St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Inspiring everyone to REACH through
Faith, Hope, and Love

Newsletter – Friday 27th November 2026

It has been a particularly special week at St Joseph's. All the children shone during the Ofsted inspection. Although we cannot say anything more until the final report is published in the next month, we were very happy with a fair and thorough inspection which we feel captured so much of what makes our school such a wonderful place. We were genuinely touched by the support (and chocolates) and some of the kind and appreciative comments shared with us. Although these were anonymous and not all comments were shared, it meant a great deal to hear how much our school community values what we do together.

Our Advent Retreat was another very special moment. As this was my first experience of this St Joseph's tradition, I was not quite sure what to expect, but I found it deeply moving. There was a real sense of spirituality, peace and reflection throughout the afternoon, and I was particularly struck by the maturity, compassion and thoughtfulness of our children. It was a beautiful reminder of the values that make our school community so special, and a privilege to share in it.

Known staff absences and changes over the next week

We will be assessing children using low stakes testing next week. Tests will occupy a minimal time and children will be supported according to need. This testing is an important part in helping us to understand their next steps in learning, and all we expect is that children do their best. There is no need for children to be worried. Mrs Guoite will be out on Tuesday morning and her class will be taught by Mrs Barron. Mrs Barron will also cover Years 3 and 5 for parts of Thursday morning to enable Miss Drury and Mrs Carr to complete training. Please support your child if these changes affect them.

Year 5 Residential Meeting

There will be a meeting at 3.30pm on Thursday in Year 6 classroom to discuss next year's residential. Any parents who wish can attend. Year 5 children and siblings will be supported in the Year 3 classroom.

Attendance

This week, our children have attended **857 full sessions** of school this week. Every one of those sessions matters. We thank you for all your efforts to get your children to school - it is always a pleasure to see them.

As highlighted last week, Gloucestershire County Council has launched its **SEND Survey 2027**, giving families an important opportunity to help shape future services. At St Joseph's, we are committed to supporting every child and working with families and other partners to ensure that children receive the help they need. We encourage all families to have their say by completing the survey using the QR code to the right. Your views and experiences can help make a real difference to SEND provision across Gloucestershire.

Christmas at St Joseph's As mentioned last week, preparations for Christmas are well underway, with children busy rehearsing for our Nativity Production, led by Reception and Year 2, and our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert. Our PTA are also working hard behind the scenes to make Christmas a memorable time for everyone.

Forest Green Rovers we would like to thank our neighbours at FGR for the invite to Saturday's match. Over 40 people have signed up, so we should be able to make some noise for school and club. Tickets can be collected from the ciommunity hub on matchday.

St Joseph's WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			Year 5 10am Mass Whole School Production Rehearsals	Whole School Production Rehearsals

CLUBS

DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL YEARS 1 AND 2	AFTER SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5, 6	MUSIC LESSONS
MONDAY	D&D/Warhammer Painting	Cookery (Year 1)	Learning for Peace	Drums
TUESDAY	Boardgames	Kids with Bricks	With the Ball	Piano
WEDNESDAY	Choir	Stop Motion	Cross Country	Violin
THURSDAY	Football and Reading Club			Guitar
FRIDAY	Football or Disco			

PE Kit Days

Wear your PE kit on the days shown below.
On other days, wear your school uniform.

YEAR GROUP	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 6	PE KIT	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
YEAR 5	PE KIT	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
YEAR 4	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
YEAR 3	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
YEAR 2	UNIFORM	PE KIT	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
YEAR 1	UNIFORM	PE KIT	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
RECEPTION	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT	UNIFORM	PE KIT



After school choir club

On Monday 21st December at 6pm there will be a Carols and Christingle Service at St Bartholomew's Church in Nympsfield followed by refreshments and fun in the village hall, organised by the Rose and Crown Team. This is a lovely time of celebrating together and it has always been something that the two churches do together with the village. This year we are inviting any children from St Joseph's who enjoy singing to be part of a choir. The songs will be known, because they are also being sung at the St Joseph's school carol service.

Children who would like to sing for this special event are asked to come to an After School Choir Club on Tuesday 1st December and Tuesday 8th December 3.30-4.15pm at school when there will be a chance to meet Revd Juliet and her colleagues, to sing together, and decide which songs to sing on 21st December. Please email or speak to the Admin Team to sign your child/ren up for this special club.