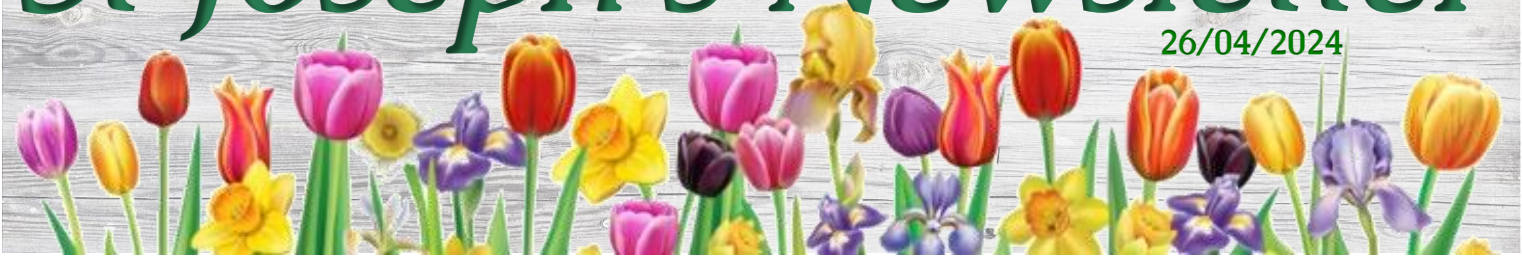


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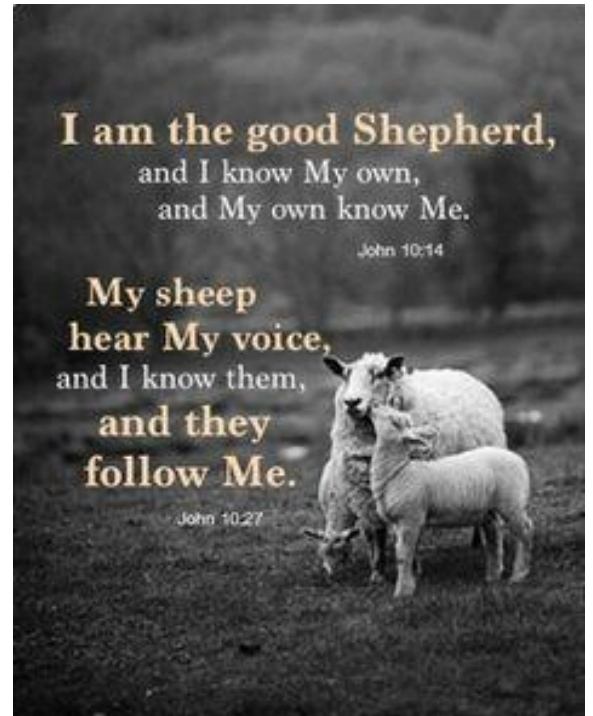
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Football – the children who played in the team against Peel Hall on Wednesday won their quarter final match 7 – 0. Well done!

Digital Safeguarding – Wednesday 1st May each class will spend time with Lyndsey Vaughton from Smoothwall, who will be helping them to understand how to stay safe when using their devices.

St. Joseph's is totally committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of our students. As part of this, we are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents understand the risks their young people face in their online lives and the practical things parents and carers can do to help. Please join us for this hour-long workshop in which Lyndsey Vaughton Training Lead for Education & Well-being at Smoothwall will provide you with lots of valuable insights and tools. Including: - Information on the latest apps and games your young person may have access to. - The harmful content your young person may be exposed to. - How you can help your young person to safely navigate online risk. An introduction to a parental app that allows you to control what your young person sees online, plus other important features. We hope to see you at 9am in the school hall.



The week began with our assembly, during which the children explored how they can respond to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who knows each of them personally. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we are His sheep. We can follow Jesus' example by caring for others.

On Wednesday we welcomed Mrs Fraser from The Bible Encounter Trust who brought the Bible story of the Good Shepherd to life. John 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd."

School uniform – we have lots of pre-loved uniform available. On Monday at the end of the day, it will be in the school hall If you would like to have a look and take any items.

Parent Governor

We are looking to recruit two people to join the Governing Board of St Joseph's to represent the parents of children in our school. Parent governors have the unique position of having a viewpoint of a school through their children's experiences.

If you would like more information or an application form please contact the school office. Closing date for the applications in 12 Midday Friday 17th May 2024.

Paula Howe
Chair of Governors

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have had a very busy week. On Monday we celebrated Earth Day. The children read lots of information books about ways we can look after the Earth and we discovered that we already do lots of these things, recycling our paper, plastic and organic rubbish, picking litter up from our garden and remembering to switch the lights off when we aren't in the room. We have been busy planting lots of seeds, some for the bees and butterflies and some vegetables and fruit we are hoping to eat ourselves. This week we also celebrated St. George's day. The children loved the story of brave George saving the princess from the dragon. We made St. George cross flags and had afternoon tea.



★ Work of the Week ★

Nursery	Asa	Reception	Amen	Year 1	Elizabeth	Year 2	Zac
Year 3	Frankie	Year 4	Hadeel	Year 5	Anith	Year 6	Nadija

Reception

Reception have been busy learning about the life cycle of a plant.

They have completed some amazing writing labelling parts of a plant, and have created their own life cycles.

The children loved planting different vegetables and can't wait for them to grow, we talked about what is needed to help a plant grow and how we can look after them.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy week practising for our class assembly. We have all worked really hard to practise our lines and we did an amazing job. We are so proud of ourselves! In Science we have been looking at fruit and vegetable plants, trees and wild flowers. We have been sorting them into categories based on our own observations. In maths we have been comparing capacity and took part in a very fun experiment. We had jugs and bowls of different sizes and we recorded how many cups of water it took to fill each container. After that we compared the results to see which container had the greatest capacity. There was a special visitor who came in this week and told us some really fun Bible stories. It was really interesting and she even dressed up as a shepherd!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a lovely week. In maths we have been looking at fractions and finding a half and a quarter. In our Master Maths lessons we have been looking at odd numbers and how they are partitioned. In English we have been creating our own characters for the Tear Thief story ready to write our own versions of the story next week. Some of our characters look fantastic! In science we have been exploring different plants and looking at how plants survive in hot and cold places.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a great week of learning. In maths we have continued exploring fractions, using magnetic 3D shapes, broken into pieces to explore the numerator. The class have worked hard to compare and order fractions too.

In writing, we have continued to use fronted adverbials in our sentences as well as researching through an online thesaurus, more ambitious vocabulary to use in our sentences.

In Science this week, we have explored how our muscles enable us to move and have used scientific terminology to explain this clearly. Well done Year 3!

This Week's School Attendance

N	93.5%	R	89.9%	Y1	94.3%	Y2	96.3%
Y3	91.4%	Y4	95.7%	Y5	99%	Y6	91.1%
Total		94%					

Year 4

Year 4 children have had another busy week. In English, we finally completed writing losing tales. Children are extremely proud of the work they have produced. In maths, we have moved onto decimals. This week, we have been exploring tenths as fractions and tenths as decimals. In History, we have been learning about Ancient Egyptian inventions. This sadly was our last lesson about Ancient Egypt as we are about to move to another fascinating unit. And finally, on Thursday we went to All Hallows RC High School for a transition day. It was amazing seeing our Year 4 children so engaged, well behaved and representing our school proudly.



Year 5

On Monday the whole school considered the importance of Internet safety. The children impressed us with their knowledge and understanding of the need to THINK before sharing online. In maths Year 5 have been calculating the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes. The children needed to work out the length of some sides before they could calculate the perimeter. In RE lessons and 'Prayer and Liturgy' we have been considering what Jesus taught us about forgiveness by sharing the Parable of the Lost Sheep. Sometimes we get 'lost' - we do selfish or thoughtless things and feel far from God - but, like the shepherd, Jesus will help us to come back to him. This was reinforced by a visit from The Bible Encounter Trust and an assembly all about Jesus, the Good Shepherd.



Year 6

We have had another busy week in Year 6 with lots of preparations taking place for our SATs tests in a couple of weeks. All of the children are working incredibly hard. Please can you help us by making sure the children read every night. In Religion, we have been thinking about the disciples as witnesses and how we can live our lives like they did. In science, we finished our topic all about evolution, looking at adaptations animals and plants have made and the advantages and disadvantages of these adaptations.

Happy Birthday to....

Asher

Esther



Congratulations to St. Vincent



WINNERS of this week's
house points award

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 29 th April	Pre-loved uniform will be available in the hall
Wednesday 1st May	Digital Safeguarding Meeting for Parents, 9am Hall
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday, School Closed
Wednesday 8th May	Class Photographs
Thursday 9th May	Ascension Thursday
Monday 13th May	KS2 SATs Week
Tuesday 21 st May	Parents meeting for the new Nursery and Reception children starting in September, 5pm Hall
Friday 24 th May	School Closes for the Half Term Break
Monday 10 th June	School Opens for Summer 2 Term
Friday 28 th June	Year 5 Watersports Centre Trip