

Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome back after the half term break! We have much more daylight and slightly warmer weather, so spring is in the air!

This is a five-week half term, with lots of events packed in! Next Thursday is **World Book Day**. We have activities planned in school, and children are allowed to dress up as book characters. Our only request is that they are book characters and not film or sports related - the aim of the day is to share reading and books through our costumes and other activities to promote the joy of literature.

We also have **Science week** coming up - the children will do a slightly different Science lesson to usual, doing an experiment that makes them ask questions and stretch their curiosity! We can't wait.

Even more importantly, we are just over a week into **Lent**, a time to pause and reflect, in solidarity with Jesus as he spent 40 days in the desert preparing for his ministry, death, and resurrection.

We are called to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we get ready for Easter. As such, we are running 'Fundraising Fridays', with one school house being responsible each week for the event and where the money goes; the children take on the leadership of this and we are excited to communicate more about this soon!

As ever, if we can support your family in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

God bless

Sam Crome



## IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Thursday 5th March  
World Book Day!

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Fundraising Friday - Fitzalan

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Fri 15<sup>th</sup>  
Science Week

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Fundraising Friday - Howard

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Fundraising Friday - Arundel

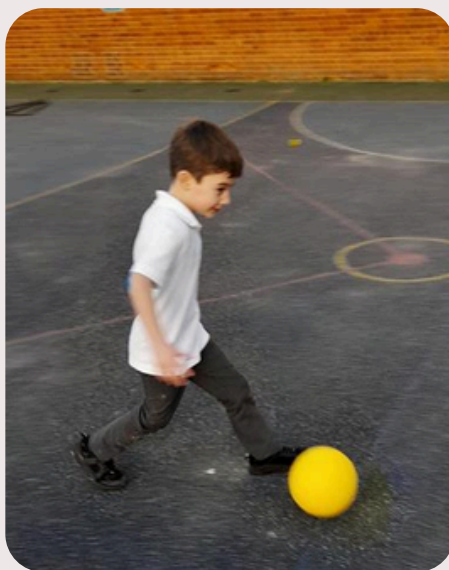
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## YMCA WRAPAROUND CARE UPDATE!

The children at Y-Kids have been having a fantastic time after school, especially with the lovely weather we've enjoyed recently! From outdoor games, sports to creative activities in the sunshine, it's been wonderful to see everyone playing together and making the most of the brighter days. Get in touch if you'd like to enquire any time: [Children@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk](mailto:Children@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk) 01737784977



## WORLD BOOK DAY - DRESS UP REMINDER



As usual we are celebrating World Book Day this year! Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character, and bring a copy of the book with them so that they can tell other children about that book. Our aim is to inspire children to read and find new stories by sharing and discussing!

If you are having trouble finding or making a costume, please contact your class teacher and we will support.

## WBD - TOKENS AND COMPETITION



The children got their 'World Book Day £1 Token' before half term- this entitles them to one free World Book Day book or £1 off any other book in participating booksellers.

There is also an external competition running for the 'National Year of Reading' to design a book token, please check your emails for this. Entries to be back in school by Tuesday 3rd March, so perhaps an activity to do this weekend!

## FOSJ - £20.26 FOR 2026 UPDATE!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the £20.26 for 2026 fundraiser. You and FOSJ raised £2,555.01 for the school! We are so delighted and overwhelmed by this total.

We have some specific plans for the money that we will reveal very soon, as we look to improve some areas of our school site and resources. But for now, please accept our gratitude - what a brilliant community we have at St Joseph's!



**MAKE £20.26 FOR 2026**

WE HAVE RAISED

**£2,555.01**

Thank you for all the incredible different ideas and fundraising activities. A huge thank you to all our parents, families and friends for your amazing generosity and support. Every donation, every event and every effort has helped make this fundraiser such a success.

The funds raised will go towards improving the school and adding valuable resources to support our children's learning and experiences.

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## EQUIPMENT / STATIONERY FOR YEARS 3-6



We are having to lend out an increasing amount of stationery and equipment at Key Stage Two. A reminder that Years 3-6 need to bring in:

- A handwriting pen
- A pencil, and colouring pencils
- A rubber
- Glue stick
- A ruler (30cm for Year 6, please)

Please do not allow children to bring in tippex or blue tac, and we'd appreciate it if pencil case accessories could be reduced, as they often cause distraction in class. Thank you!

## PANATHALON PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS!



Children from Years 3 and 5 represented our school brilliantly at the Active Surrey Panathlon event this week. From the moment they arrived, their enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination shone through. They threw themselves into every activity with huge smiles, encouraging one another and celebrating each success along the way.

We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude and energy they brought to the event, where they placed as first runners up! Well done all!