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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Feast of Corpus Christi.

Thought of the Week

This week, we have been learning about the feast of Corpus Christi. On the Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of the Lord, we are reminded of the gift Jesus gave us of himself in the Eucharist.

It is a celebration of Jesus being present with us today and every day.

First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion took place over the half-term holidays. I would like to congratulate all the children who made their First Holy Communion.

Thank you to everyone for participating in such a lovely, prayerful and peaceful service. The children were amazing and I hope that you all had a lovely day. I know this is another milestone in your child's faith development and I trust that the journey in faith will continue as a family together for many years.





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Spotlight on Collective Worship

Prayer and liturgy are central to everything we do here at St Joseph's. Acts of Worship take place at any time during the day. It may take the form of a single Act of Worship with the whole school community or separate Acts of Worship in Key Stages/classes. When we gather for Collective Worship, we focus on the Word of God, use symbols and rituals and open our hearts and minds to God's presence.

Collective Worship in our school is an integral part of our ethos and aims, as Christian values permeate all aspects of school life and all relationships. It is a way of deepening our relationship with God together and individually. Through the many different forms of worship, we grow in spiritual, moral and liturgical understanding. We allow ourselves to grow in understanding of our living faith and develop a sense of wonder and inspiration in the person of Christ. It is through Collective Worship that we learn the skills of prayer and reflection. This is a very important aspect of life at St Joseph's.

This week, the children have been busy leading the following Collective Worship in class.

Year Group	Collective Worship
Foundation 1	Class Liturgy: Thanking God for our food.
Foundation 2	Key Stage Liturgy: Taking time to wonder - God is love.
Year 1	Meditation: Contemplating being a disciple of Christ.
Year 2	Meditation: Growing our faith - Corpus Christi.
Year 3	Meditation: Reflecting on our First Holy Communions.
Year 4	Class Liturgy: Enrichment - St Peter & St Paul.
Year 5	Class Liturgy: Responding by being Caritas Ambassadors.
Year 6	Class Liturgy: Gospel Corpus Christi & Spontaneous prayer.
Whole School	Our Year 6 Apostles led our Collective Worship on Monday, celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi.



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Spotlight on Religious Education

Our Religious Education aims to bring pupils closer to God through developing knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith.

Year Group	Topic
Foundation 1	Godly Play- The Good Samaritan Story. Learning how to be a good friend.
Foundation 2	The Church Family: Know that we call the Church the Family of God and that we can all belong to this family.
Year 1	Miracles performed by Jesus: To recognise ways in which Jesus shows love and respect to others.
Year 2	Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Pupils have an opportunity to know that the apostles realised that God could work through them.
Year 3	Being a Christian: Begin to understand what being a Christian involves.
Year 4	The Church: Life & growth of the first Christian communities
Year 5	Life in the Risen Jesus: To know Gospel accounts of key events in the life of Jesus.
Year 6	Pentecost, Corpus Christi: Have the opportunity to know and reflect on the calling to be a disciple



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Spotlight on Literacy

This week the children have been very busy during their literacy lessons. Here is a taster of what they have been learning about:

Year Group	
Foundation 1	m, a, s, d, n, sounds.
Foundation 2	Learning the sounds ay, ou, oo.
Year 1	Lost & Found- writing animal fact files.
Year 2	Rewriting the poem the Owl and the Pussy Cat.
Year 3	Writing Tanka Poems linked to their Science topic on plants.
Year 4	Writing explanations text using the story Varmints.
Year 5	Writing Character descriptions for Goodnight Mr Tom.
Year 6	Writing their own version of Rock, Paper, Scissors story.





Spotlight on Music

Music is a creative and inspiring subject which teaches children about rhythm, expression and confidence. Our pupils will explore music from different times, genres and cultures whilst developing a personal taste. Through singing, body percussion or musical instruments, they will hone their musical skills and creativity. This week's learning can be seen in the table below:

Year Group	Music
Foundation 1	Pupils have sung, listened and responded to a range of traditional nursery rhymes. They have used untuned percussion instruments to accompany songs. They have shown an awareness of the musical elements of pitch and pulse.
Foundation 2	Pupils have explored simple songs, including Big Bear Funk developing their understanding of high and low notes and simple rhythms. They have used the glockenspiels this term to learn notes C, D, E. They have copied rhythms and created simple repeated patterns/ riffs to some phrases from the song.
Year 1	Pupils have performed songs in unison and two parts developing their understanding of pulse, rhythm and melody. They have composed a class composition on glockenspiels using up to 5 notes for a song 'Your Imagination.' They have listened to and appraised a variety of music including pop and film genres.
Year 2	Pupils have learnt a variety of songs of different styles including a South African song, 'Music is All Around,' and Coronation song. They have developed their understanding of pitch, melody, rhythm and used tuned percussion 'Glockenspiel' for composing accompaniments. They learnt about the different sections of the orchestra and sung the Orchestral Song.
Year 3	Pupils have listened to and responded to a variety of musical genres including classical and pop music. They listened to Coronation music including 'Zadok the Priest'; and learnt a Coronation song. Pupils explored pop/disco genre through the song 'Bringing Us Together', learning up to five notes on glockenspiel for an accompaniment and recognising notation and rests
Year 4	Pupils have been singing songs for the school play. Pupils have been learning to play the d and g string on the violin.
Year 5	Pupils have been singing songs for the school play. Learning to play a chord on the violin.
Year 6	Pupils have been singing songs for the school play. Digital composing using 2Music Identifying and discussing the main elements of music: Pulse, Rhythm, Tempo, Pitch, Texture.



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Spotlight on Computing

We have an inspiring computing curriculum. Pupils are taught the principles of information and computation, how digital systems work, and how to put this knowledge to use through programming. Building on this knowledge and understanding, pupils are equipped to use information technology to create programs, systems and a range of content. Through the study of computing, children will be able to develop a wide range of fundamental skills, knowledge and understanding that will equip them to navigate the digital world safely.

Year Group	Computing
Foundation 1	Learning to sort shapes on the interactive boards.
Foundation 2	Learning to log onto a computer.
Year 1	Making digital animated story books.
Year 2	Creating pictures using 2Paint.
Year 3	Exploring simulations.



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Year 4	Creating and exploring animations.
Year 5	Creating concept maps.
Year 6	Budgeting and designing spreadsheets using 2Calculate.



Sports News

The Girls' Football team played Sacred Heart. Although they did not win, they played exceptionally well. The final score was 2-1. Good effort team!

South Oxhey Community Gala

I would like to say a special thank you to the children who attended the South Oxhey Community Gala on Saturday. Children from all six primary schools across South Oxhey and Carpenders Park participated – singing and playing ukuleles, trumpets and trombones. Many of the songs included Makaton Signing so the event was fully inclusive to all. South Oxhey Community Choir were present and sang a wide selection of songs, and this was followed by music from the Watford Accordion Band. It was a great day.





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Important Notices

New to Key Stage 1: Foundation 2 to Year 1 Transition Meeting for Parents

There will be a meeting for **Foundation 2 parents** on Monday 3rd July, at 2.30 p.m. to discuss our phonics scheme and Year 1 transition procedures. All Foundation 2 parents are welcome to attend.

New to Key Stage 2: Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting for Parents

There will be a meeting for **Year 2 parents** on Tuesday 4th July at 2.30p.m to discuss moving up from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2. All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend.

Year 1 Parents' Meeting



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There will be a meeting for **Year 1 parents** on Wednesday 5th July at 2.30p.m to discuss SATS and moving up from Year 1 to Year 2. All Year 1 parents are welcome to attend.

September 2023 Intake: New to Foundation 2 Parents' Meeting

There will be a meeting for our **new Foundation 2 parents** on Thursday 13th July at 9.45a.m. to discuss Foundation 2 transition procedures. All parents of children who have been accepted into Foundation 2 class are welcome to attend.



Bikes/Scooters

It is great to see so many children cycling to school. However, many children are cycling to school without wearing a helmet. Please ensure your child wears a helmet when cycling.



Attendance Award

This week, Year 4 have won the best attendance award. Well done, Year 4.

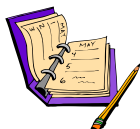
Corpus Christi Prayer

Jesus, Bread of Life,
feed our faith,
help us to share fairly,
to find joy in our differences,
and to love one another
as you have loved us.
Amen.



Have a great week.

Linda Payne
Headteacher



Diary Dates

June	
Thursday 29 th June	St Peter and St Paul Mass in church at 9.15a.m.
Tuesday 27 th June	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
July	
Monday 3 rd – 7 th July	Year 6 Trip to Wales
Monday 3 rd July	F1 new children and parents visits 1.30p.m.
Monday 3 rd July,	New to Year 1 Transition Meeting (All Foundation 2 parents are welcome to attend)
Tuesday 4 th July	Reserve date: Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Tuesday 4 th July	New to Key Stage 2: Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)
Wednesday 5 th July	New to Year 2 SATS & Transition Meeting (All Year 1 parents are welcome to attend)
Monday 10 th July	F1 new children and parents meeting 9.30a.m.



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Thursday 13 th July	Transition Day for all pupils Secondary School Transition day New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.45a.m. (Current F1 parents to attend).
Friday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass at 11.00.a.m. Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Monday 17 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 18 th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m KS2 parents are welcome to attend. Year 3,4,5 and 6 pupils must be back in school at 5.40pm
Wednesday 19th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass End of Term Year 6 lunch End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.