Shining in the Light of Christ to be the Best that we can be

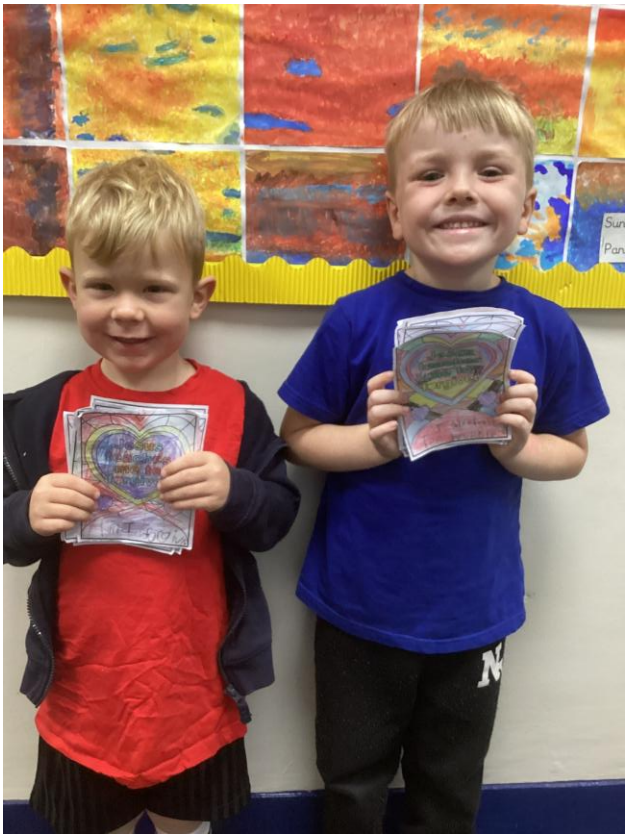
St. Joseph's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026





This week, we have been reflecting on our school SHINE value of HARMONY and thinking about how we can show forgiveness at St Joseph's:









At St Joseph's, we are dedicated to providing your children with the best possible education. Every single day of learning counts, and we are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support in this.

To help us protect vital classroom time, we kindly ask for your cooperation with two key areas that frequently disrupt learning:

1. Routine Medical and Dental Appointments

We understand that children need to see doctors, dentists, and opticians. However, we ask that all routine check-ups and follow-up appointments be made **outside of school hours** or during school holidays.

If an appointment during the school day is absolutely unavoidable (such as an emergency or a specialist hospital consultation), please:

- Bring your child into school before the appointment and/or return them immediately afterward so they only miss a minimum amount of lesson time.
- Provide the school office with an appointment card, letter, or text confirmation in advance so the absence can be officially authorised.

2. Protecting Fridays

We have noticed a growing trend of students missing school on Fridays. Whether it is due to an early weekend start, family travel, or general fatigue, missing the final day of the school week leaves gaps in your child's learning. Fridays include important learning and assessments that set the foundation for the following week. We also celebrate everyone in our SHINE Assembly.

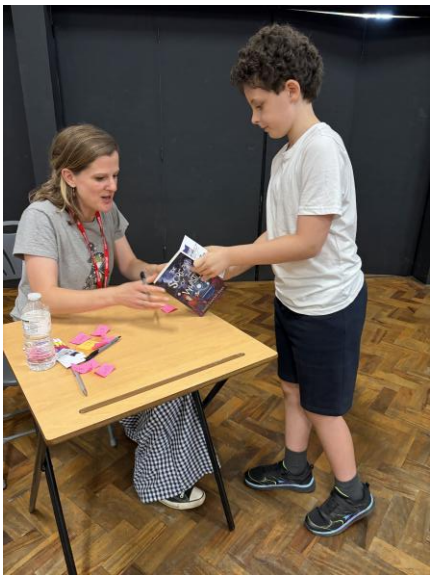
Please treat Friday exactly like any other school day. Unless your child is genuinely too unwell to attend, they belong in the classroom.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to build strong attendance habits and ensure your child reaches their full potential.

On Wednesday, Years 5 and 6 visited Devizes School to meet a local author Emily Randall-Jones. They took part in an inspirational workshop about writing and reading for pleasure and had the opportunity to meet the author and buy a signed copy of her book:











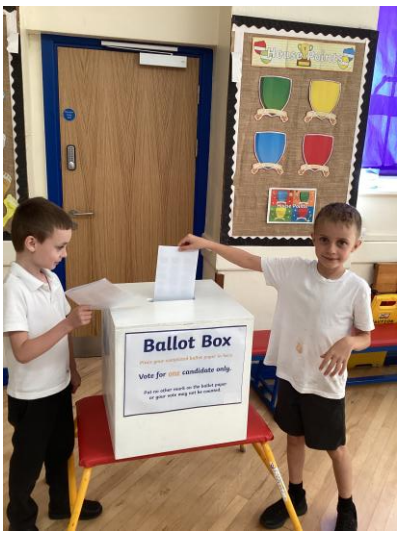

In order to mark the International Day of Democracy, we held a whole-school Election to elect our St Joseph's Headboy and Headgirl from Year 6. Each class came to the Polling Station and cast their votes:











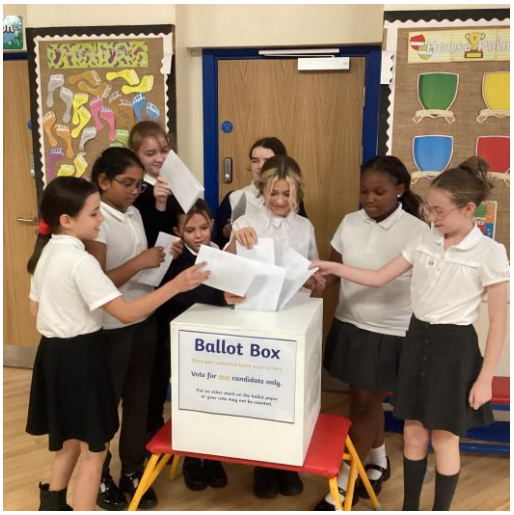






I was so proud of the Year Sixes who applied for the role: Charlie, Owen, Harry, Django, Freddie, Eli, Hunter, Jax, George, Casper, Spike, Starz, Kwame, Clara, Miley, Kupa, Emily, Frankie, Lucy, Chloe and Amira:







After the votes were counted, we were delighted to reveal the results:

Head Boy: Django

Head Girl: Amira

It was lovely to see that every candidate received votes, which is testimony to what a fantastic Year Six we have at St Joseph's!





Congratulations to our other Year Six Pupil Leaders



House	House Captain	Vice House Captains
St Bernadette	Charlie	Casper and Lucy
St Teresa	Frankie	Eli and Blu
St Francis	Thomas	Kwame and Owen
St Thomas	Miley	Baraa and Freddie



Our Pupil Librarians are: Kupa, Clara, Emily, Jax, Eli and Amira



Our Playground Buddies are: Sophia, Kupa, George, Freddie, Clara, Miley, Emily, Lucy , Chloe and Frankie





We love welcoming you into St Joseph's to see what your fabulous children are doing and be a part of their learning. These are the opportunities in each class this term:

Class	Activity	When and Where
Donaldson Class (Reception)	Autumn Creation Welly Walk	Friday 2nd October: 9:30am Meet in EYFS Classroom
Seacole Class (Year 1)	Teddy Bears' Picnic	Wednesday 23rd September 1:30pm-3pm Outside (weather permitting)
Brunel Class (Year 2)	What was School like in the Past?	Wednesday 30th September 1:30pm-3pm Year 2 Classroom
Earhart Class (Year 3)	Stone Age Afternoon	Friday 25th September 1:30pm-2:30pm Year 3 Classroom
Attenborough Class (Year 4)	Victorian Afternoon	Tuesday 29th September 1:30pm-3pm Year 4 Classroom
Peake Class (Year 5)	Viking Shield making	Tuesday 6th October 1:30pm-3pm School Hall
Pankhurst Class (Year 6)	Parliament Showcase	Wednesday 7th October 2pm-3pm School Hall
Whole Community	Fairtrade Fortnight Coffee Afternoon	2:30pm in the Hall
Whole Community	Family Mass	Sunday 27th September 11am in Church
Whole Community	Harvest Mass	Thursday 8th October 11am in Church
Whole Community	SHINE Showcase	Friday 16th October from 4pm

Pupils of the Week

Donaldson Class:

Riley for his incredible effort in Phonics to recognise the sounds, read new words and begin to form letters and write words independently

Millie for settling in so beautifully to our routines. She is a super mathematician and is learning her sounds brilliantly

Seacole Class:

Olivia for her determination to grow in independence and take ownership of her learning; SHINING so brightly already in Year 1!

Hugo for trying his very best and always being ready and keen to learn, especially in Sounds-Write with his magic finger!

Brunel Class:

Deneris for working so independently in her English work, producing fantastic, kinetic sentences on the class story

Serafina for sharing her incredible knowledge on the class Topic 'What were schools like in the past?'

Earhart Class:

Teddy for his fantastic attitude to school and trying his best in all aspects of his learning

Tyra for her fantastic 'Sticky Knowledge' recall in History lessons

Attenborough Class:

Beau for her contributions in Maths and English this week- she has been a fabulous role model showing resilience, a Never Give Up attitude and true SHINING values

Jaime-Leigh for her hard work this week and for her super contribution as a Presenter for the 'Fantastic Mr Fox' Podcast

Peake Class:

All of Peake Class for being wonderful ambassadors at the Literacy Festival; asking interesting questions and coming up with great ideas

Leo for becoming a more organised and proactive learner. A great start to Year 5!

Fedora for being a total delight to have in Peake Class. She always tries her best, wants to have a go at all the learning and is willing to help others

Pankhurst Class:

All of Pankhurst Class for their amazing behaviour at Devizes School-they were incredible ambassadors!

Amira for her thoughtful interpretation of Genesis II and the Creation Story

Harry for his fantastic writing as 'Justice Strauss' in English this week- it was really well thought out and full of great vocabulary



This week's Class Attendance:

Class	Attendance this week	Treat won?
Donaldson	90%	NO
Seacole	95%	NO
Brunel	93%	NO
Earhart	88.2%	NO
Attenborough	90%	NO
Peake	96%	NO
Pankhurst	96%	NO





Congratulations to all the pupils with 100% attendance this week who were entered into our weekly '100% Club Prize Draw'

Last week's Winner was:

Class	100% club
Donaldson	Emilia, Enzo, Reneah, Archie, Winter-Violet, Aidan, Macey, Lily M, Nova, Louis, Otto, Matilda, Clementine, Tabitha, Grayson, Eva , Riley
Seacole	Hugo, Elijah D, Action, Denny, Elijah M, Logan, Olivia, Viviana, Enzo, Dougie, Maddison, Charlie
Brunel	Joey, Jackson, Caryse, Florence, Isabelle, Scarlett, Lily-Rose, Frankie, Darcie-Lou, , McAlex, Billy, Deneris, Khloe, Kolbie, Penny R, Celia, Jack-Daniel, , Theo Sm, Felicity, Harley
Earhart	Tyra, Harmon, Arthur, Tayler, Francesca, Alfie, Theo, Freddy, Thomas, Delia, Blu, Sofia, Marshall, Rose, Alloise,
Attenborough	Beau, Kudi, Shae, Joshua, Penny, Hunter, Victoria, Megan, Dan, Jood, Toby, Harry, Leah, Mia, Jaime-Leigh
Peake	Laura, Xaia, Freya, Violet, Hunter, Caiden, Eris, Matilda, Neo, Evie, Leo, Fedora, Lucy, Imogen, Ivy-May, Margot, Wojtek, Evelyn
Pankhurst	Spike, Charlie, Django, Kwame, Starz, Hunter, Chloe, Clara, Harry, Sophia, Owen, Eli, Lucy, Miley, Freddie, Amira, Oliver, Baraa, Kupa, Emily, Thomas, Frankie, Jax, Blu