

NEWSLETTER

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."



Our Catholic Life

This Half Term we are being Curious & Active

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR - AN APPEAL TO ALL CATHOLIC PARENTS

Is there anyone willing join our strong Governor team as a Foundation Governor?

This is an excellent opportunity to be involved in the school on a strategic level. If you are interested, please either approach me personally or leave a message at the office and I will contact you to discuss.

Mrs Bury



We were so proud to receive cards and information telling us about the gift we had purchased to help people and their families overseas.

A SPECIAL GIFT FOR YOU

Access to clean water following a disaster has always been essential - to drink, wash and cook with. Now, when disasters strike on top of the coronavirus pandemic, emergency water support is even more crucial.

For example, the recent explosions in Beirut damaged over half the city. Thousands of people were left homeless and unable to access even basic necessities. But thanks to CAFOD's work with local experts - who were already on the ground - we were able to instantly support those made vulnerable, by providing help where it was needed most and distributing life-saving bottled water.

CAFOD responds to hundreds of emergency situations around the world, many of which never even make the news. This often includes distributing water to vulnerable families. This charity gift can help us reach people as soon as disasters strike and emergency situations arise. This gift can save lives.

Your gift will make a life-changing difference to a family in great need.

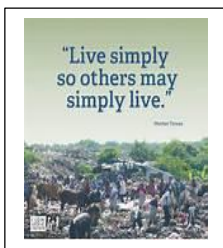
"Our local church aid workers are already reaching families with vital aid."

30 CAFOD's fundraising team

EMERGENCY WATER

When disasters strike, this essential charity gift can save lives. Following an emergency, when families lose everything, drinking water is hard to find. With this fast-acting charity gift, you can make an enormous difference to a family in urgent need, providing vital, clean drinking water, to keep them healthy and safe.

This wonderful gift has been bought on your behalf and will contribute directly to CAFOD's Emergency Fund.



Please look out for our messages and further information after half term about how we as a school continue to strive to work together to look after God's Wonderful world.

"For me, the most beautiful part of beekeeping is seeing the bees at work. Working with bees has helped me to see things differently and continue to move forward."

Carolina, El Salvador

Carolina is a young beekeeper in El Salvador. She is a single mother with a young daughter. She lives at home with her family.

Carolina and her uncle received funding for five beehives from CAFOD. Thanks to Carolina's hard work, they now have 20 hives, with plenty of honey to eat. Their aim is to continue to add hives, to produce more honey to eat, and to spread for their family.

Carolina told us: "We know that when honey is mixed with lemon it's good for sore throats. We are seeing all the good that eating honey does!"

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HAPPY QUEEN BEE

This beautiful charity gift can provide a happy queen bee for a busy hive. The queen attracts more bees to the hive, and more bees mean more delicious honey to eat and sell!

This wonderful gift has been bought on your behalf and will contribute directly to CAFOD's Animals and Farming Fund.

"I never buy any vegetables in the market because I am producing my own."

Amer Kot, South Sudan

Amer Kot, 55, and her family, live in South Sudan. Changeable weather makes growing crops hard as they can so easily be ruined by flooding or drought before they are ready to harvest. In the past Amer Kot had to forage for wild fruit and vegetables in the bush, risking snake bites and other dangers.

With CAFOD's support, Amer Kot has received fast-growing seeds and training on how to grow and preserve the vegetables. Now there is enough for her family to eat and extra to sell at the local market so she can earn an income.

She is very proud of what she is growing and is careful to preserve vegetable seeds from each harvest so she can grow them again next year. Next, she wants to learn how to grow a wider variety of vegetables to eat and sell and has already started trying to grow mangoes!

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VEGETABLE GARDEN

This charity gift for green-fingered gardeners can help a vulnerable family, facing difficult farming conditions, to plant and maintain their very own vegetable garden.

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WEDNESDAY WORD

Please follow the link below to access the Half Term Booklet for the Wednesday Word!

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=52.9>

DIARY DATES

Friday 11 th	Non Uniform Day – Dress to Express yourself - £1 Donation please for the 'Place2B' Mental Health Charity
Wednesday 16 th	8:40 WBA Tournament
Friday 18 th	End of Spring Term 1
Monday 28th	School Opens for Pupils – Spring Term 2
MARCH	
Thursday 3 rd	The Book Fair arrives
Thursday 10 th	Councillor Matthew Lamb to visit the school and talk to our School Parliament
Tuesday 22 nd	Nicholas Owen Feast Day – Extra play for Owen house
	6:00pm – First Reconciliation for Y3 Oak
Tuesday 29 th	6:00pm – First Reconciliation for Y3 Pear
April	
Thursday 7 th	Ralph Ashley Feast Day – Extra play for Ashley House
Friday 8 th	End of Spring Term 2
Monday 25th	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 26th	School Opens for Pupils – Summer Term 1
Saturday 30 th	11:00am – First Holy Communion Mass
MAY	
Monday 2nd	SCHOOL CLOSED – MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Sunday 8 th	Mass for FHC children followed by a tea and cake celebration in the school hall
Wednesday 18 th	Y4 Bikeability (Level 1)
Thursday 19 th	Y4 bikeability (Level 1)
Friday 27 th	3:15pm School Closes - End of Summer Term 1
JUNE	
Monday 6 th	Jubilee Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 7 th	School Opens for pupils – Summer Term 2 Due to the Jubilee Bank Holiday being during half term, schools were informed that they can plan in an extra holiday in term time. Our Governors have approved Monday 6 th June as our Jubilee Bank Holiday!
13 th – 15 th	Y6 Pioneer Residential Visit
JULY	To confirm that the last day of the Summer Term is THURSDAY 21st JULY 2022 not the Friday printed on term dates cards.
Wednesday 13 th	Henry Garnet Feast Day – Extra play for Garnet House

Reminder of the new proposed timings school day as from Tuesday 26th April 2022

Front Gate

Years 5 and 6 8.30am- **3.00pm**

Years 3 and 4 8.40am- **3.10pm**

Back Gate

Year 2 8:40am - **3:10pm**

Year 1 8:40am - **3:10pm**

Reception 8:50am – **3:20pm**

Please follow the link to complete the online survey:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hNNmIUvKUK1Lf85T5s6hZGVQvSL2JlMDSpM2wzWVtURTVKU0owQUYwTFVYVVFJDUVFMRTZYVVVJQy4u>

Deadline is the 16th February 12.00 midday.

Clothing Bank

Thank you for continuing to donate to the Clothing Bank! All donations help to make money to support our school.

Friends of St Joe's

Second-hand Bibles

Available!



For a small donation, we are offering old children's Bibles. These can be found in the school office.

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING TIMES

The school office is open from:

8:00am until 4:00pm Monday to Thursday

8:30am until 1:00pm Friday

Please note that as from this Friday 11th February 2022, the school office will close at 1:00pm.

Please ensure you have notified the school office of any changes to end of day collection by this time -Thank you
If you need to contact school on a Friday afternoon as an emergency, please call: 07719 108185



I would like to express my thanks for your understanding and support during two very challenging weeks here in school. We have managed to remain open and that is due to the commitment of the wonderful staff we have here at St Joseph's. The Continuity Plan will remain in place as I need to ensure that the safety of all is managed and that staff wellbeing is preserved. We are hopefully coming through it now. Please can you keep all staff in your prayers. Some have been very poorly and so recovery is key for them. They can only return when they are fully ready.

Please can you continue to support with testing your children and keeping them off if they show any symptoms. The guidance is very clear on this and if they do test positive, then test them on Day 5 and 6 of their isolation - if they are negative on both days then they can return to school - they must have two consecutive negative LFTs. As always, we will keep you up to date on developments as they occur.

Thank you again
Mrs Bury

Great news...The UK's best family magazine is now free to all parents & guardians- Enjoy!

Please click on the link below:

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What parents & carers need to know about ...

AMONG US

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Among Us is one of the most popular games of 2020. A space-themed 'social deduction game' where 4-10 players take on the guise of Crewmates, who must complete various tasks around their spaceship, while randomly selected Imposters must try their hardest to sabotage the others' efforts. The Imposters have to remain undetected through rounds of voting to win. While Among Us is a largely safe game, it's still prudent to be aware of any potential risks young ones might encounter when playing.

Inappropriate chat



While Among Us can be enjoyed locally via wi-fi, it is commonly played online. Between rounds, players come together to discuss who they think the Imposter is with a text chat, and it's here where children will come into contact with others. There is a profanity filter on the game as standard, but it can very easily be disabled and (like any unmoderated chat groups) children can be exposed to inappropriate, sexual or explicit language.

In-game purchases



Among Us is currently available on both PC (via the gaming service Steam) and mobile devices. On the PC, the game costs a flat amount of £3.99 and has some in-game purchases, whereas the mobile version is free to play but contains adverts and in-game purchases. You can pay to remove the ads or purchase in-game cosmetic items. While these amounts are relatively low, there's still the possibility that young ones could accidentally spend lots of money on the game without realising it, as the process is complete in a couple of taps if a card is connected to your store account.

Risk of hacking



Among Us has been the target of hacking activity. Indeed, only recently the game's developer, InnerSloth, tweeted advice that users play private games or with people they trust, in response to hacking issues. As yet, there has been no breach in player accounts. However, if a big enough hack were to take place and player details were accessed, it could lead criminals to having access to credit card data and other personal credentials.

Use of external apps



Many players use external apps like Discord to voice chat with each other while they're playing. The problem with this is that it is unregulated by the game. Usually on Discord, players will only talk to other people they know in private chats, but a stranger could add a child on an external app, pretending to be interested in playing Among Us with them, when in reality they could be attempting to bully, groom or extort.

Mild violence

The art style of Among Us is cartoony but does contain some very mild violence. Imposters must kill off Crewmates one by one and can do this in a number of different ways. Some younger children might find this uncomfortable and could get scared or become upset when an Imposter is chasing them, or if they are the Imposter and are forced to kill. An age rating of PEGI 7 should help guide you in deciding if the game is appropriate or not.



Safety tips



Play with your children

Playing with your kids is one of the best ways to understand the game, and what makes it so popular. Among Us is free on mobile and is incredibly easy to pick up and play. It's also a great way to bond with your young ones - unless of course you're the Imposter or vote them out of the spaceship! You can do this by picking 'Local' on the main menu then 'Create Game'.

Use private lobbies

ENTER LOBBY



Among Us uses private lobbies to let players keep track of who they're gaming with. Using a uniquely generated code that can be given to friends prior to a game starting, it gives parents peace of mind knowing who their kids are playing with. To get a game code, simply select 'Host', choose the game settings, press 'Confirm', then send the six-digit code at the bottom of the screen to friends to invite them.

Deactivate credit cards



Having your credit card automatically paired with any online accounts that can be accessed by children is asking for trouble. A solution could be setting them up with their own account with no credit card attached. They can still ask you when they want to make a purchase, but it's totally up to you as and when that transaction happens.

Use an alias

By default, your name on Among Us is set to whatever name your device recognises you as. If this is your child's real name, you'll want to ensure they change it before hopping into a game. This is really easily done by clicking 'Online' on the main menu, then simply typing in a new name at the top of the screen.



Talk about the risks

It's a good idea to talk to your child about the risks associated with online gaming, especially when there are chat options and an ability to communicate with others. Try to maintain an open dialogue with your child: talk about their experiences of the game and who they're playing with. This will help you to stay on top of how they're feeling and ensure they know they can come to you if ever they feel upset or uncomfortable about anything they've experienced.



Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for five years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work - but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



Sources: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.innersloth.spacemafia>

School Vacancy....

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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'following Jesus in all we do'

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and promoting the welfare of our children, young people, staff and volunteers
and we all share this commitment

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR - One Permanent Post

5 hrs per week Term time only
Salary £ £2008.15 per annum

Required ASAP

The successful applicant must:

- Have experience of working in a school environment
- Be flexible and creative and have the commitment to provide first class childcare
- Have good organisational skills
- Be able to work under own initiative
- Work as part of a team
- Have the ability to promote good practice in a professional manner
- Awareness of strict hygiene procedures

Enquiries/Forms: Please contact the school office or visit school website:

<https://www.stjosephsworcester.co.uk>

Tel: 01905 452772

Email: office@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk

Closing Date for applications: Friday 4th March

Interviews week commencing: Monday 7th March

Only applications using the Catholic Education Service application form will be considered this can also be downloaded from our website.

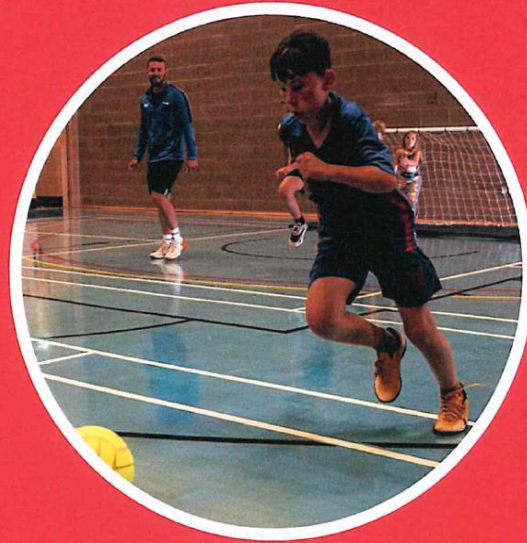
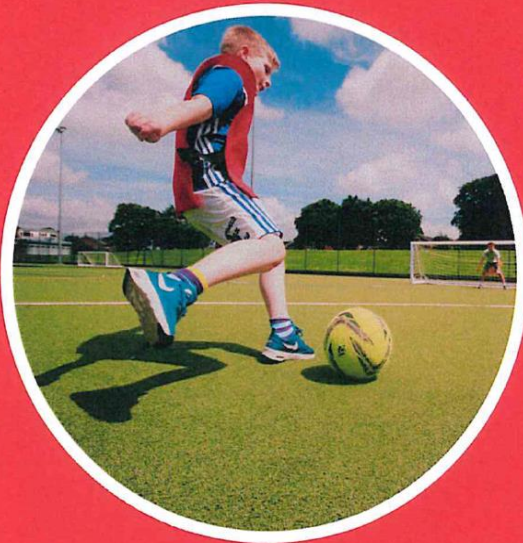
All successful candidates will be subject to relevant employment checks including an Enhanced DBS check and two references.

You will also be asked to complete a declaration to confirm that you are not disqualified under the Childcare(D) 2009 Regulations from working with children.

FOOTBALL FOR ALL

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MONDAY'S 5PM - 6PM FROM 28TH FEBRUARY FOR 6 WEEKS



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