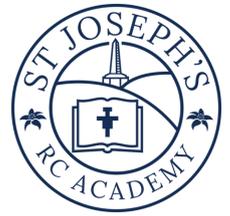


# ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL

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## WEEK ENDING 8TH MARCH 2024

### WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a wonderful day yesterday celebrating with parents and one another, immersing ourselves in all our favourite stories. Our children came to school wearing their pyjamas for World Book Day this year. We believe that bedtime stories play a crucial role in fostering a love of reading. By wearing pyjamas to school, we celebrated the joy of reading and the magical world of stories. Parents of our younger classes came and spent time sharing books at the start of the day and later on, older pupils sat with children from younger classes and shared with them some of their favourite bedtime stories from years gone by. Please help us to continue to promote a love of reading by sharing stories on a regular basis with your children and encouraging them to read themselves as they get older.



### PRESENTATION MASS

Last Sunday, Emily, Eadie, Harry, Leandro, Tobiasz, and Patryk were presented to our Parish in preparation for the next stage of their Sacramental journey. Having received the sacrament of baptism already, they will go on to receive the sacrament of reconciliation in a couple of weeks time and receive their first Holy Communion in June. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers over the coming months and thank their parents for the support they are providing.

### MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST



### ATTENDANCE

#### 'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance at school is as much about pupil well-being as academic success. Being in school supports pupil's friendships, confidence and wider development. When pupils miss school, the impact of 'feeling behind' can be a barrier to their future success. Government data shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage. If pupils are not in school, we can not support them to learn.

- Nursery - 100%
- Reception - 94.9%
- Year 1 - 100%
- Year 2 - 95.7%
- Year 3 - 98.5%
- Year 4 - 98.7%
- Year 5 - 91.8%
- Year 6 - 94.3%

**Whole school attendance week: 96.0%**

**We need these figures to be above 96% Help us reach our goal - every day counts!!**

**Whole school attendance this year: 95.0%**

## ST PATRICK'S NIGHT



Todmorden Catholic Club  
Sunday 17th March 2024  
7pm - 10pm

Quiz, Raffle, Music and Food  
(Vegetarian Option)

Tickets £5 available from  
St Joseph's Church and St  
Joseph's School.



## THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



**Beech:** Esmaila L, Trying her best all week in Maths  
**Cedar:** Pippa E, Always setting a good example and taking care of her friends  
**Elm:** Joshua G, for his extra effort in writing.  
**Oak:** Ryley C, For his reading

# WOW!

**Beech:** Muaz J, Amazing skill application in PE  
**Cedar:** Laila B, Trying her best to independently write sentences  
**Elm:** Nihaal A, for his insights in his prayer for RE.  
**Oak:** Azaan F, For his overall improvement and trying his best

## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

We are eagerly awaiting next week's British Science Week. This is a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths and we are delighted that some professionals from across these areas of expertise have agreed to speak with us about both their studies that have led them to where they are today and how their jobs help to shape and improve the world we live in. We want to help break down the stereotypes around Science and allow our pupils to see the many opportunities that lay before them.

Our Science ambassadors will be busy reporting on the week and we look forward to sharing more with you in next week's newsletter.



## SPRING FAIR

As we approach Easter we would like to host another opportunity to come together as a community, parents, parishioners and friends and would ask you to save the date...

**Wednesday 27th March**

There will be a separate letter issued in the coming week to explain in more detail how you and your children can get involved before hand and on the day. Our last Spring Fair proved to be very successful when organised straight after school and so this will be our proposal again.

We hope to see you there!



## Wellbeing Matters

### Walk and Talk

### Together from 2:40pm



Whether you want to share a concern or simply get out in the fresh air before collecting your child(ren) for the weekend, come and join us on our local 30mins walk, suitable for all.

Flyers coming soon

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Trips, Visits, Theme Days and More

**Monday 11th - Friday 15th March** British Science Week

**Tuesday 12th March 9am** Beech Class Assembly (rearranged) followed by Mother's Day breakfast for Beech Class

**Friday 15th March** Beech Class Trip to Eureka

**Friday 15th March** Stations of the Cross for Elm and Oak Class

**Monday 18th March** Y6 Fire Safety Talk

**Tuesday 19th March** Feast of St Joseph

**Tuesday 19th March** Elm Class Water Treatment Workshop

**Friday 22nd March** Cedar Class Assembly

**Friday 22nd March** EYFS Dress as a hero day

**Sunday 24th March** Feast Day of St Oscar Romero

**Monday 25th March** Start of Holy Week

**Monday 25th March** Parents' Evenings across the week

**Tuesday 26th March** Whole School Mass for Holy Week 10am all welcome

**Wednesday 27th March** Spring Fair

**Thursday 28th March** Close for Easter

**Monday 8th April** Start of the Summer Term

## Can you Help Todmorden in Bloom Celebrate their 25th Anniversary

By entering the Save the Insects and Bugs Competition by designing a picture of a Bug Hotel

The competition is open to all Todmorden primary school children.

There are two age ranges

4-6 & 7-11 year old

The overall winner will have their design made into a Bug Hotel for Patmos Garden.

Each schools winner will receive a garden voucher.

All entries to be handed into their school, by the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Judging will be done by the Todmorden Town Mayor, Tyler Hanley.

Please ensure we have your name, age and school on the back of your design. GOOD LUCK.

