



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

7th May 2021



Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

St Francis	Braxton	Evan
St Clare	Samuel	Skye-Lily
St Vincent	Tyller	Charlie
St Teresa	Cassey	Paige
St Oscar Rom.	George	Hallie

National Testing

At the beginning of this year, the Government confirmed that statutory SATS tests for Year 2 and Year 6, and other tests due to take place in 2021 (e.g. Phonics, Y4 Times Tables) were cancelled.

We will of course still assess children, and part of this will continue to involve giving children 'past papers' to support teacher assessment.

Dates for the term are on the school website.

11 May	Forest School	Reception & St Clare
18 May	Forest School	Reception & St Clare
25 May	Forest School	Reception & St Clare
26 May	School Photographer	
28 May	Break up for Half Term	
7 June	Non Pupil Day	
8 June	Return to school	

Mary, undoer of knots,

pray for us
entangled

in the cares
of this world:

you who lived
through all

this life brings,
who pondered

these things
in your heart.

HERE EVERYDAY, READY ON TIME

Now, more than ever, regular and punctual attendance is crucial to your child's achievement in school.

The class with the highest attendance this week was:

St Vincent 99%



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Stars of the Week

School Leader board:

St Vincent de Paul	84,350
St Teresa	83,521
St Clare	62,038
St Oscar Romero	59,113
St Francis	48,970

Top 5 pupils - previous 30 days:

Patrick Y5	1,357
Joseph Y5	1,270
Tyller Y4	1,236
Mackenzie Y5	1,168
Charlie Y4	1,019

Top 5 pupils - 2020-2021:

Joseph Y5	11,072
Kye Y3	10,123
Patrick Y5	7,759
Jacob Y6	7,231
Jack M Y6	7,199

Top 5 pupils - progress and growth:

Daisy Y6	+160
Harry S Y5	+110
Joseph Y5	+100
Inka Y5	+90
Theo Y1	+90

We are all working extremely hard at our English and Maths skills in IXL.

Can you better your best? Keep your Diagnostics up-to-date in the Arena.

Can you help move your class up the leader board?

Good luck!



The Big Ask Children's Commissioner's survey for children and young people is a survey being led by the Children's Commissioner for England for children and young people aged 4-17 in England (split into 4 age categories). The results of the survey will be used to show the government what children and young people think, and what children need to live happier lives.

There is an opportunity for both children and adults to complete the survey so, if you would like your child, and you, to take part, please click on the following link:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

It should take no more than 5-10 mins to complete.

Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school to take sibling photographs and Year 6 and R class photographs on Wednesday 26th May.

They will be taking photos outside and will be at the school from 8.15am.

The company are unable to produce the 'vista' style photographs that we have requested over the past few years, due to their COVID risk assessments, but are still able to offer the more traditional style photographs.

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Kelly Dunne: Headteacher **St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.**

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officer: Emma Wilson

Named Governor for Child Protection: Stephen Riedlinger

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUMMER TERM 2020—'COME AND SEE' IN SCHOOL AND AT HOME

The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We would be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World). The children will also spend one week studying Judaism.

PENTECOST—SERVING

(3/5/2021 – 28.5.2021)

Early Years	GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus
Year 1	HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit
Year 2	SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good
News	
Year 3	ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Year 4	NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message
Year 5	TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it.

Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING

(8/6/2021—25/6/2021)

Early Years	FRIENDS - Friends of Jesus
Year 1	BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well
Year 2	RULES - Reasons for rules in the Christian family
Year 3	CHOICES - Importance of examination of conscience
Year 4	BUILDING BRIDGES - Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other
Year 5	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible
Year 6	HEALING - Sacrament of the Sick

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven.

Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD

(22.6.2020 – 17.7.2020)

Early Years	OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world
Year 1	NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world
Year 2	TREASURES - God's treasure; the world
Year 3	SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community
Year 4	GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is like
Year 5	STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6	COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian family

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

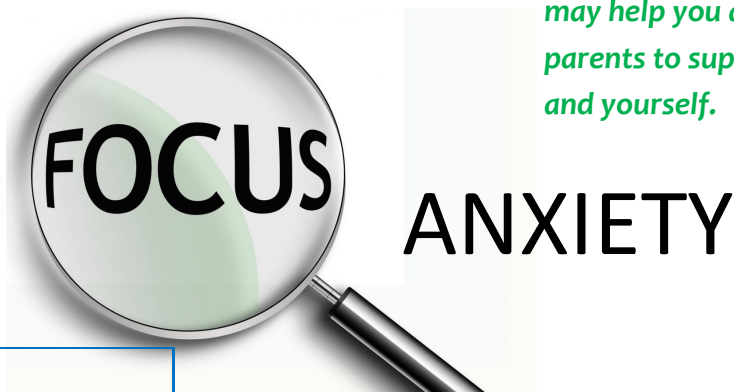
Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family.

Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country.

Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.



We recognise that many of our children are suffering with varying degrees of anxiety at different times and for different reasons. They may be quieter; having more melt-down; reluctant to come to school or clingy and tearful. Below are some links to videos and advice that may help you as parents to support your child and yourself.



FOR PARENTS

Anxiety is something everyone experiences at times. Feeling anxious is a natural reaction to some situations. However feelings of anxiety can be constant, overwhelming or out of proportion to the situation, this can affect your daily life. The NHS has some great tips and advice for anyone who suffers with or thinks they may have anxiety.

[Click here for advice for yourself.](#)

[How can I help my anxious child?](#)

FOR STAFF

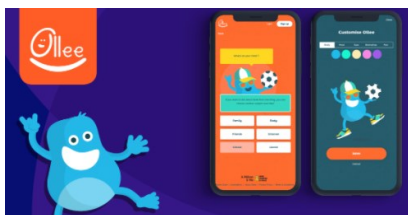
Some people feel a constant sense of anxiety all the time, without any distinct trigger. Teaching however, can often be a trigger for anxiety as teachers can find that they experience 'burn out' where they go through long periods of stress. Sometimes a stressful situation is obvious. Often the stress can be low-level and constant so that you don't notice it until you start to feel physical symptoms.

[Click here for advice](#)

Click the images for YouTube links.



Online wellbeing
support for 11
years +



<https://app.olee.org.uk/>

[ANXIETY RESOURCES WORTH SHARING.](#)

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And also the toughest

Need some advice about your
child's behaviour or emotions?

Contact YoungMinds'
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