing stories throughout the day, showcasing amazing costumes, taking part in a book hunt and enjoying the "design your own book cover" activities. Photos from all the events can be found on our Facebook page. We hope these experiences inspire your child to read widely, wildly and with passion!

The poetry performances were outstanding, with classes reciting their poems confidently to a packed audience in the Sports and Arts Hall. Congratulations to our worthy winners in **Year 5/6 and Year 2A** — and well done to all staff too, who became very competitive! Thank you to the many parents who came along to support this special event.

Looking ahead, on **Monday 23rd at 9.00am** we will hold a special assembly featuring a **Guitar and Ukulele performance**. Parents of children who receive these lessons have been invited to attend.

We will then finish the term with several important events, including a **Toy Sale in aid of CAFOD**, our **Easter Raffle, Attendance Awards**, a **100% Attendance Treat**, and our **Easter Praise Performance led by Years 3 and 4** ✨

I hope to see you at parents' evening.

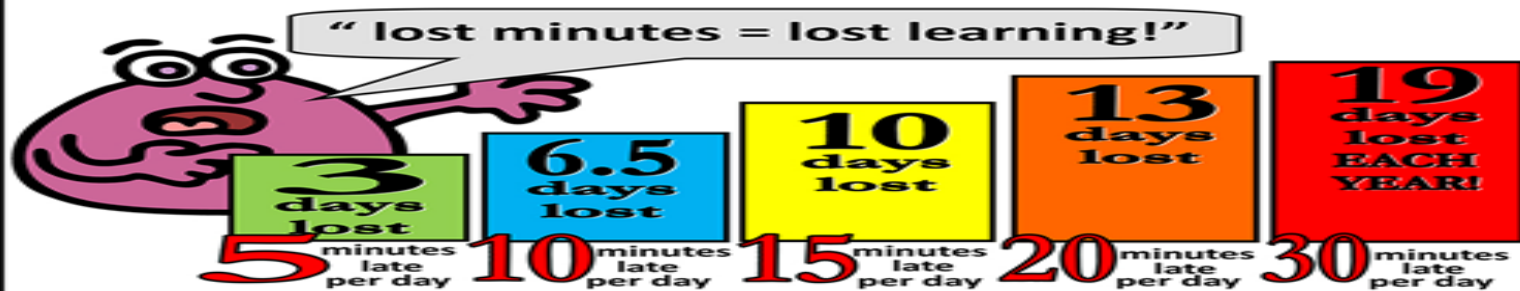
Have a joyful and peaceful Easter.

Term starts back on Monday 13th April 2026.

Mrs Monaghan



Punctuality means ...



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

PUNCTUALITY WEEK

Next week we will be focused on making sure children arrive on time at 8:45am for a positive start

Toy Sale
Thursday 26th March
9:30am-11:00am

Give



All money
will go to

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Sort out your old toys, games and teddies
to bring in from Monday 23rd March.

SPORTS NEWS

Well done to our
Gymnastics Team for
representing the school so
positively in their recent
competition.

Congratulations also to
our Year 3 and Year 4
Girls' Football Team, who
showed great teamwork
and determination to
achieve an excellent 3rd
place. We are very proud
of all the children who
took part and represented
our school so well.



Our school rules are very easy to follow and help to
keep our children, staff and school a safe and
happy place to learn and work

School Rules

- We listen to all adults
- We make it easy for everyone to learn
 - We are kind and polite to everyone
- We take care of property and keep the school tidy
- We move quietly and sensibly around school

Recycling



We are now recycling your bits
and bobs of tech i.e.: old wires,
plugs and phones and recycling
them at Currys Preston. Bring in
your unwanted wires and plugs to
help the environment and we will
take them to Currys for you!

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 11th, 18th and 25th March

Nursery Library Visits

Thursday 19th March

St Joseph's Day Celebrations with Mass at St Joseph's Church at 9.30am (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Reception Trip to *Imagine That*

Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th March

Children may bring toys into school for the Toy Sale

Monday 23rd March – 9.00am

Guitar and Ukulele Assembly

(Parents of children receiving lessons have been invited)

Tuesday 24th March – 2.30pm

Easter Praise Performance by Years 3 and 4

Wednesday 25th March

Parents' Evening (face-to-face appointments)

Thursday 26th March

Toy Sale for children (£2)

Friday 27th March

School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

Monday 13th April

School reopens for the Summer Term at 8.45am

