



Dear Families,

This month our school community have been busy and have taken time to reflect on the importance of remembrance and gratitude. Year 4 led a beautiful service which reminded us of the values of kindness, courage, peace and faith that we strive to uphold every day.

We are very proud of our year 1 class who uphold the highest attendance figures.

Next, we look forward to Advent and preparing for the coming of Christ.

Mrs Philpott

We pray for our families

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colours of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen.



CHAPLAINCY GROUP

At Chaplaincy, the children wrote 'shout out' cards to show their gratitude – thank you!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

YR – 96.3%

Y1 – 98.9% **AMAZING

Y2 – 96.4%

Y3 – 97.8%

Y4 – 97.6%

Y5 – 97.3%

Y6 – 96.7%



We know parking can be tricky but please ensure your child arrives to school on time each day.

Year 6 Residential Trip



Our year 6 pupils enjoyed a week of exciting activities at Oakwood. They bravely embraced activities such as high ropes, zip wire, mountain boarding, canoeing, paddle boarding and much more! We are proud of the resilience and maturity they demonstrated throughout the week and although they returned home with a large bag of muddy clothes, they had a great time!



Year 5 STEM DAY



The 'Greenlight for Girls' STEM day at 3M was a day of hands-on Science fun for the pupils who took part. The pupils were able to learn more about future opportunities as well as hearing some inspirational stories.

Whilst the girls were at 3M, the boys were working on a space project – all in all a great day!

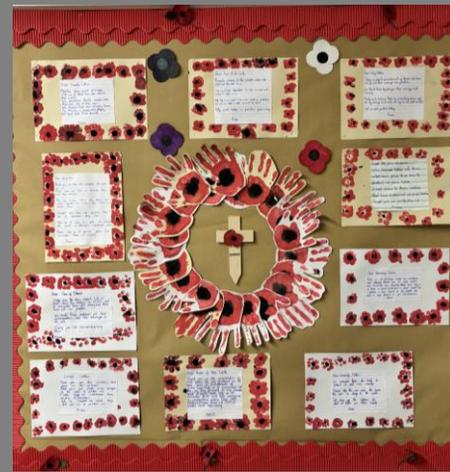
ANTI BULLYING DAY

A big thank you to everyone who supported our ODD SOCKS DAY. The children enjoyed wearing random socks to school and we talked about having the POWER FOR CHANGE.



We Remember...

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old



A beautiful display created by Mrs Pajka and Year 4

On 11th November, our children sat quietly and reverently at the Remembrance Service year 4 led. They listened respectfully and wore their poppies with pride.

The school would like to thank everyone who supported the British Legion Poppy Appeal by buying poppies, bracelets, stickers, wrist bands as this helps keep the memory of our war heroes alive.

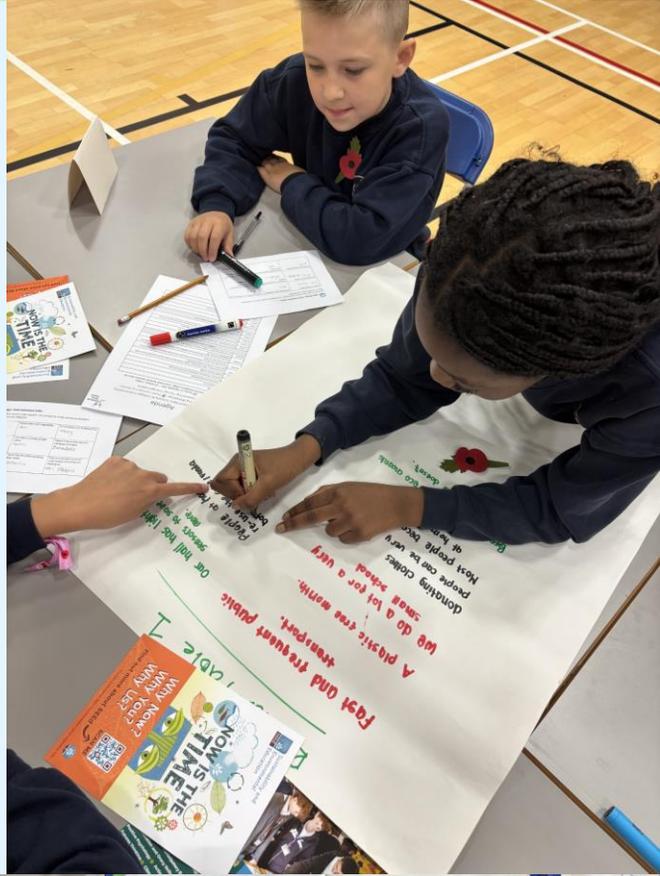


Some children attended a Remembrance Service with their cubs groups.

Thank you to the year 6 children who gave up their time to sell poppies in the car park.

CLIMATE CONFERENCE

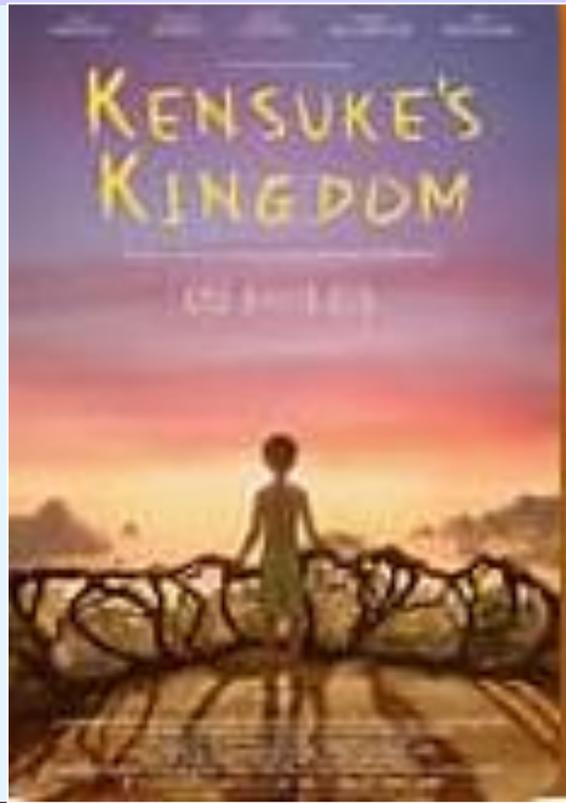
We were delighted to be invited to the Bracknell Forest Climate Conference which was held at Bracknell & Wokingham College. We listened to Councillor Mary Templeton speak and explored ways we can: reduce foodwaste and water use, tackle air pollution around our school, improve biodiversity and be **YOUNG CHANGE MAKERS**. Keep your eyes peeled for more information about our plans for change at St Joseph's!



YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE CINEMA

Year 4 had the opportunity to visit the cinema for free – what a treat! They joyfully walked to the local Cineworld and caught a viewing of Kensuke's Kingdom.

Kensuke's Kingdom is a 2023 animated film based on Michael Morpurgo's beloved children's novel, featuring a young boy's adventure on a deserted island. Try and catch it if you can!



CONGRATULATIONS



Beautiful Baptism

Our school congratulate siblings the children who were recently Baptised by Father Danny.



Swimming Success

This little fish recently moved into stage 4 swimming group. Keep up the great work!



Stage Star!

Congratulations to E who performed at Princess Hall, Aldershot in the Stagecoach troupe. What a star!

Does your child have an achievement to share with our community?
Email a photo to the school secretary:
secretary@stjosphsbracknell.co.uk

General Reminders

1. If your child wears a white shirt, they should also wear a school tie. We have spares for anyone who needs one.
2. No car should be driving into the school carpark before 4.40pm.
3. Children should not be wearing PE shoes with school uniform.

BLANKET DONATIONS

Do you have a blanket you no longer use?

Our Faith Ambassadors are collecting blankets for the homeless. They plan to leave the blankets on a bench with a note inviting a person to 'keep warm'



If you have any blankets to donate, please leave at the school office.

BFC - CONFIDENTIAL

five to thrive

Parents Session

St Joseph's School staff have recently been trained in a new approach to support children in the setting.

To enable consistency for your children we would like to offer you a short session to introduce the programme to you and how you can use this to support behaviour at home.

Tuesday 2nd December 2025
9am

Please let the staff know if you would like to attend.



BFC - CONFIDENTIAL

Pyjamas Day



BRING A BOX OF CHOCOLATES FOR OUR XMAS
FAYRE TOMBOLA AND WEAR YOUR PJS FOR THE
DAY

Friday 21st November

A festive poster with a purple background and a white central area. The text is written in a bold, black, hand-drawn font. The poster is decorated with various colorful stars (red, pink, blue, yellow, cyan) and wavy lines (green, red) scattered around the white area. There are also green shapes with yellow stars in the corners.

MUFTI DAY

**FRIDAY 5TH
DEC**

**BRING A BOTTLE OF ALCOHOL
FOR OUR XMAS FAYRE
BOTTLE TOMBOLA**

E-safety tips for Parents of Primary School Children

79% of 7-11 year-olds said they would tell their parent or carer if something worried them online.



Childnet, Have your Say (2013)

Checklist

Put yourself in control

Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.

Search safely

Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at google.co.uk/safetycentre.

Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Explore together

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Put the family computer in a communal area so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.

Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

Learn about it:

Teach your child some simple rules

- Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online
- Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element like Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin
- Use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep their information private
- Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke
- Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- Check attachments and pop ups for viruses before they click or download anything
- Use Public Friendly WiFi when they're out and about to filter inappropriate content

Talk about it:

Tips for a meaningful conversation

- Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them
- Talk about online grooming as you would stranger danger and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are





JOIN US FOR OUR

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SAT DEC 6TH
2-5 PM

St Joseph's School. Gipsy Lane. Bracknell.
RG12 9AP

Enjoy Market stalls, tasty food, festive games, a
bottle & chocolate tombola, Santa's grotto,
Mulled wine, and lots more!

St Joseph's PTA

Parent Information

Diary Dates	Class	Event
W/B 17 th November	Year 2-6	Morning Book Looks
Friday 21 st November	Whole School	PJ Day – Bring chocolate for the chocolate tombola
Wednesday 19 th November	Invite only	IEP Meetings
Friday 28 th November	Year 5	Christingle Service (Y5 parents welcome to attend)
Tuesday 2 nd December	EYFS	9am Parents session from Five to Thrive
Friday 5 th December	Year 3	Advent Assembly (Y3 parents welcome to attend)
Friday 5 th December	Whole School	Mufti day – bring a bottle
Saturday 6 th December	Whole School	Christmas Fayre 2 – 5pm
Thursday 11 th December	Year R/1/2	NATIVITY @ 2pm
Friday 12 th December		NATIVITY @ 2pm
Wednesday 17 th December	KS2 (Y3,4,5,6)	Carol Concert at Church 6pm
Wednesday 17 th December	All	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	All Pupils	Last day of term
Friday 19 th December	Whole School	INSET DAY
Monday 5 th January	All	INSET DAY/ Teacher Training Day
Thursday 15 th January	All	Culture Day
Thursday 29 th January	Year 1	Trip to Milestones Museum, Basingstoke
Friday 22 nd May	All	SPORTS DAY
Monday 1 st June	All	INSET DAY/ Teacher Training Day

OUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN ADOPTED FOR NOVEMBER



YOUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN ADOPTED

by your local Everyone Active Centre

WHAT IS THE ADOPT A SCHOOL PROGRAMME?

Everyone Active's Adopt a School programme is a brilliant opportunity for both Everyone Active and local Schools to work together in an effort to get the local community more active.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU?*

During the 2 week period that your school is adopted, a variety of perks will be available to **parents/guardians, school pupils & school employees**, these will include the following:

- FREE Swimming** for School Pupils (Aged 10 & under)
- FREE Junior Gym & Swimming** for Pupils (Aged 11-15)
- FREE Membership** for Parent/Guardians (Aged 16+)
- FREE Membership** for School Employees (Aged 16+)

*Please note, the offers may vary by centre depending on the facilities available at your local centre.

Your adopting centre:

Bracknell Leisure Centre
Bagshot Road
RG12 9SE

Scan here
for more
information on
the programme:



everyone
ACTIVE

everyoneactive.com

[everyoneactive](https://www.facebook.com/everyoneactive)

[@everyoneactive](https://twitter.com/everyoneactive)

[@everyoneactive](https://www.instagram.com/everyoneactive)

TENNIS CAMP



Christmas Tennis Camps

At Lalika JTC, Farley Wood, Binfield, RG42 1FW

Red & Orange Ball

Wednesday 24th December 9:30-11:30

Green & Yellow Ball

Wednesday 24th December 11:30-13:30

Top Squad Camps

Tuesday 23rd December 9:30-12:30



office.mattreidprocoaching@gmail.com

