

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of a new term. January always brings a sense of renewal, and we are excited to begin the year with fresh energy and purpose. The children have settled back into school routines wonderfully, and we are already seeing great enthusiasm for learning.

We are particularly delighted with the success of our recent Cultural Day. It was a joy to see the children celebrating the rich diversity within our school community. Their pride in sharing traditions, languages, and heritage was truly inspiring. Days like this remind us of the strength and beauty that come from recognising and valuing each other's backgrounds, and we are grateful to all the families who supported the event.

Check out the photos [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Culture Day 2026](#)

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to a positive and productive term ahead.

Mrs Philpott

A January Prayer...

Heavenly Father,

As we step into this new year, we place our family in your loving hands.

Bless our homes with peace, patience, and understanding.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family; Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, guide our hearts to grow in faith, hope, and charity.

Grant us the courage to face challenges with trust in your providence, the wisdom to make choices that honour you, and the joy to celebrate each blessing; big or small.

May our words be gentle, our actions be kind and our love for one another reflect your eternal love.

Keep us safe in body, mind, and spirit and draw us closer to you each day of this year.

*In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.*

Attendance:

Year R – 95.7%

Year 1 – 98.2%

Year 3 – 97%

Year 4 – 97.8%

Year 5 – 96.6%

Year 6 – 96.5%

Whole School – 96.9%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Regular attendance at school is vital for children's learning, confidence, and wellbeing. So far this term we have had a lot of absence due to sickness – please refer to NHS for guidance on when to stay home from school.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Families of Faith

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Prayer Corner



Dear Jesus,
Thank you for this new day,
For our family, our friends, and all
the love around us.

Thank you for the saints we
remember this month,
Who teach us to pray, be brave,
and care for others.

Help us to be kind, share our gifts,
And shine your light wherever we
go.
Amen

Saints to Inspire



14 February - St Cyril

St. Cyril and his brother St. Methodius helped teach the Slavic people about God and made the first Slavic alphabet called Glagolitic. They also translated the Bible so people could read it in their own language. Today, St. Cyril is remembered for helping people learn to read and for creating the Cyrillic alphabet.



10 February - St Scholastica

St. Scholastica, twin sister of St. Benedict, devoted her life to God and led a community of women. She is remembered for her deep faith and prayer, including a famous story where God sent a storm so she could spend more time with her brother.

Good News from the Gospel



Week 1 - Matthew 5:1-12

We listen to the Beatitudes. How can you be a peacemaker?
How can you promote peace at home or at school?

Week 2 - Matthew 5:13-16

We think about how salt brings out the best things. What good deeds can you do today? How can you bring light to the world?

Week 3 - Matthew 5: 17-37

Teaches us about following laws and commandments. What would you like to say sorry for? How can you show you are sorry?

Week 4 - Matthew 4: 1-11

We have begun Lent and hear about Jesus being tempted in the desert. What are you giving up for Lent?

Family Faith in Action

The feast of **Candlemas** is celebrated on the **2nd of February**. This day celebrates when Mary and Joseph presented baby Jesus in the temple (*Luke 2:22-40*). Here are some ideas to do at home:

- Children could decorate candles with symbols of light (stars, suns, hearts).
- Light candles and talk about Jesus as "the Light of the World."
- Say a simple prayer: "Jesus, help us to bring your light to others."

National Inventors' Day 11th February

Research an inventor. Find out more about what they created



National Random Acts of Kindness Day 11th February

Offer words of encouragement or make a donation to a local cause

National Love Your Pet Day 20th February

Our relationship with our pets are part of our call to Stewardship. Genesis 1:25



Diary Dates



Diary Dates	Class	Event
Wednesday 14 th January	Year 5	Open Learning centre Letter Writing Workshop for parents
Thursday 15 th January	All	Culture Day & African drumming workshops
Friday 23 rd January	Year R	Class Assembly – Parents welcome
Thursday 29 th January	Year 1	Trip to Milestones Museum, Basingstoke
Tuesday 3 rd February	Year R	SouthHill Park Drama Workshop in school
Thursday 5 th February	All	ECO DAY! Each class will attend an eco-workshop
Friday 6 th February	Year 1	Class Assembly – Parents welcome
Friday 6 th February	Year 1 and 2	SouthHill Park workshops in school
Monday 23 rd February	All	Stay & Pray sessions each day (Lent)
Friday 6 th March	Year 2	Class Assembly – Parents welcome
Monday 9 th March	Year 1-6	Swimming lessons start
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 3 and 4	Trip to Butsers Ancient Farm
Friday 13 th March	Year 3	Class Assembly – Parents welcome
Monday 16 th & Wednesday 18 th March	All	Parents Meetings to discuss progress
Wednesday 25 th March	Year 5	Easter Play @ 2pm
Friday 27 th March	Year 1-6	Swimming lessons finish END OF TERM
Tuesday 5 th May	Year 2	Pizza Express Visit
Friday 22 nd May	All	SPORTS DAY
Monday 1 st June	All	INSET DAY/ Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 3	Open Learning centre Kaboom Maths
Monday 6 th July	Year 4,5 and 6	SHP Wilde Day

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD NOT TO BRING TOYS INTO SCHOOL. THEY ARE A DISTRACTION AND CAN CAUSE UPSET IF LOST OR BROKEN. IF SEEN, A TEACHER MIGHT TAKE THEM AWAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



Online Safety Quiz

Does your child know how to stay safe online? Test their knowledge with this online quiz.



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Test their knowledge with this online quiz.

Before you answer each question, have a discussion, then choose your answer together.

[Online safety quiz | NSPCC](#)

CONGRATULATIONS



*Does your child
have an
achievement to
share with our
community?*

*Email a photo to
the school
secretary:*

[secretary@stjosephsbracknell.co.u](mailto:secretary@stjosephsbracknell.co.uk)

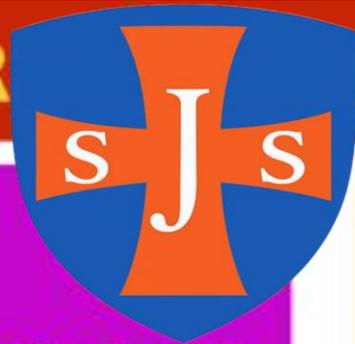
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Congratulations to Year 4's E who was awarded start of the week at her performing Arts Class.

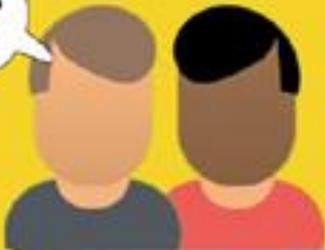
E-Safety

SAFER ONLINE TOGETHER



If I see something inappropriate online, who do I report it to?

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ANY ADULT

Who's in charge of e-Safety?

MRS PHILPOTT



Can children bring mobile phones to school?



YES, BUT MUST BE GIVEN TO THE OFFICE AT THE START OF THE DAY

KNOW YOUR E-SAFETY AT ST. JOSEPH'S

It's everyone's responsibility!

Who can I give ideas or suggestions about online safety in school?



MR O'CONNOR or MRS PHILPOTT

Can children use Facebook or any other social media site?



NO - AGE RESTRICTION IS 13 YEARS OLD

Find more information about e-safety at [Parents and carers](#) | [CEOP Education](#)



Ultimate guide to working from home with children

We've got tips and advice to help you create a good work life balance when working from home with children.



Do you work from home?

The option to work from home has been a game-changer for many parents.

Being in the house when your child gets home from school and not wasting precious time on a long commute are just two of the benefits.

Family life is an ongoing balancing act. How and where work fits into the mix is a key consideration.

With all the best planning in the world there may well still be times when you're working and juggling childcare.

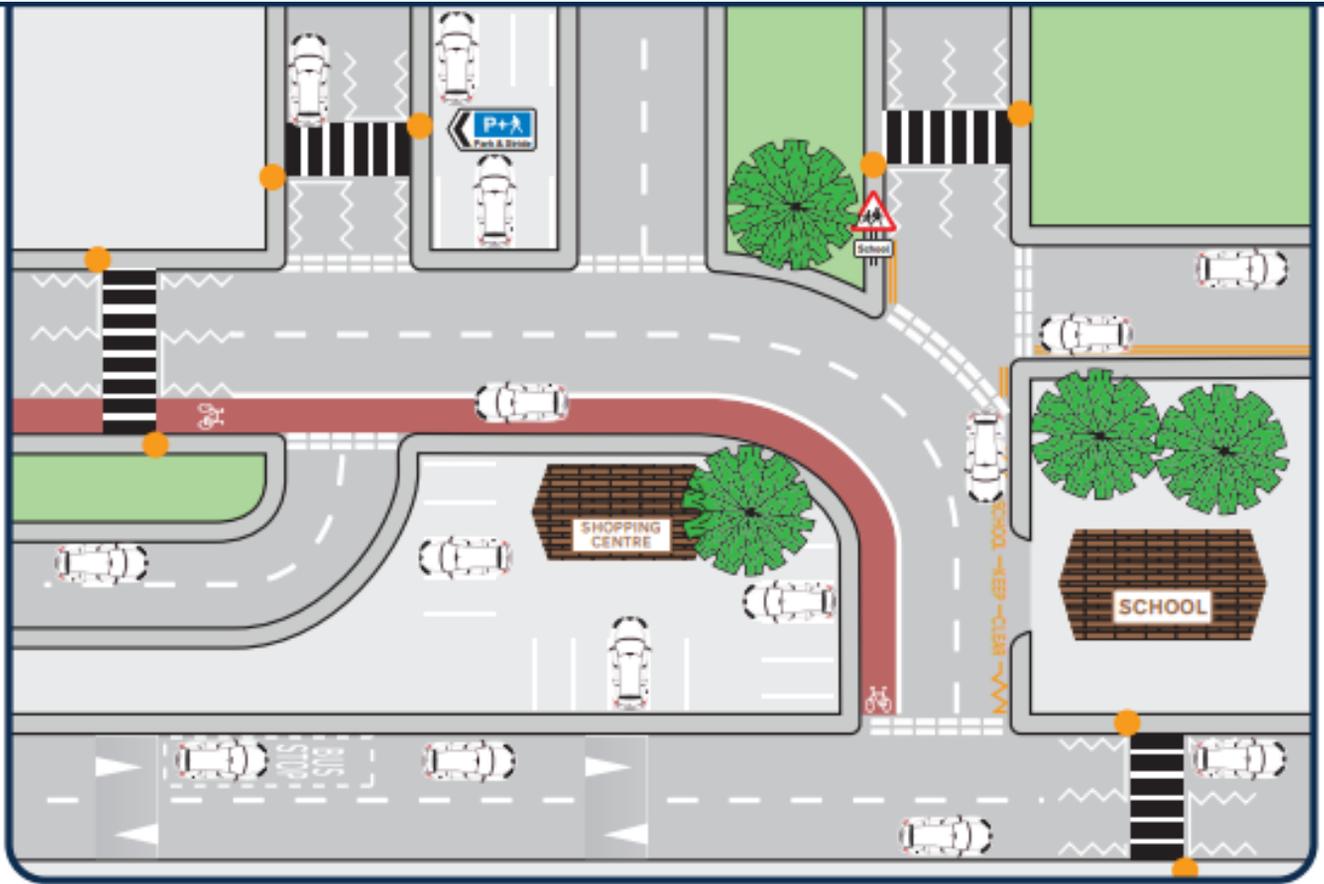
FIND TOP TIPS ON THE NSPCC SITE:

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Parent Information

PARKING



Instructions

Look at the cars in the picture above.

- Can you find the cars that are parked in dangerous places? Colour these cars in **RED**.
- Can you find the cars that are parked in safe places? Colour these cars in **GREEN**.

REMEMBER cars should never park or wait:

- ✗ On school zig-zag markings
- ✗ On yellow lines
- ✗ On the footpath
- ✗ At locations where pupils and children need to cross the road
- ✗ Over dropped kerbs
- ✗ Blocking driveways to houses
- ✗ On the corner of the street
- ✗ On a grass verge
- ✗ At a bus stop

February half term tennis camps



@Latika JTC

🟡 18th February 2026 🟡

Red & Orange Ball
Green & Yellow Ball

19th February
Top Squad Camp



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DO SPORT

DO WHAT YOU LOVE
LOVE WHAT YOU DO

Multi-Sports | 5-13yrs

Winter Olympics Camp

Mon 16th to Thur 19th Feb
Meadow Vale School, Bracknell
Moordale Avenue, RG42 1SY
9:00am - 16:00pm

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AGES 5-13

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PLAYOFFS FUN WEEK

ASCOT

**CHARTERS LESURE CENTRE,
ASCOT, SL5 9QY**

MONDAY 16TH TO THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

10:00-15:00

SANDHURST

**SANDHURST SPORTS CENTRE,
OWLSMOOR ROAD, SL5 9QY**

MONDAY 16TH TO FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

09:30-15:15

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

