



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Cedar

Miski - For her determination in her phonics and reading this term and for following our school mission when playing with others, showing helpfulness and a caring manner.

Theo - For living out our school mission every day. He is kind and helpful and always tries his best with all areas of his learning. Well done!

Cherry

Gabriella - For developing a positive attitude towards all that she does and for being a kind and helpful learning partner.

Jesse - For developing a positive attitude to his work and for living out the Mission Statement by always including others in his games.

Elm

Oscar - For really thinking hard about his work. His concentration skills and hard work ethic is evident in the work he produces.

Sebastian - For always making sure his work is completed to a very high standard. The effort and care he puts into his work is ensuring he achieves well.

Fir

Christian - For his kind and caring nature. Christian is always willing to help others in the class and put a smile on their face.

Juliette O'Connor - A brilliant role model who strives to live out our Mission Statement in all that she does.

Hazel

Alice - For settling into the family of St Joseph's very well and demonstrating daily her kindness and thoughtfulness towards her friends.

Antonio - For settling into the family of St Joseph's very well and eagerly sharing his thoughts and ideas in every lesson.

Maple

Dominic - For working hard in class and growing in confidence to approach new learning.

Charlotte - For her positive attitude and consistently working hard in all aspects of school life

Oak

Jenna - For living out the mission statement every day. She is a kind and helpful member of the class to both her teachers and her peers. She is always sensitive to other people's needs and ensures that everyone is included in classroom and playground activities. She has a positive attitude to all her learning making her an excellent role model for others.

Jake - For being a kind, dependable person who always rises to a challenge. He has shown great leadership skills in his role as playground leader. He is an excellent learning partner gently encouraging others to make the right choice. He lives out the mission statement every day and is an excellent role model.

Pine

Chiara - For being a fantastic role model by trying her best in everything that she does and treating others with kindness and respect. Chiara has been a wonderful addition to the family of St Joseph's.

Jack - For working hard in all subjects, always concentrating and listening carefully. Jack always considers the feelings of others, makes everyone welcome and always shows forgiveness.

Poplar	<p>Kayden - For really engaging in his learning this term and working well with others, treating them with respect and kindness</p> <p>Maja - For her enthusiasm in all areas of learning; her interesting questions asked and her supportive role as a learning partner.</p>
Rowan	<p>Rory - For consistently demonstrating a highly enthusiastic and keen approach to learning. He takes pride in every piece of work and patiently shares his understanding with others.</p> <p>Tilly - For being a super hardworking member of the class and always challenging herself. She lives out the Mission Statement by treating her peers with respect and kindness</p>
Sycamore	<p>Grace - For living out the Mission Statement at all times. You are the perfect role model to the younger children Grace. Well done with your academic progress too.</p> <p>Ethan - For his fantastic progress, especially in relation to maths. Well done for showing such determination, working hard and striving to reach set targets.</p>
Willow	<p>Neriah - Neriah is a lovely young lady and a valued member of our Chaplaincy Team. She has really progressed throughout her first two terms in Year 6; she works very hard and likes to ensure that every piece of work is of the highest possible quality. Well done Neriah!</p> <p>Gregory - Gregory has worked extremely hard this term and made real progress in his learning: particularly in maths. He is starting to take real pride in his work, alongside trying his best to improve his practice SATs scores every time! Very well done Gregory!</p>

Football Finals – Gold and Silver Teams

It was the perfect season for both the gold and silver teams who took part in the Kitteridge All Sports Football League.

Both teams won their respective leagues and remained unbeaten for the entire season which meant they both qualified for the semi-final stage.

The Gold Team beat Thorley Hill convincingly in the semi-final and, yesterday, were victorious against Northgate in the final on penalties after the match finished level at 1-1.

The Silver Team beat Little Hallingbury convincingly in the semi-final and, yesterday, were victorious against Manor Fields in the final, winning 2-0.

Well done to all the children in both teams - an absolutely fantastic season and Mr Carrington is very proud of you all!



Gymnastics

St. Joseph's pupils have once again made their school proud by competing with determination and great team spirit in a wide range of sporting activities this half term.

We began the half term with two gymnastics competitions at Stortford Gymnastics with year 2 and then year 4 taking part. The whole team worked hard in preparation for the competition to learn their routines and they all performed them superbly.



Quicksticks Hockey

Year 5 had a great morning at Birchwood High School in the quicksticks hockey tournament, winning every single one of their matches – superb!



Netball

St Joseph's also participated in the Bee Netball Competition at Birchwood High School.

We entered two teams in the 'Compete League', we played some wonderful netball and placed third and fourth in the leagues. Very well done to all the girls involved!



A big well done to everyone who took part in sports this half term and thank you to parents for making them possible by dropping and collecting your children to the events, we really do appreciate it. Next half term we will be just as busy with competitions in tag rugby, football, cricket and tennis!

British Science Week (8th-17th March 2024)

To celebrate this wonderful event, we organised engaging and interactive activities for the children to enjoy.

EYFS:

The wonderful Dr. Bentley (from St Mary's) came in to work with our EYFS children to engage and inspire them, she explored all things Space! Children had opportunities to learn about the solar system and day/night. They also had a fun treat at the end of the workshop (explosions using a water rocket).

KS1 and KS2

Children in KS1 and KS2 took part in a 'Silly Science Workshop', led by Professor Nitrate. Children learnt about gravity, thrust, lift, pressure, chemical reactions, fire, molecules and of course, explosions! They all had a brilliant time!



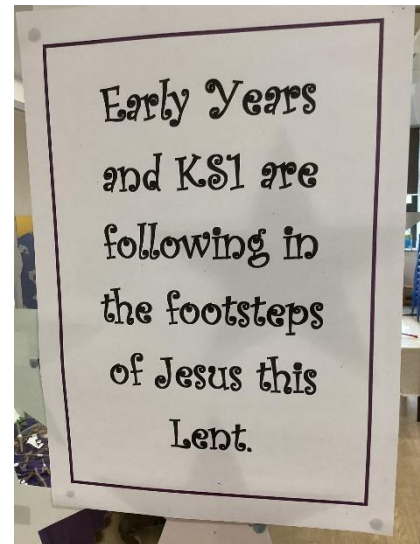
R.E.

In RE this term, we have been thinking about the journey Jesus is about to undertake. We have thought about what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. You will see our purple feet decorating the corridors!

Our Nursery and Reception children have looked at the signs and symbols of Lent.

Year 1 and 2 children have looked at the story of The Widow's Mite, where we discussed what it means to give this Lent. We then looked at the events of Holy Week and what that means for us. Year 3 and 4 have looked in more detail at the events of Holy Week, but in particular the Last Supper. They have looked at the words and symbols of the Last Supper and discussed how we still celebrate this event each week at Mass.

Year 5 and 6 looked at the Resurrection in Mark's Gospel, they then linked these messages to the 'I Am' statements in John's Gospel.



The KS1 and KS2 pupils prayed the Stations of the Cross this morning, supported by the Chaplaincy Team. Some comments from the children included: "I felt so angry with the soldiers for hurting Jesus."

"It made me feel sad when Jesus fell over."

"I want to say thank you to Jesus because he loves me so much."

"Jesus's body is like a seed because after he was buried, he rose up from the dead on Easter Sunday, just like a flower growing up."



St Joseph's Day

We all had a wonderful time celebrating the Feast Day of St Joseph on 19th March. Fr Marco celebrated Mass with us and taught us about St Joseph's special qualities. We had lots of fun in our classes, decorating biscuits, making cupcakes and creating artwork.



Prayer and reflection (CAFOD, 2024)

We remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a humble donkey.

May we follow his example of love and service.

We reflect on Jesus washing his disciple's feet.

May we follow his example of love and service.

We think of Jesus on the cross, forgiving others.

May we follow his example of love and service.

We rejoice in Jesus risen from the dead.

May we follow his example of love and service.

Risen Christ,

We give thanks for the new life you have given us.

Show us how to be loving and forgiving,

To live in hope and make a change,

So that all people may live in peace,

free from poverty.

Amen.

Mission: How can each of us spread the hope that Easter brings?

