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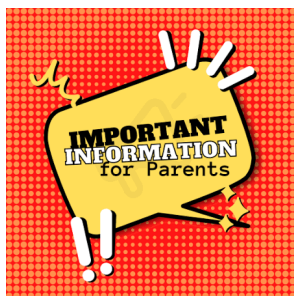
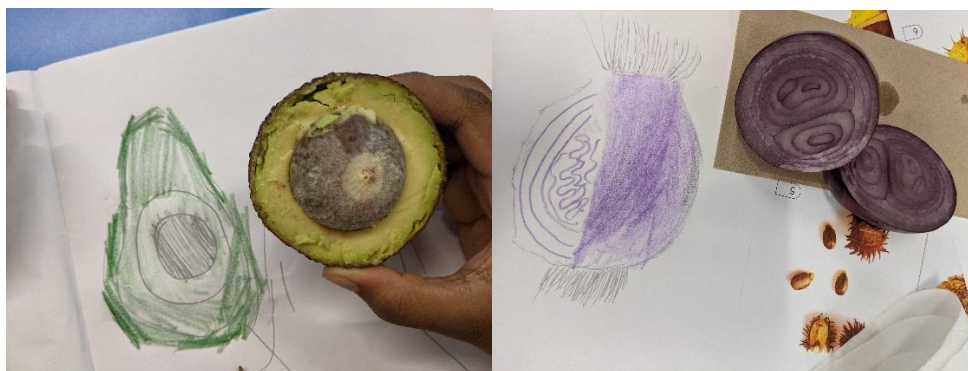
Newsletter 4 - Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

The children and staff at St Joseph's continue to amaze me every week with their passion, talent and determination to make St Joseph's the best place to be. This week Mrs Akinyemi has worked individually with every St Francis child carrying out the Reception baseline assessment. St Thomas class delivered their first class worship to the school and parents on their Catholic Social Teaching strand of participation.



St Catherine's welcomed the new head of Grays Convent, Mr Bull, to talk about secondary transition on Monday and he joined us for a celebration of the word and complimented all the children on their impeccable behaviour and reverence. St Teresa class have been practicing their drawing skills looking at roots and seeds.



- Thank you to all the parents who joined me for Headteacher coffee afternoon on Monday.
- Thank you to all the parents who joined the Year 5 class assembly on Wednesday.
- **Parents are invited to join their child for their Reading and Maths lesson on Wednesday morning between 9:00-10:00am.**
- **Parents are invited to join us for the Year 4 class assembly on Wednesday 30th September at 2:30pm for a 2:40pm start.**
- **CHANGES TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY from MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER – SEE LETTER EMAILED HOME.**



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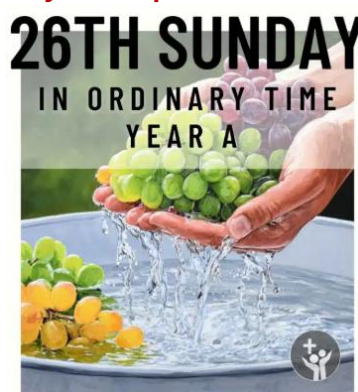
St Joseph's are currently in 18th position.

Please make sure you have registered your child's 'Beat the Street' game card. Please write their first name and year group on the card and ensure that they have their cards in school every day.

We will try to take the children out as often as possible so that they can walk the route from St Joseph's to Stanford-le-Hope Primary, to Mossbourne Portside and back again to gain their points.

Please use the tap station outside the playground gate each evening to tap their card also.

Sunday 27th September 2026 – 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Choice and Follow Through



The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A focuses on choice and follow through. The readings remind people that God pays attention to what we do, not just what we say. Ezekiel shows that people can change direction at any time. When someone turns away from wrong and chooses good, God welcomes that change. The psalm asks God for guidance and mercy along the way.

Jesus tells a story where one son changes his mind and does the work. The other agrees but never acts. This shows that real faith is shown by action. Paul points to Jesus as the model of humility and service. This Sunday calls people to live their faith with honesty, effort, and care for others.

Headteacher Weekly Angel Award

This special award celebrates children who show exceptional effort, resilience and kindness, while using their Learning Powers to overcome challenges, support others and be the very best version of themselves. They are role models who make a positive difference to our school community and inspire those around them.

Adiyan in St George's

Adiyan is the most polite cheerful boy every day. He always has a smile on his face and says hello and goodbye to me every time he sees an adult. He doesn't always find his learning the easiest but he is so enthusiastic in the class focus groups and really tries to listen and follow instructions. He has also always found eating at school difficult and the last two weeks he has been eating his pack lunch every day!



Catholic Social Teaching Awards

This week's Catholic Social Teaching focus is: **THE COMMON GOOD**. The Common Good means thinking about what is good for everyone, not just what is good for ourselves. Jesus teaches us to love our neighbour. That means we don't only ask: "What do I want?" We also ask: "What does somebody else need?" and: "How can I help?" The Common Good can be seen in lots of things we do at St Joseph's. It might be: inviting somebody to join our game; helping someone who is struggling; sharing equipment; looking after our environment; keeping our school tidy; making sure nobody is left out; supporting somebody who is upset; or using our talents to help others. Every little act of kindness contributes to the Common Good.

Class	Recipient	Reason
St Francis	Grace	She plays nicely with her friends and makes sure everyone is included.
St George	Harrison	He noticed when class members are upset and comforted or supported them as part of our class family.
St Patrick	Anaya	She is a caring member of the class and always willing to do anything to help others and enjoys helping the teacher in the classroom with small jobs.
St Teresa	Darcie	Darcie always follows the instructions and makes right choices.
St Stephen	Edith	She always has a smile on her face while she helps others and is always kind.
St Thomas	Courtney	For being tolerant towards everyone and helping others in their learning.
St Catherine	Amelie	For always trying to be a good role model for her Reception buddy



Learning Power Awards

This week's learning power has been: **MOTIVATION**

It means having the drive to get started, keep going and do our best. Sometimes we feel motivated because we really enjoy something. But real motivation is especially important when something is difficult. Imagine you are trying something and it doesn't work. You might think: "I can't do this." A motivated learner changes that thought to: "I can't do this... YET." That's a very important word: YET. Being motivated means: having a go; keeping going when something is tricky; trying a different way; learning from mistakes; encouraging ourselves and being proud of the effort we put in.

Class	Recipient	Reason
St Francis	Albie	For staying motivated to practise writing the letters in his name every day.
St George	Maya	For always putting full effort into her work and challenging herself in our focus groups, especially in writing.
St Patrick	Madeline	For giving that extra mile with her work and going above and beyond the expectations set for her. She always challenges herself.
St Teresa	Jed	For trying his best and challenging himself by showing resilience in his learning.
St Stephen	Morgan	For always trying her best and being a great role model to everyone.
St Thomas	Noah	For giving his very best all week and making me proud. Well done for being motivated to improve your handwriting.
St Catherine	Ayodeji	For always trying his best on Year 6 Sats booster and consistently working hard in lesson.



Attendance and Punctuality Awards

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
St Francis	95.53%	6
St George	94.33%	4
St Patrick	94.23%	1
St Teresa	96.53%	2
St Stephen	96.88%	3
St Thomas	97.84%	8
St Catherine	94.77%	3

Attendance and punctuality are key factors in helping our children to achieve the best they can. Attending school and arriving on time can make all the difference.

The national expectation for school attendance is 96%
This week's **Attendance Cup winners** are our **St Thomas** children for having the highest attendance with **97.84%**, with St Teresa and St Stephen following close behind with attendance over 96%.

This week's **Punctuality Cup winners** are **St Patrick** with 1 late.

Uniform

[St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - School Uniform](#)

Parish Links - Our Lady and St Joseph, Stanford-Le-Hope

Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor or perhaps someone looking for specific information, we hope that you enjoy finding out about the life of our parish [Welcome to our Church - Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church](#)
If you have just moved into the parish or have decided to join us at Mass on a regular basis, a very warm welcome awaits you.

Parish Mass – Sunday's 11am or 5:30pm

Weekdays – 9:15am

Wishing you a blessed and relaxing weekend with your families.

Mrs H Westrop

Headteacher



Key dates and events for parents and families. Please note that events marked "TBA" will be confirmed by the school. We aim to give parents as much notice as possible but cannot always guarantee that events will happen, or that times won't change. The dates list for the whole year has been emailed to you. The newsletter dates will have the most up-to-date information for the term.

Day	Time	Event
SEPTEMBER		
Mon 14 Sept	9:00am & 6:00pm	New Headteacher Parent Meeting
Mon 21 Sept	2:30pm	Headteacher Coffee Afternoon
Wed 23 Sept	2:30pm	Year 5 Class Assembly – CST: Participation
Wed 30 Sept	2:30pm	Year 4 Class Assembly – CST: Solidarity
Wed 30 Sept	9:00–10:00am	Connected Classrooms – Parent/Child English and Maths Lesson
OCTOBER		
Sat 3 Oct	8:30am	KS2 girls trip to Festival of the Girl
Tue 6 Oct	2:15pm	EYFS Phonics Workshop for Parents & Children
Tue 6 Oct	10.30am	Fire Work/safety Assembly for Children
Wed 7 Oct	3.30pm	Gift Team - Visit from the Bishop for Parents & Children
Fri 9 Oct	All day	Year 4 Charity Event & Whole School Wear Yellow Day – BCCS



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Tue 13 Oct	2:30pm	Year 3 Class Assembly – CST: Dignity
Fri 16 Oct	Time TBA	Harvest Festival – Paraliturgy
Tue 20 Oct	9.30am	EYFS and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks - Children
Wed 21 Oct	9.30am	Flu Immunisation – NHS Visit
Wed 21 Oct	2:30pm	Year 2 Class Assembly – CST: Common Good
Wed 21 Oct	3:30–6:00pm	Parents' Evening
Wed 22 Oct	9am	Individual Student Photographs
Thu 22 Oct	3:30–6:00pm	Parents' Evening
NOVEMBER		
Wed 4 Nov	2:15pm	EYFS & Year 1 Maths Workshop for Parents & Children
Thu 5 Nov	10am	Oral health visit year 1 & EYFS - Children
Thu 5 Nov	All day	Cultural Diversity Day
Fri 6 Nov	9.30am	New Reception Tours
Mon 9 Nov	9.30am	Height and Weight Year 6
Wed 11 Nov	2:30pm	Year 6 Class Assembly – CST: Stewardship
Wed 11 Nov	9:00–10:00am	Connected Classrooms – Parent/Child Maths Lesson
Fri 13 Nov	8:45am	Year 5 and 6 Into Film Festival Cinema Trip
Fri 13 Nov	2:30pm	Headteacher Coffee Afternoon
Mon 16 Nov	1pm	Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability
Tue 17 Nov	9.30am	New Reception Tours
Tue 17 Nov	1pm	Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability
Wed 18 Nov	8:45am	Year 3 and 4 Into Film Festival Cinema Trip
Wed 18 Nov	1pm	Year 6 Bikeability
Wed 18 Nov	2:30pm	Year 1 Class Assembly – CST: Peace
Thu 19 Nov	1pm	Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability
Wed 25 Nov	2:30pm	Reception Class Assembly – CST: Options for the Poor
DECEMBER		
Thu 3 Dec	9:00–11:00am	New Reception Tours
Wed 9 Dec	9.15am	Rocksteady Concert – Children & Parents
Th 10 Dec	All day	Yr2 Charity Event - Whole School Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children
Tue 15 Dec	AM / PM	Christmas Carol Concert – Years 5 & 6 (PM for Parents at Church)
Wed 16 Dec	AM / PM	EYFS & KS1 Nativity (PM for Parents)
Fri 18 Dec	Time TBA	End of Term Mass