



St Joseph's and St Edmund's Catholic Primary Schools

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School- Newsletter 8

24th January 2025



Thank you to all the parents for all the good wishes and gifts the staff received before Christmas. They were much appreciated.

The children in Key Stage 2 take it in turn to join the parish for 10.00am Mass on Thursday mornings. Father Antony is always eager for one of the children to read. This week Florence was chosen and read so clearly and fluently without having the opportunity to see the reading before Mass. It is a great opportunity to practice reading in public and for us to be able to contribute positively to the life of the parish.

Regular Mass Times

Saturday evening- 17:00

Sunday Morning Mass- 9:15am

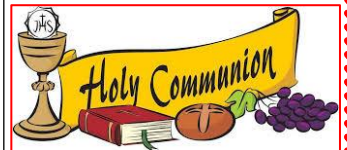
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This year is the Jubilee year of Hope. In school we celebrated the launch on Friday. In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into a positive relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. During this year in school, we will be thinking how we can be Pilgrims of Hope, helping creation, fulfilling the call to pilgrimage and welcoming others into our school and our communities. **We have some exciting events planned!**

The Holy Communion programme in the Parish will start in April but all applications need to be returned to the parish by the **7th March**. We have forms in school that can be collected from the office or collect one from the parish office.

Suffolk Local Offer

The Parish requires a new admin assistance due to the retirement of the current post holder. They will be employed for one morning a week on an hourly basis and will need to have some IT skills. This post requires the applicant to adhere to confidentiality and to maintain trust. **Please contact Father Anthony for more information:**

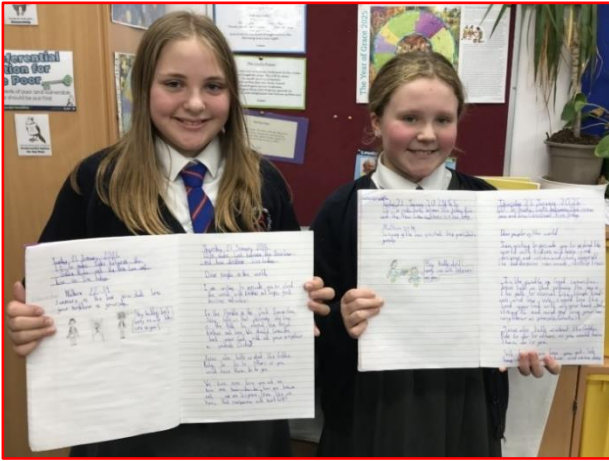
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Please remember **NO** chocolate in packed lunch boxes. Coats need to be in school and all playtime snacks must be healthy.

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Zosia and Orla showed me their RE work. They wrote letters to the people of the world based on work they had done around the Parable of the Good Samaritan and the new covenant to love your neighbour. The letters were encouraging people to look after the world and one another.



Moses Class have been learning about Candlemas, celebrated on the 2nd of February.



Thank you to Mrs Underwood for nominating our school to receive some house plants. The scheme is run by Chantal Dawson from a local Bury St Edmunds Company, called Grow My Wellbeing. Chantel recently launched 'Grow For Schools' where the public can nominate their chosen school and a winning school is picked at random every month to receive five indoor plants for their wellbeing or pastoral rooms. We were chosen! Chantel has partnered with Ivy line who sponsored the lovely pots.

<https://www.growmywellbeing.co.uk/services/schools/>

<https://ivylinegb.co.uk/>

Diary Dates

27th Jan- Holocaust Memorial Day

3rd-9th Children's Mental Health Day- Grow yourself resources

<https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/about/>

11th February- Safer Internet Day

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day-2025>

14th February BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

24th February- return to school 28th February to 29th March Ramadan

February 27th & 28th Book Fair in school for school funds and books

4th March Shrove Tuesday

5th March Ash Wednesday- start of Lent- Liturgy in school

7th March World Book Day (a day late!) Dress up day **HOLY COMMUNION APPLICATIONS TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL OR PARISH OFFICE**

8th March International Women's Day

10th- 14th March Empathy Week

7th- 16th March Science Week

WB 17th- 24th March Learning Conversations

14th March Family Fast Day Non-Uniform £1 for CAFOD

18th March Recycling Day

19th March St Joseph's Day- Ignite in school

20th March Mass in School for St Joseph's Day

20th March Poetry Competition

28th March- Non-Uniform Day- Bring a tin for the food bank

30th March Mothering Sunday

2nd April - Easter Liturgy followed by an Easter Breakfast in school

3rd April KS2 Mass in church and reconciliation after Mass.

3rd April KS2 Stations of the Cross in school hot-cross buns

3rd April Easter Bingo-Large egg for Bingo house prize and chocolate bars for lines and corners. £1 per strip. All proceeds go to school fund. Squash provided.

4th April Non-Uniform Day- CAFOD's Big Walk voluntary contribution

4th April- Break up for Easter



Mrs Bates has been working with Lisa from Osbourne books so we can raise some money for additional reading materials for the children in school. They will be running a sponsored read over the half term holidays in February. Please look out for a letter in book bags explaining the project.



Mr L-S is running a lunchtime chess club on Tuesdays. The children had to commit to attending weekly for the term. They are following a specific chess curriculum, Chess in Schools which promotes learning moves sequentially and building up to games. We hope to have a grand master soon!



Pictured are Bea and Grace Knight. School would like to thank Mrs Knight and family for lobbying the council on behalf of our parents and securing parking permits for their use. Babergh Council have introduced parking fees in the carpark we encourage parents to use in North Street. This would have impacted our families, costing a significant amount of money. Mrs Knight attended the council meeting where it was discussed and fought our case and was able to get the council to issue special parking permits for our parents.



Pictured is Mr LS with his old boys' and girls' athletics team and the current team. We are extremely proud of Sophia for winning the county sports hall athletics championship. The children attended on a Saturday in Ipswich at Northgate school. All five of our current athletics team have been selected to compete for Suffolk at the regional championships on the 1st February in Norwich. Mr LS is a Suffolk team manager and will be accompanying the children.