



Pope Francis
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God entrusts to [#SaintJoseph](#) the mission of protecting Mary and Jesus. We see in him the centre of the Christian vocation: Christ! Let us care for Christ in our own lives, so that we can care for others!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a short but jam-packed half term.

A big thank you to Ms Hughes for organising an Artist in residence to join us last week. All classes had an art workshop based around plants and nature and the artwork produced was wonderful! Nina, our artist, thoroughly enjoyed her visit to the school and fed back how engaged and enthusiastic all the children were in her sessions. Photographs are below.

Also a big thank you to Mrs Jones for organising Science day this week. This is a day the children always look forward to as they get to work with different teachers, in different classrooms and try new scientific activities.

I hope you all have a very happy and peaceful Easter and enjoy the break.

Warmest regards,

Lucille Martin

Our Gospel Values

Creativity
Courage
Forgiveness
Generosity
Humility
Joy
Perseverance
Stewardship

Head teacher

Mrs Lucille Martin

Assistant Head teacher

Mr Ross McGill

SENCO

Mrs Rebecca McGill

Our Classes

Rainbows Miss Aldous
Mrs Iannelli
Class 1 Mrs Thackeray
Mrs Nwafor
Mrs Durston
Class 2 Ms Hughes
Ms Abbott
Class 3 Mr Grimwood
Mrs Harvey
Class 4 Mrs Crowther
Mrs Tella
Class 5 Mrs Jones
Mrs Smith
Mrs Katkuniene
Class 6 Mr McGill
Ms Borley

House Points

St Josephine: 2024

St Jean Paul: 1752

St Oscar Romero: 1938

St Teresa: 1820

Congratulations to St Josephine pupils!

TERM DATES 2023-24

Spring Term ends

Thursday 28th March

PD Day—Friday 12th April

Pupils back

Monday 15th April

Monday 6th May – school closed for
May Bank Holiday

Half term

Monday 27th May –Friday 31st May

SPOTLIGHT ON MOTHER-FIGURE MORNING



Thank you for supporting another very successful and enjoyable Mother-figure morning, 150 mother-figures joined us and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying their craft activities!

SPOTLIGHT ON ART WEEK



SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 3

We've had such an exciting few weeks in Year 3! We dived into art day by creating a beautiful 3D flower display, honing our observation skills and playing with different tones.

For Science day, we explored different scientific skills with making jelly, creating chromatography butterflies, and even launching rocket mice!

In English, we had fun researching and writing recipes for our favourite meals. In our class novel 'Operation Gadgetman', we delved into the mystery of Bean's inventor dad (Gadgetman) and his strange disappearance after he created a device that could make money.



We have been stepping back in time and understanding how the lives of the Anglo Saxons were different from our own. What they did for fun? What they did for work? We are going to continue to study this period of time and understand how the Vikings changed our landscape.

In Geography, the children have been researching the South West of England and how tourism is important to the area. As well as it's natural beauty and roots in history.

Over the last few weeks we have also been lucky enough to have a specialist music teacher from the Diocese of East Anglia, Mrs MJ, who has engaged the children with interactive musical games and is teaching them new music to add to their repertoire.

SPORTS NEWS

IPSSA Cross-Country Championships at RHS on Wednesday 20th March

Results

Congratulations to **all** the runners that took part in the Cross-Country competition. A superb team effort! More than a 100 children ran in some of the races and every single runner should be proud of their performance.

The following runners performed particularly well in their race:

Darcie	9 th
Tuscani	10 th
Ciara	14 th
Bethany	21 st
Jessica	23 rd
Joe	24 th
Laurie	32 nd
Cameron	38 th
Ella	42 nd
Caitlin	45 th
Anthony	47 th
Adomas	55 th
Cormac	55 th
Lysander	59 th

Squad: Adomas, Albie, Anthony, Bethany, Caitlin, Cameron, Ciara, Cormac, Darcie, Deimondas, Elisha, Ella, Gabriel, George, Imogen, Jace, Jaxon, Jessica, Joe, Laurie, Lysander, Mya, Nathaniel, Noah F, Noah U, Primrose, Riley-Ray, Sofia (Team Captain) and Tuscani.

A big thank you to the parents/grandparents for all their help on the day.

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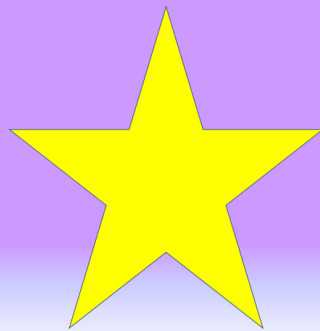
Rainbows – [Ryder](#)- for using resources with confidence and creating a fantastic bumble bee picture during our artist day this week.

Year 1 – [Freddie W](#) for his great work with the artist in residence.

Year 2 – [Danielle](#) for trying her best and getting involved in all our work 😊

[Maja](#) for thinking through her answers - every time, before answering in group discussions and for always being beautifully well behaved. 😊

Stars of the Week



Year 3 – [Riley](#), for showing focus and perseverance during some difficult art day tasks.

Year 4 – [Amelia](#) for producing some beautiful artwork during our special Art workshop.

Year 5 – [Imogen H](#) for showing courage and determination at swimming when moving to the next group. We are very proud of you Imogen!

Year 6 - [Ameliah](#), for her continual effort in all lessons and for making fantastic progress this year.

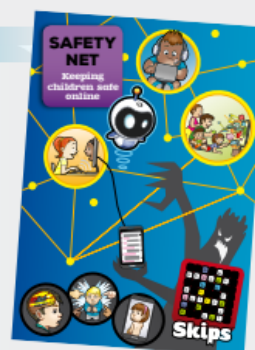
MR. MCGILL'S WEEKLY UPDATE - ONLINE SAFETY!



Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Upcoming Dates for the Spring term:

Monday 25th March—	Dress rehearsal for Y4 Passion Parent consultation evening
Tuesday 26th March—	Parent consultation evening
Wednesday 27th March—	2:30pm Passion Play performance

Term Dates for 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

Staff Professional Day – Monday 2nd September

Staff Professional Day – Tuesday 3rd September

Term Commences - Wednesday 4th September

Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Term Ends – Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2025

Staff Professional Day - Monday 6th January

Term Commences – Tuesday 7th January

Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

Friday 4th April – Term Ends

Summer Term 2025

Term Commences - Tuesday 22nd April

May Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May

Half Term - Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Term Ends - Friday 18th July

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

