



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

“Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be”

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are quickly heading towards the end of this school year and have so much still to fit in. Miss Last recently sent out an overview of all of the events in the diary for the remainder of the term. Please do take a look and come along to any events you can.



Congratulations to our girls' Yr 6 cricket team, who attended a tournament last week and came away as winners of their group. Mr McGovern reported that they displayed excellent teamwork and battled through the intense heat with positivity and enjoyment. Well done girls!

A group of our Yr6 children attended an event called AmaSing at The Floral Pavilion last week. It was an opportunity to come together with other schools from Wirral and Cheshire and celebrate a love of singing and performing. They performed with confidence and were excellent role models for our school. Thank you to Mrs McGinity, who gave up her own time to teach Yr6 the songs.

Our Junior Travel Ambassadors, spent time on Friday delivering letters to local residents about what we are doing in school to encourage and promote safe parking around the school grounds. I have received a number of complaints over the last few months from residents about where parents park. Please remember not to park on yellow lines, kerbs or in residents only parking spaces. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

There have been a number of school trips this half term and still a few to go. Teachers have reported to me that behaviour on the trips has been exemplary. Mr Shankland took Yr 1 to the Leasowe Lighthouse and the guides from the lighthouse said that they were the best behaved and politest class that they had ever had on a trip. Wow, well done Yr1!



Congratulations to the children who have made their First Holy Communion this half term. There is one last group to go, which is happening this Saturday. Please do come along and support if you are able to. Mass will be at midday on Saturday 24th June. We are having a whole school Mass for our sacramental children on Thursday 29th June at 9:30am.

Thank you to those parents that have attended out Stay and Prays this half term. Life is very busy and these sessions are an opportunity to stop, pray and reflect together as part of our school family.



There will be a leavers Mass for our Yr6 and staff members that are finishing with us this year on Thursday 13th July at 9:30am. Please join us if you are able to.



Well done to all of our pupils and staff that have been involved with statutory testing this term. The attitudes and resilience towards these tests has been incredible. Thank you to all staff involved, for working extremely hard to ensure that the children were fully prepared. Thank you!

If you know anyone looking for a place for September for F2, please ask them to contact the school office. We have a limited number of places available in our Two year Old room and F1. We have recently had completed applications for 2025 for our Two Year Old room. If you are looking for a place for 2024/2025 you can register now. Please contact the school office. We are looking forward to meeting and welcoming our new F2 children, over the next couple of weeks.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hollis

It's been a busy term for Foundation 2!!

The children had an amazing time in Summer 1 learning about France. We kicked off our term with an amazing Eurovision production, where the children shared all their knowledge about France and gave a fantastic performance of the Can Can.



During the topic we got every excited, as we learnt we were going on our own plane to France!! We made passports, tickets, learnt the language and looked at the sights. We then finally arrived with our suitcases and sunglasses and boarded the plane. We had an excellent morning, where the children could use all their knowledge they had learnt and share it with each other. Thank you to Mr Edgerton for his fantastic airport and plane!!



This half term we started off with our favourite author Julia Donaldson, we learnt the story



'A Squash and a Squeeze' off by heart. The children learnt fantastic new vocabulary and are now able to perform the story to others. We then learnt what life was like on a farm and planted lots of flowers and vegetables in our outdoor area. We then finished off the topic with our very own trip to the farm.



As we come to the end of the term I would like to thank all of our wonderful children and staff who have made this year so special.

The children have worked so hard and are now ready for the fun and challenge of year 1. I will miss them all but wish them the best of luck!!

Well done F2,

Mrs Walker xx

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Our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTA's)

What is a JTA?

A JTA is a pupil recruited from Key Stage 2 who is tasked with promoting safe, active and responsible travel for the journeys' to and from school.

The role of a JTA

A JTA is responsible for promoting active travel, walking, cycling or scooting, and road safety. They act as a team within our school community to raise awareness of road safety and build relationships with our local residents. As part of this promotion, JTA's have already run the following:

- Carried out assemblies**
- Conducted surveys**
- Road Safety campaigns**
- Helped to complete the school travel plan**



A key job as a JTA is to carry out surveys and record the different ways children and teachers travel to and from work. They have conducted a recent 'Hands up' travel survey to determine how our staff and pupils travel to school. From this, they will think of ways to encourage more

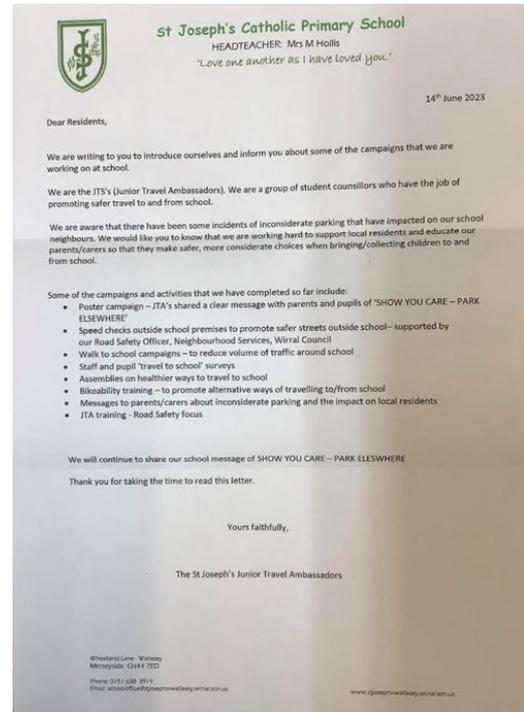
walking to school so that we reduce the number of cars around school.



The JTA's have created a dedicated JTA noticeboard to share the latest active travel news and promote current activities.

On Friday, our JTA's (Junior Travel Ambassadors) delivered a letter to all of our local residents around school. The JTA's wrote to residents to explain that we are working hard to encourage all our parents/carers to park safely and considerately around school.

In the letter, they explained what steps we are taking to continue to share our message of



SHOW YOU CARE - PARK ELSEWHERE



Please support our school community in upholding this message when dropping off and picking up from school.

The JTA's will continue to drive important road safety initiatives

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance is improving at present, well done to all who have still got 100%!

It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at
95% or above.

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 90.5%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 92.6%

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel .

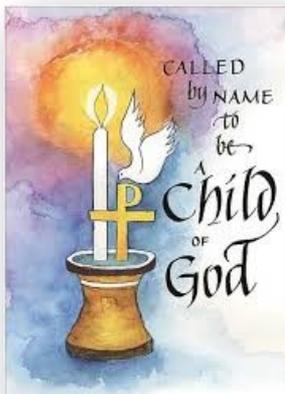
CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
2 year olds: Mrs Higgins	72.9%	81%
Foundation 1 Miss Howard	80%	70%
Foundation 2 Miss Walker	86.5%	88.5%
Year 1: Mr Shankland	93.6%	96.2%
Year 2: Miss Finnigan	98%	96%
Year 3: Miss Davies	96.7%	91.7%
Year 4: Mr Clare	96.3%	93.1%
Year 5: Miss McAlinden	92.6%	90.6%
Year 6: Mrs Lyons	80.7%	89.3%

Baptism Preparation

If you would like more information about having your child baptised please ring the parish office on 638 1520 or email to stalbanandstjoseph@yahoo.co.uk

Please add a contact number and we will ring you to arrange a date for a preparation session with Fr Ramesh or Fr Praveen.

We look forward to welcoming your children into our parish family.



25th June

St Alban's Parish Hall

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT**

All children, Mums, Dads, Grannies, Granddads and Carers are very welcome.

3pm

Activities include drawing, painting, arts, crafts and lots more.

4pm

Gathering together in Church for a short Liturgy

4.10pm-4.30pm

return to parish hall for sharing food.

Free of charge but there is a donations basket.