



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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School Banner

Thank you to Mrs Fitzpatrick for repairing our school banner. As you can see it has undergone a complete transformation. Mrs Fitzpatrick has taken the old banner and using her expertise in needlework, preserved the existing banner and embellished it with gold thread and added symbols of our patron saint.

It was lovely to be able to share it with the children on the feast day of St Joseph, The worker, and discuss the carpenter's tools and lily's that now feature on it to represent St Joseph. We will be able to proudly display the banner at the next Diocesan's Schools' Mass in September when year 5 will attend the Cathedral in Norwich. Please have a look at the banner next time you come into the school entrance.

Year 1 & 2 visit to Gainsborough House

The children in Moses and Noah class visited Gainsborough house last week. They spent time looking at the paintings and had a go at their own drawings. The staff were impressed with how well the children listened and asked questions. The children learned about Gainsborough and how he created his paintings. They were great ambassadors for the school and we were so pleased to receive such positive feedback about the visit from the staff at the museum. The children were excited to share their learning when they came back to school and were keen to explain what they had learnt.



The Children's Commissioner has asked all schools to share this message: As Children's Commissioner, I am asking you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey . I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns and their hopes for the future. Please help your child complete the survey. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

Health Eating Bitewise Programme

The children in Jonah and Samson class have been taking part in the Healthy Eating programme offered free to schools by Eastern Education Group in partnership with Babergh District Council. The programme includes six sessions where the children have learnt about healthy eating, hydration, wellbeing and simple food production. It has been interesting to see the variety of foods they have been using and the tempting dishes produced without needing to cook. The tasting has been great fun!



National Year of Reading

As part of our ongoing focus on reading, we were pleased to welcome author Emma Lazell, into school to work with Noah, Moses and Elijah classes. The children enjoyed hearing her books and learning more about how it was written and the illustrations. They had the chance to try to create their own stories and illustrations too. You can find out more about Emma's books here <https://emmalazell.co.uk/>



Baylham Farm Visit



Noah Class had a great day at Baylham Rare Breed Farm and the children were super excited! They saw lots of different animals and even got to see a baby alpaca that was born whilst they were visiting - to mark the occasion the farm staff asked the children to suggest names for the new arrival! The children had close encounters with the goats, Shetland pony and the Baylham bunnies in the afternoon and a farm tour in the morning. A bit of wet weather didn't spoil the fun!

Please put the following dates in your diaries:

- 19th May yr 6 Crucial Crew
- 21st May Abraham class Bake sale
- 25th-30th May Half term
- 3rd June KS 2 Shaking up Shakespeare Workshop
- 10th-12th June yr 5 Residential
- 16th June yr 6 First Aid course
- 17th June yr 4 WCIT Music Festival
- 19th June Samson class visit to Gainsborough House
- 24th-26th June yr 6 Residential
- 2nd July Noah Class Forest school at St Edmund's
- 3rd July Sports Day (more details to follow)
- 9th July yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm
- 10th July FoSJ Summer Fair 3.30-5pm
- 17th July Children's last day in school.
- Mon 20th July to Weds 2nd Sept Summer Holidays

Celebrations at Our Lady and St John's Parish

Fr Brett will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination on Sunday 17th May at 11.15am Mass in Hadleigh. You would be very welcome to join the parish at Mass to celebrate this wonderful occasion and mark his years of service as a priest. Fr Brett was our school chaplain for many years as well and supported the faith-life of our school community. Bishop Peter will be saying the Mass to give thanks for Fr Brett's vocation.