



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and happy Easter to you all! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. We are loving seeing the new polo shirts worn by some children already – they do look smart and hopefully you feel that they are good quality and are more practical for any hot weather.

This summer term is a long one and a very busy one. Please make sure that you keep up to date with everything by reading the newsletter weekly. We will share important dates with you as early as we can.

There are lots of exciting school trips coming up this term. These greatly enhance your child's learning by providing opportunities to engage with their learning in a more practical and memorable way. Although contributions towards these trips are voluntary, school budgets are currently very tight, as I'm sure you will appreciate. If we do not receive at least 85% of the total cost, we may unfortunately have to cancel the trip. We kindly ask that all contributions are made by the stated deadline to help us plan effectively and ensure that these experiences can go ahead. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Poulter



A huge well done to all the amazing children who got creative and built their own reading dens for our March Reading Challenge!

We loved seeing all your cosy, imaginative spaces — the photos were fantastic! 🥰

Everyone who took part was entered into our book raffle, and we're excited to announce our lucky winners... Cara S, Leo W, Lucas, and Sadie.

Congratulations! Enjoy your new books and keep on reading! 📖



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SPORTS NEWS

On Tuesday, two Year 6 teams took part in a Bee Netball tournament at Shenfield High School. Bee Netball is a 5-a-side mixed format with rolling substitutions, where players rotate positions every five minutes to develop all-round skills.

In a seven-team round robin, our Red team showed great determination, finishing with one win, one draw and four losses.

Our Green team had an excellent tournament, winning five games in a row to reach the final against St Peter's. After a closely contested match, they narrowly lost 4–3, securing a well-deserved silver medal.

Squad members: Alex, Ava, Charlie, Claudia, Evan, Harry, Jeamina, John, Sienna, Sofia B, Solly, Sophia S, Sophie Ca and Sophie Co.



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Certificates of Achievement were awarded to the following children this week, well done to you all.

Class R: Connie and Thomas
Class 1: Elizabeth and Leila
Class 2: Archie, Evie and Megan
Class 3: Bertie and Roman
Class 4: Lyrae and Poppy S
Class 5: Harriet and Oliver
Class 6: Claudia and Leja



HOUSE CUP – Lourdes (yellow) House won the cup this week – Well done!

Congratulations to **Azai** and **Iris** on earning your pen licence! Well done!

April Reading Challenge: Explore the Real World!

Choose a non-fiction book and discover something new

Dinosaurs, space, volcanoes, inventions, animals, anything that sparks your curiosity.   

TOY DONATIONS NEEDED

We are developing resources to support children's **joint attention skills** and would greatly appreciate donations of small toys that use **light, sound or movement**.

We are looking for items such as: light-up toys, sound toys (eg. roaring dinosaurs or talking characters), small instruments (drums or rain sticks), sound-making puppets, jack-in-the-box toys, jiggle balls, spinning tops and moving toys (wind-up toys, pull-back vehicles, remote control cars, Magic Trax cars).

As these resources will be stored in small containers, **donated items will need to fit inside a 7-litre container (maximum size approx. 30cm x 18cm x 13cm).**

If you can help, please send items into school or leave them at the school office. Thank you for your support!



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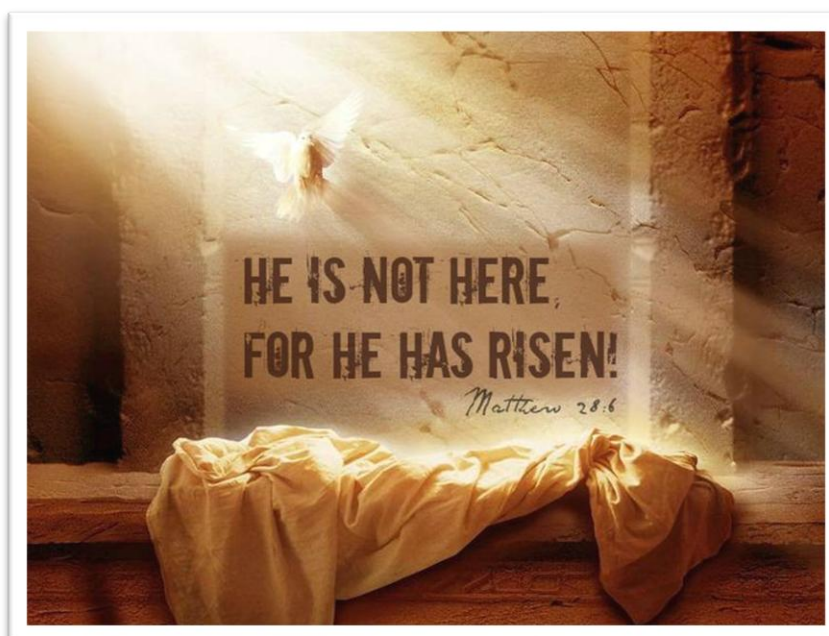
Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for children's learning, development, and future success. Being in school every day helps children build strong academic foundations, develop routines, and maintain positive relationships with teachers and peers. Attendance below 90% can have a serious impact, as it means a child is missing a significant amount of learning time, which can lead to gaps in knowledge, lower confidence, and reduced progress. Consistent attendance helps ensure children reach their full potential and develop habits that support success later in life.

We understand that parents are often faced with the difficult dilemma of whether or not to send their child into school. This useful link on the NHS website may be of help.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

And finally...



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Week Commencing Monday 20th April 2026:

Monday 20th April 2026	
Class 4 and 6	PE
Enrolled Students	Piano Lessons
Enrolled Students	Choir
Tuesday 21st April 2026	
Year 6	SATS Class – 8.30
Class 5 and 6	Netball – 8am – Junior Playground
Class R, 1, 3, 4 and 5	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar lesson
Selected Students	Netball Rally
Wednesday 22nd April 2026	
Year 6	SATS Class – 8.30
Class 3 and 6	PE
Enrolled Students	Drumming Lessons
Class 5 Parents	Danbury Residential Meeting – 3.45pm school office
Thursday 23rd April 2026	
Class 3 and 4	Winter Games
Class R, 1, and 2	PE
Class 4	Swimming
Enrolled Students	Drumming lessons
Friday 24th April 2026	
Class 5 and 6	Football – 8am – Field (Please check school website for cancelation)
Class 5	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar Lessons



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