

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School: Newsletter 24.11.23

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Vision
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Values
Hope Thankfulness Collaboration Compassion Friendship Resilience Empathy Creativity Justice Respect



**A Message from Miss Dewhurst:** This Sunday, the church celebrates the feast of Christ the King. This symbolises the last Sunday of the Church's year, immediately preceding Advent. This occasion is a joyful one where we celebrate and express why we worship Jesus Christ as "my Lord and my God".

We talk in school all the time, about how we can follow the example that Jesus set us and the Gospel this Sunday helps us to understand how we do this. The Gospel reminds us that every act of kindness we show to someone else, we also show to Jesus.

Our school community are very good at spotting random acts of kindness amongst our children. It has been wonderful that a number of parents have shared with me this week that they have witnessed different children around our school being really kind to others and how lovely it was to see. As always, our children make us proud every day.



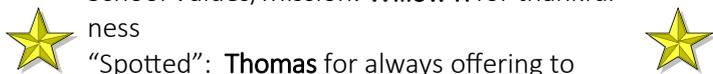
## Award Winners



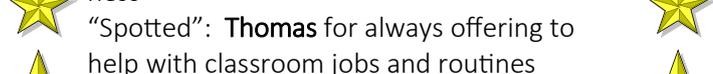
### CI R/1:



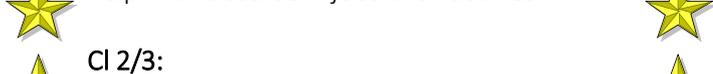
Dojo Champion: **Aria**



School Values/Mission: **Willow R** for thankfulness



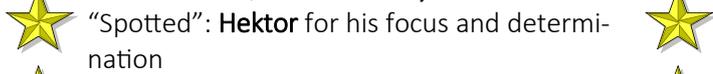
"Spotted": **Thomas** for always offering to help with classroom jobs and routines



### CI 2/3:



Dojo Champion: **Thea**



School Values/Mission: **Emily** for resilience



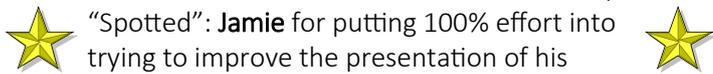
"Spotted": **Hektor** for his focus and determination



### CI 4/5:



Dojo Champion: **Henry**



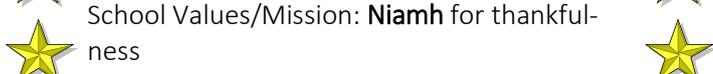
School Values/Mission: **Lavinia** for friendship



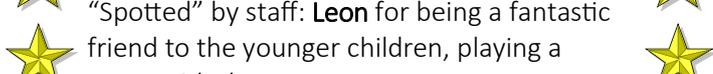
"Spotted": **Jamie** for putting 100% effort into trying to improve the presentation of his work



### CI 6:



Dojo Champion: **George**



School Values/Mission: **Niamh** for thankfulness



"Spotted" by staff: **Leon** for being a fantastic friend to the younger children, playing a game with them



**Sunday Gospel:** Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Son of Man comes in majesty, all people will be gathered before him. He will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, and will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. And he will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom which has been prepared for you. For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then these people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and take care of you?' And the king will reply, 'Whatever you did for my brothers and sisters in need, you did for me.'" Matthew 25: 31-46

**This week spotted:**  
**Jamie**  
For playing with friends and helping others

**Recent Correspondence**  
Please find below a list of information that has recently been sent out:  
Unicef UK Rights Respecting School  
Wednesday Word 22.11.23  
Parents evening for CI R/1  
Non-uniform Day reminder: 24.11.23  
School Meals: Week Commencing 27.11.23  
Online Safety Policy 2023 / 2024  
CI 2/3 Nurture Group

**Classroom Catch Up:** In Class R/1 this week, the focus of our R.E. lessons has been messages. We have explored the messages spread in the Nativity story, particularly from the Wise Men and the Angel Gabriel. We talked about messages and good news that we can celebrate within our school community and the children enjoyed writing a positive message in a card to make a friend smile. Maths has moved onto subtraction on a number line for Year One and the composition and representation of 4 and 5 for Reception. In geography, the children have been focusing on directions and map symbols. We are looking forward to carrying out some fieldwork of our local area soon.

As we approach the end of November, Class 2/3 remind me, every day now, exactly how many more sleeps there are until Christmas! In our R.E. lessons this week, we started our new topic which also looks at the countdown to this special season. In our first lesson, we looked at how we would welcome a special visitor into our homes and created a set of instructions on how to be the perfect host. In our English lessons, we have started our independent persuasive letter writing which follows on from our research on the plight of the leatherback turtle. Many of the children have decided to write to King Charles as they know he is very keen on environmental and conservation issues. In maths, we are continuing with addition and subtraction and the children have amazed me with their resilience and determination, even when a topic gets a little tricky.



We have had a wonderful week in Class 4/5. In geography, we have been looking at our capital city – London. This week, we looked at areas within the Greater London region in order to explore the differences between urban and suburban living. In R.E., we have been learning all about the Jewish festival of Passover and how it is celebrated – the children really enjoyed learning about another faith. In PSHE, the children have been thinking about their identity and how wonderful it is that we are all different.

In Year 6 this week, we have finished with our modelled write, and we are ready to begin planning, and writing, our own independent stories based on Kensuke's Kingdom ... but with a twist - Kensuke does not exist in our version! I am looking forward to seeing the different ideas in the writing next week. We are applying some maths, and P.E., into our science work this week, understanding how our body reacts to exercise. We took our pulse before, during and after exercise, so we could compare the results, and plot them into a line graph.

**Children's Liturgy:** Bishop Tom will be visiting St Joseph's Church this Sunday—it would be lovely if you were able to attend Mass.

This Sunday is the last Sunday in the church calendar – it is the feast of Christ the King.

Sunday is a special feast in the church year. It is the end of the church year when we celebrate Christ the King. What does 'Christ the King' mean? It means Jesus will come back at the end of time to judge all people. He will sort out the good from the bad. Jesus tells us in the Gospel today of the sorts of things he wants us to do for each other – these are feed and clothe the hungry and needy, care for the sick, welcome strangers, visit those in prison. This Gospel sums up the message that Jesus has brought to us week after week. Jesus wants us to be loving and caring towards each other. There are people in the world today that need our help. Jesus said: "Whenever you did it for any for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

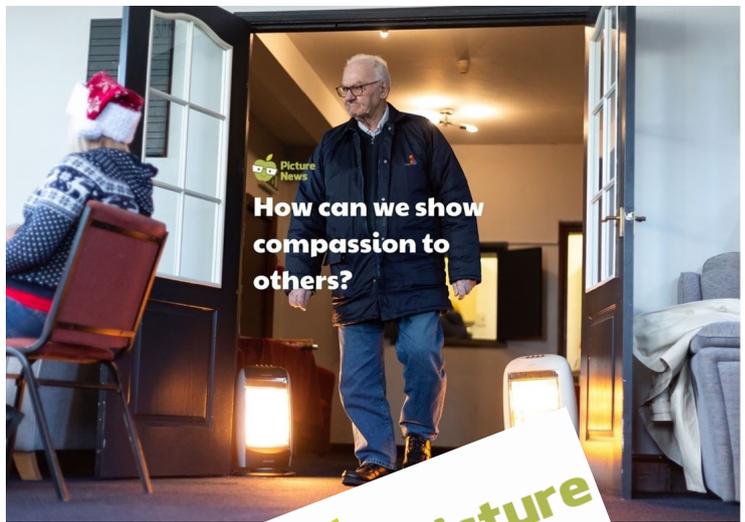
This week try to remember that EVERY person you see has Jesus inside of them and treat them the way that you would treat Jesus.

We do hope you can join us at 9:30am Mass - it would be lovely to see you.

**School Attendance:** Here are our attendance figures for this week

	<i>Week commencing 20.11.23</i>	
	This Week	School Year
Yr R	100%	97.7%
Yr 1	93.3%	98.6%
Yr 2	100%	96.6%
Yr 3	96.4%	96.2%
Yr 4	97.1%	96.1%
Yr 5	96%	98.3%
Yr 6	95.3%	95.8%
Total	96.7%	97%

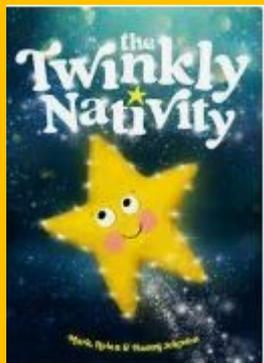
**Pope Francis:** *The church is not a place for the perfect and the privileged. It is a community of disciples that bears witness to Jesus whom by grace they have come to know. We intercede for all, praying, loving and sacrificing ourselves for the world. (Taken from X)*



**How can we show compassion to others?**



**Can you help?:** As part of the setting for our Class R/1 & Nursery Nativity, Miss Ollerton would like a couple of hay bales. Please speak to her if you are able to help. Thank you.



## Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Life is not the same for everyone. By showing compassion, we ensure our behaviour, actions and words affect others in a positive way.

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**Doodle Bug Workshop:** On Monday, pupils in Class 2/3, Class 4/5 and Class 6 will be taking part in a resilience workshop and assembly. This means that there will not be a PE session for pupils in Class 4/5 so they should come to school in their uniform and not their PE kit.

## Christmas

### Jumpers :

On Monday, 18th December, pupils can come to school in a Christmas jumper in exchange for bringing in an item for a local



food bank. If you have a festive jumper or top that no longer fits your child—or an adult one—please bring it into school by next Friday (December 1st) so that it can be passed on to a local women's refuge.



## Stanley Grange:

This week at Stanley Grange, pupils helped Ben to remove the strawberry runners which they then re-potted and brought home. They also planted garlic ready to harvest next year.



**Jewellery Reminder:** Please can we remind you that for health & safety reasons, any form of jewellery including bracelets, necklaces and earrings are not permitted in school. Moving forward, if children have these items in school they will be kept safe in the office and returned at the end of day.

**School Lunch:** Many thanks to the parents, grandparents and other relatives who joined our Key Stage 2 children for lunch on Wednesday. Children can have a school meal any day during the week. Teachers check the dinner register every morning, so pupils can make their selection on the day. For pupils in Year 3 to Year 6, dinners cost £2.50 per day. Every Monday the menu for the following week is sent out on School Spider for parents who are able to book in advance.



**Reading Partners:** On Thursday afternoon, a group from Class 4/5 went to listen to some of our younger pupils read. It was lovely to see them working together!



### St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Autumn Diary Dates



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November	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Doodle-Bug Resilience Workshops for Yr 2 to Yr 6
December	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Non-uniform day – coloured items for the PTFA Christmas hampers (more details to follow) Class 6 Advent Mass at 10.45am
4 <sup>th</sup>	Class R/1 Nativity dress rehearsal at 2.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	Nasal flu vaccine catch-up Class R/1 Nativity performance at 2.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Steady concert at 10am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school Christmas film – come in your PJs for the day & bring a donation for Cafod
18 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Santa Dash – more details to follow Christmas Jumpers Day – donations for the local food bank Christmas Lunch
19 <sup>th</sup>	Class Christmas parties – non-uniform day
20 <sup>th</sup>	A celebration of Christmas in school at 10.45am School closes at 1.15pm
January	
8 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens at 8.50am

*\*Please note, these dates may be subject to change with as much notice given as possible*



# RAINBOW RAFFLE

**RECEPTION**

**YEAR 1**

**YEAR 2**

**YEAR 3**

**YEAR 4**

**YEAR 5**

**YEAR 6**

NON  
UNIFORM DAY  
FRIDAY 1st  
DECEMBER =  
please send in a  
raffle prize in  
your class  
colour

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**SANTA DASH**  
MONDAY 18th DEC



Join us at 9am for a  
festive fun run with a  
special guest!

Breakfast for all the children after the run.

# St Joseph's Christmas

# Art Competition

Let us spread the jolliness of Christmas through Art!

Children are invited to create a piece of artwork based on the theme 'An Eco-Friendly Christmas'.

This year's theme is inspired by the letter 'Laudato Si' by Pope Francis which remains a profound invitation for everyone on the planet to care for, respect and value our common home.

All entries must be handed into Miss Ollerton by Monday 18th December. Your child's name and class should be clearly labelled on their entry.

A **Bronze**, **Silver** and **Gold** prize will be awarded. All entries will receive a certificate of participation.



## Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

# BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

### ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

### REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

### BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious; providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

### CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

### MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

### SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

### DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

### RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

### TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

### Meet Our Expert

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ADMISSIONS  
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## School and Academy places September 2024

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

### School transport

Need transport to school?  
Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport.  
Search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk)

**CLOSING DATE  
15 JANUARY 2024**

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