

# St Joseph's Newsletter

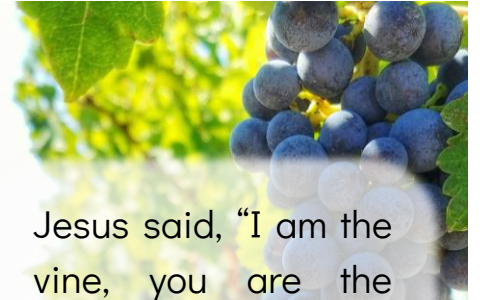
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**Diocesan Inspection** – thank you to everyone who took the time to complete a survey and speak to the inspectors. We will share the final report with you in due time.

**Digital Safeguarding** – both sessions at school and the online session were well attended. As technology is moving at such a fast pace it is essential that we are able to keep our children safe both at school and at home.

**Bees** - Thank you for your understanding over the last two weeks as we avoided disturbing the colonies of bees. Once again the Manchester Honey Company came out to rescue the bees and give them a new home.

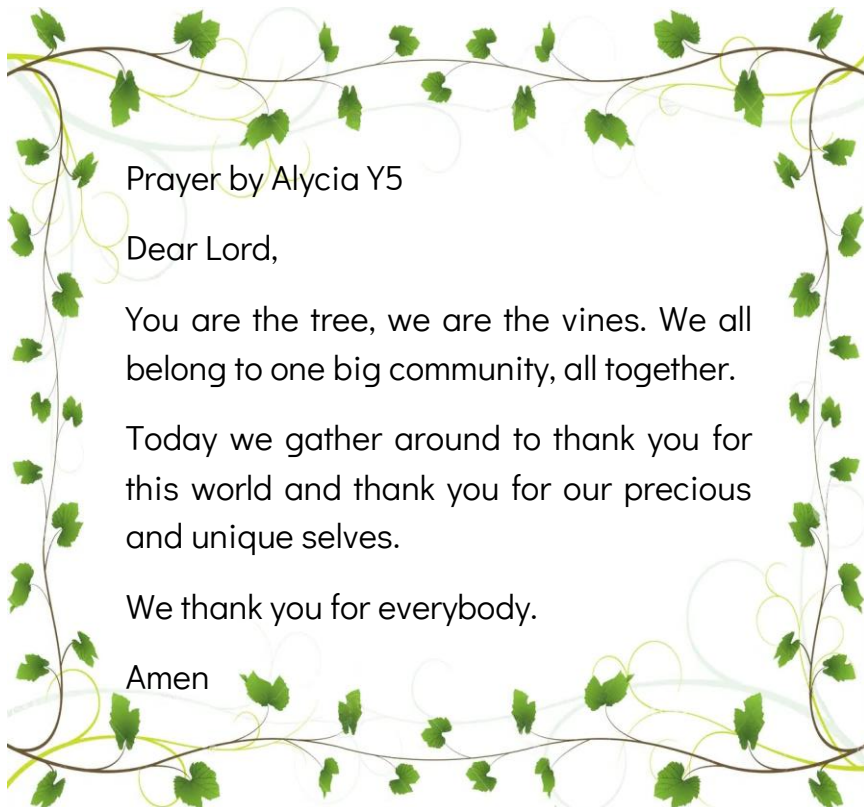


Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.”

John 15:5

During Monday's assembly, the children had time to listen to the Gospel which describes Jesus as the true vine to which we must remain connected in order to bear fruit. This connection was explored through art and the children learnt that they too can 'bear fruit' in Jesus' name.

The children in Year 3 produced some wonderful artwork to reflect their learning.



Prayer by Alycia Y5

Dear Lord,

You are the tree, we are the vines. We all belong to one big community, all together.

Today we gather around to thank you for this world and thank you for our precious and unique selves.

We thank you for everybody.

Amen

# What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

## Nursery

Nursery have been little superstars this week. We have been hearing about the story of Pentecost and how Jesus' friends received the Holy Spirit making them able to tell everyone all about God. The children made wind streamers and flame headbands and acted out the story in the sunshine in our garden.

## Reception

This week reception have been learning about Mary in RE. We talked about May being the Month of Mary, and all about the May crowning. We discussed what kind of lady she was, and why she is important to us. We wrote lovely prayers to say to Mary, and created amazing stained glass windows of Mary.

## Year 1

Year 1 have been amazing this week. We have had some special visitors come in to see our lessons and Year 1 have blown them all away. We have been very polite, respectful and helpful. We have been thinking about our world in Religion and the different things that we wonder about. We have also been thinking about the different things we are thankful for such as our families, friends and much more. In English we have started a new book called the Bog Baby and we think it is really interesting and funny. There was a visitor who spoke to us all about how to stay safe online when we play the games we all love. It has been such a busy week we are all looking forward to a nice bank holiday weekend.

## Year 2

What a busy week year 2 have had! We have been looking at Pentecost in our Religion lessons and the children created some beautiful artwork on how people felt when Jesus left them and then how they felt when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to them. We also had a reflective Prayer and Liturgy session lead by Jasmine and Elian about how we can be generous and show kindness to others. In DT this week we have been looking at how we safely prepare foods and we have designed and created a healthy wrap which tasted delicious!

## Worker of the Week

Reception

Jeremiah

Year 1

Daisy-Mae

Year 2

Thea

Year 3

Matias

Year 4

Alice

Year 5

Prayer  
Leaders

Year 6

Charlie

## Year 3

Year 3 has had a great week. In writing we have continued to use new vocabulary as well as fronted adverbials when writing a play script about our class text. In Maths, the children have consolidated their understanding of which fractions are equal to 1 whole. We tested our knowledge through fraction bingo. The children have been incredibly reflective and thoughtful in their Religion lessons this week and responded to a particular religious painting called, 'Christ the Vine'. The children used watercolors to express their emotions and connections to Jesus, creating their own version of this artwork. Well done Year 3.

## Year 4

This week during our English sessions, we have delved into the characters and their emotions in our latest read, "How To Train Your Dragon," and children have found it quite enjoyable. In Maths, we have been exploring tenths on a place value chart and tackling the division of single-digit numbers by 10. Additionally, in our Religious Education lessons, we have been learning about the various disciples and their ways of spreading The Good News. On Wednesday, we had a visit from Smoothwall and we learnt all about how we stay safe online.

## Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy week. In maths lessons they have improved their understanding of plotting and reading coordinates as well as problem solving. In Guided Reading sessions the children have been fully engaged, intelligent readers; considering not only retrieval from the text but also inferred meaning. All classes have had a Digital Safeguarding Workshop and learnt how to stay safe while using their devices. Being so busy has allowed us to consider the importance of taking some quiet time to pause



and reflect. In RE lessons and Prayer and Liturgy the children have considered how we can open our hearts to the Word of God through the Gospel and reflective prayer.

## This Week's School Attendance

N	91.5%	R	91.2%	Y1	97.1%	Y2	94.3%
Y3	93.2%	Y4	98.6%	Y5	95.3%	Y6	93.7%
Total		94.4%					

Congratulations to St. Bernadette



**WINNERS** of this week's house points award

We have had another extremely busy week in Year 6. We are so pleased with all of the effort the children are putting in to their revision in preparation for the tests in a couple of weeks. In Science, we started our new topic of living things and their habitats and the children thought of ways to house animals in a new zoo. In Religion, we have been thinking about what it means to be a modern day witness. We thought about qualities that make a good witness and how we can show these to the world.

**Happy Birthday to....**

**Sophia**

**Tammy**

**Brodie**

**Riyaan**



## Dates to Remember

Date	Event
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 <sup>st</sup> May	Parents meeting for the new Nursery and Reception children starting in September, 5pm Hall
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closes for the Half Term Break
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens for Summer 2 Term
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Watersports Centre Trip
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 & Year 5 Summer Production 6pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Assembly Y6 2pm