



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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TO LEARN TOGETHER AND GROW IN GOD'S LOVE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term. We are so happy to see the children eager to get back to their learning. It has been wonderful to see them all working so hard in class each and every day. Keep up the hard work.

Well done.

Have a lovely weekend



School success starts
with attendance



As a school we aim for pupils to be as close as possible. Evidence shows strong attendance directly links to a child achieving their full potential. Through working together, we can ensure that your child receives a full-time education, through regular and structured attendance.

While it is understandable that there may be a number of legitimate reasons why your child's attendance may be affected, it remains essential that all children attend school as often as possible and are not absent for minor coughs and colds.

Keeping attendance above 95% allows pupils to achieve their potential.

Winners last week

Year 6 – 99.2%

School attendance last

Week 94.8%



BBC's Strictly came to St Joseph's.

Click [here](#) to see what took place!

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – dress up

Friday 8th March – Mother's Day Tea party 2.15pm – 3.15pm

Monday 11th March – British Science Week

Tuesday 12th March 2024 – GB Athlete Visit

Tuesday 12th March 2024 – Tea & Talk – CAMHS SEN 9am-10am

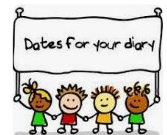
Thursday 14th March 2024 – Walk for Lent 4pm-5pm

Tuesday 19th March 2024 – St Joseph's Feast Day

Thursday 21st March 2024 – Scholastic Book Fair after school

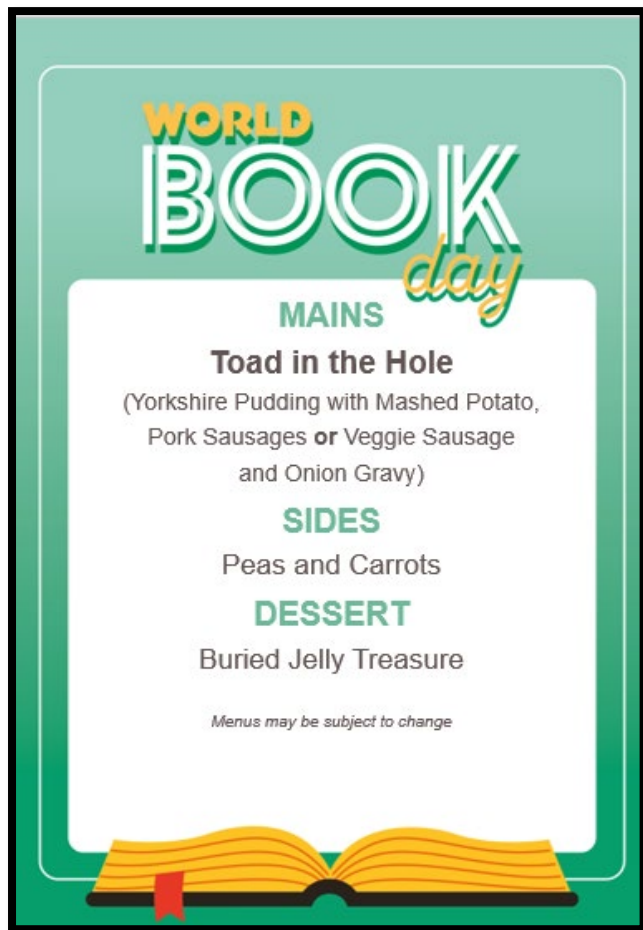
Friday 22nd March 2024 – Easter Egg Hunt 3.30pm-4.30pm

Sunday 24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday Mass – Choir to sing – All Welcome



Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets are on sale after school. Don't miss out.



World Book Day – Menu

If your child has packed lunch and would like a school meal on 7th March please book through the School Office and or email support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk

RE: - St Joseph's Project Competition

St Joseph's will be celebrating science week during the week commencing Monday 11th March. The theme this year is 'Time'. As part of this event we are inviting children to create a project based on time. This can be represented in any form and will then be showcased during an event.

A child's brain is an original idea so be creative and think outside the box.

Potential ideas:

- A futuristic device
- A device that measures time
- Time capsule
- Create a clock
- Create a replica of the solar system
- Recreate a significant event e.g. London model
- Futuristic city
- Time travelling device

Consider using recycled objects fitting in with the idea of time and protecting our planet. Parents and carers, feel free to get involved and support your child during their project and presentation to show that science is for everyone.

Every child who participates will receive a reward. The winner will have their work displayed at school and receive a prize.

Deadline is **Friday 8th March 2024**.

St Joseph's School Prayer

Heavenly Father -

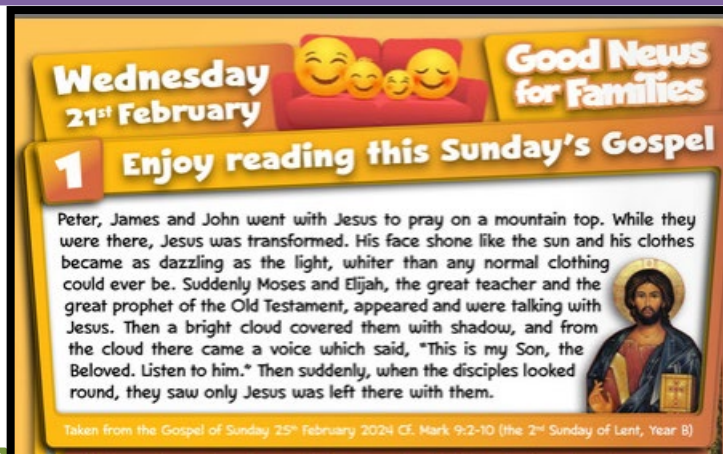
Let us aim to be the very best we can be, at all times.

May St Joseph's be full of happiness.

Fill our hearts with love, respect and compassion for all who are part of our school, local and global community.

Help us to make good choices, and guide us in understanding when we don't.

Let us remember, in learning together, we grow together and succeed together, in God's love.



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=119.3> Click link to read more.

Rainbow Awards

23rd February 2024



Rec – Sean, Trixie

Year 1 – Liam, Raina

Year 2 – Kimberley

Year 3 – Oscar, Shane

Year 4 – Nevaeh, Amelia

Year 5 – Alejandro, Gracie

Year 6 – John, Alfie

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!



'World Book Day' is on **Thursday 7th March**. This year, we will be having a special visit by children's author, **Cara Matheson** and her therapy dog, Scout! Cara is the author to 'Finding Floss', an amazing picture book that features a cockapoo dog with a hidden talent. Cara will be joining us for a special assembly and selling signed copies of her debut picture book. If you wish to purchase a copy beforehand, please complete the order form attached to this week's newsletter and put in an envelope to give to the school office. The deadline for pre-ordered books will be Tuesday 5th March 2024.



Finding Floss - order form



Author-signed copies available at a discounted price of **£5 per copy** for schools

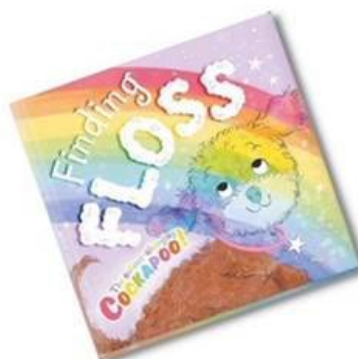
About the book:

When your pet can change colour, finding them is no easy job!

Colour-changing cockapoo, Floss, creates mischief at every turn, but when her young owner gets lost at the funfair, it's down to Floss to save the day in this vibrant, rhyming picture book.

Includes advice on what to do if you get lost, and staying safe while out and about.

Written by Cara Matheson and published by Owlet Press in 2023. See www.owletpress.com for more information.



Order form

Child's full name: _____

Class: _____

Number of books required: _____

If you would like a personal message in your book/s, please write down the name/s it should be dedicated to below:

Parent/carer's name and signature: _____

Tick as appropriate:

☐ **CASH:** Please enclose £5 per book

☐ **BANK TRANSFER:** Please transfer £5 per book to

Cara Matheson
NatWest Account no: 84266937
Sort code: 60 70 03

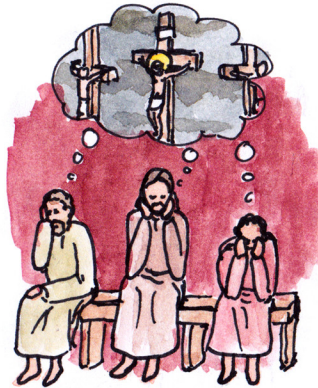
using your child's first initial and surname as reference.

Jesus Shows His Glory



Jesus knew He was going to die, and He knew the apostles were going to be afraid. So He decided to show some of them something that they would not be able to forget. He took Peter, James and John up a mountain and suddenly He became dazzlingly bright, like the sun! The apostles were terrified. Then Jesus began to talk with Moses and Elijah, who stood beside Him.

Afterwards, Jesus told Peter, James and John not to tell anyone what had happened until after He rose from the dead. They were confused because they didn't understand that Jesus had to die. But now they knew that Jesus was not just a normal man. They had seen some of the awesomeness of God.



Later on, when Jesus was taken away and killed, the apostles were very sad. But some of them knew something amazing about Jesus. Like those apostles, when we are having a hard time we just need to think about Jesus. He is awesome and amazing, and waiting for us to come to Him in Heaven. The bad times will come, but Jesus is always there- we just need to remember Him!



Answers to Abraham Puzzle: Yes; He stopped him and sent a sheep instead.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25th, 2024



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Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we build  : one for You, one for Moses and

one for Elijah?" Then a  came over them, and a voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son.

Listen to Him." Then only  was there with them.

Coming down the , He told  not to tell anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

*Use the pictures to help read the story
from today's Gospel reading!*

Saint Oswald

February 28

OSWALD WAS BORN IN THE 900'S. HE WAS FROM A DANISH FAMILY, BUT WAS RAISED BY HIS UNCLE IN ENGLAND, THE ARCH-BISHOP OF CANTERBURY.



HE STUDIED AND BECAME A BENEDICTINE MONK AND THEN A PRIEST IN FRANCE.



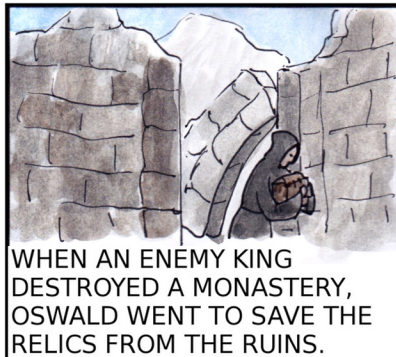
WHEN HE WENT BACK TO ENGLAND HE WAS MADE A BISHOP.



Monastic life is meant to be one of penance and

OSWALD WORKED TO CORRECT ABUSES, SINCE SOME MONASTERIES HAD BECOME TOO RICH.

HE FOUNDED NEW MONASTERIES AND ENCOURAGED GOOD STUDYING.



WHEN AN ENEMY KING DESTROYED A MONASTERY, OSWALD WENT TO SAVE THE RELICS FROM THE RUINS.



KNOWN FOR HIS KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY, EVERY DAY IN LENT HE WOULD WASH THE FEET OF TWELVE POOR MEN. HE DIED ONE DAY JUST AS HE FINISHED WASHING THEM!

SAINT OSWALD WAS ONE OF THE HEROES OF THE MONKS IN ENGLAND. HE KNEW THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE HOLY MEN PRAYING, WORKING AND STUDYING TO STAY CLOSE TO GOD AND TO KEEP THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH CLOSE TO GOD. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A MONK OR A NUN?

ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE PUZZLE

Do the math! Answer the math problems to find the right words to fit in the spaces to answer the questions!

God wanted to test Abraham's faith.
He told him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

Did Abraham trust in God? _____
3-3=_____

Did God let Abraham sacrifice his son,
or did he stop him?

He _____ and _____ a
3+4=_____ 6+4=_____ 5-1=_____

_____ .
5-3=_____ 1+5=_____

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|---------|-----------|----------|
| 0 YES | 4 SENT | 8 BURNED |
| 1 NO | 5 KILLED | 9 SWORD |
| 2 SHEEP | 6 INSTEAD | 10 HIM |
| 3 COW | 7 STOPPED | |



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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