

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a wonderful and busy week at St Joseph's.

We celebrated dance at the school with Strictly St Joseph's, which was quite the event. All the classes did an incredible job, ably supported by their teachers and teaching assistants, hosted by Miss Devlin, and judged by Mr Crome and Mrs Cook.

A big congratulations to Year 4 and Year 6 who were joint winners! You can see them perform their dances at the Summer Fair on the 20th June!

Year 1 had a lovely trip in the sun to Leeds Castle, and Year 4 went to Pizza Express to make pizza.

Most importantly, on Thursday we celebrated the feast day of St Joseph, our patron. St Joseph is a wonderful role model of humility, kindness, and duty, and we were delighted to honour this by attending mass at St Joseph's church. Thank you to Fr Ian for making us welcome.

Finally, the week is being finished in style courtesy of the *Friends of St Joseph's*, who hired an ice cream van and treated every child and staff member at the school. Thank you so much.

We have one week left and hope to see you at your child's Easter liturgies. These are fairly short, and not big productions like our nativities, but we hope you enjoy reflecting on the story of Easter with the children.

God bless

Sam Crome



IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Friday 20th March
Fundraising Friday - Arundel

Mon 23rd-Thurs 26th
Easter liturgies - see page 2

Friday 27th March
Fundraising Friday - Norfolk

Friday 27th March
End of term 1.30pm

Tues 14th and Wed 15th April
Parents' Evenings

Further ahead:
Sports Day:
12th June 2026
Summer Fair:
20th June 2026

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URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT WRAPAROUND CARE

Parents at St Joseph's campaigned for years to bring wraparound care to the school, and we were lucky to find YMCA, who support us despite low pupil numbers comparatively. However, I am sad to say that wraparound care at the school may not be viable next year if their numbers do not increase in the summer term.

A reminder that it is open to all age groups, and that the children really enjoy their time with YMCA, especially now that it is warm and they can do more activities outside. We are really keen to help them increase numbers and continue to offer this essential service to the school; please support them if you can.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - EASTER LITURGIES

Easter Liturgies for parents to watch

Please arrive promptly to watch your children's liturgies next week. They are fairly short but very sweet!

Mon 23rd March 2.45 Year 2
Tuesday 24th 9.15 Year 4
Tuesday 24th 2.45 Year 1
Wednesday 25th 9.15 Year 3
Thursday 26th 9.15 Year R
Thursday 26th 2.00 Years 5 and 6

And a reminder that we **finish at 1.30pm on Friday 27th March** for our Easter break, and return to school on Monday 13th April!

KS2 SWIMMING LESSONS SUMMER TERM

Children in Years 3-6 usually do swimming lessons in the summer term, and we are keen to carry on with this. However, due to complications with the Priory's swimming pool, we haven't got a firm plan yet for after Easter.

Please bear with us - we are trying to find a cost effective option that also works with school timetable. Updates to follow.



LENTEN FUNDRAISING FRIDAYS - UPDATE

Last week many children entered our eco competition for the fundraising Friday. We had some super entries and raised an amazing amount of money again, this time for the World Wide Fund.

Today is pyjama day (thank you for making this possible!) and next week is crazy hair day!



MORE Y5&6 TAG RUGBY SUCCESS



A huge well-done to our Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby team, who represented St Joseph's with incredible skill and spirit at the recent tournament! The competition was fierce, and our players rose to the challenge in every single game. After a series of nail-biting matches, St Joseph's finished in an impressive 4th place. The standard of play this year was exceptionally high, with only a few points separating the top four teams in the final standings. We are incredibly proud of how our children represented the school.

BOOK FAIR MONDAY 23RD - THURS 26TH

We're thrilled to announce that our Book Fair is coming to the school hall from **Monday 23rd March to Thursday 26th March, open each day 3:15-4:00pm.**

Parents and carers are warmly invited to pop in after school to browse the fantastic range of books with their children. Payment can be made quickly and easily using the QR code available at the fair. You can also use the QR on the poster to buy books from home, using our code: RH4 3JA

Come along, discover some brilliant reads, and help us share the joy of books across our school.



LEEDS CASTLE TRIP - YEAR 1

Year 1 had a brilliant time at Leeds Castle on Wednesday, enjoying some much needed sunshine.

They had a tour of the castle and met some exciting birds of prey. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteer for helping the day be such a success!



PIZZA EXPRESS - YEAR 4



Year 4 had a lovely morning at Pizza Express, where they enjoyed learning all about the history of pizza, the importance of cooking hygiene, and how to make their own margherita pizza. The children showed great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the visit. We had a wonderful morning, and Year 4 should be very proud of their behaviour—they were fantastic role models and truly demonstrated the values of our school.

STRICTLY ST JOSEPH'S... JOINT WINNERS!

To mark the end of our unit in PE and Dance this half term, every class performed a dance in front of the school, and judges Mr Crome and Mrs Cook!

The standard was excellent - so much so that it was hard to choose a winner. But a big well done to Years 4 & 6 for their winning dances!

