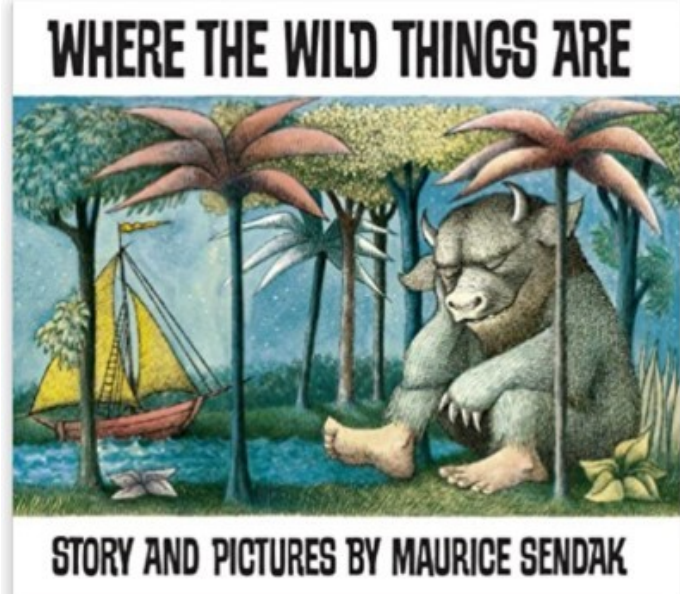


Year 1 have been reading 'Where the wild things are' by Maurice Sendak



We have really enjoyed going on a magical adventure with Max the wolf. It is a great story about a young boy's wild imagination through a forest. We have created lots of writing to support the story and created our very own 'Wild thing' in our classroom. Unfortunately, he went missing for a couple of days and we had to hand out WANTED posters for his return.

We have also had a great time learning to count in 2's. We can now use our mathematical knowledge of 2s to answer difficult questions and explain our reasoning. We have created a Maths display in class to support us and will continue to add to it as we progress to counting in 5s and 10s.

This half term we have been learning about The Great Fire of London. We began to understand how long ago this happened and the reasons for the fire. We looked at Samuel Pepys and created a page from his diary. We then created art work for our classroom display using wood and paper to create the houses.



In R.E we have been looking at when Jesus returned to his friends before the Ascension. We discussed times when we have been surprised and thought about how the disciples must have felt to see Jesus again. We have also been practising The Angelus every day before lunch. The children have really enjoyed learning the sign language to accompany the prayer. Copy the link below and share with your children at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PglEF7mTf2E>

We have been very busy this half term and look forward to the next! Have a wonderful half term and stay safe!

Year 1 x



## PE Update

### Indoor athletics

Despite poor weather we haven't let that stop us getting our usual summer athletics going, opting instead for indoor athletics in the sports barn and hall. The children from Year 4 and Year 5 have been working with Mark Roberts from WESPA Fire building up their skills in relay, jumping and throwing events. I have been so impressed by the children's efforts during these sessions.



### After school clubs

It has been so nice to start back after school clubs again after such a long absence. Since Easter we have had 58 children take part from Year 2, 4 and 5. After half term there will be clubs for Foundation stage and Year 1. Please see Class Dojo if you would like your child to take part.

### Swimming

After half term Year 4 will be swimming for 2 weeks starting on Monday 7th June. All of the details are on Class Dojo, or please contact Mr McGovern with any queries.





# School Attendance

Attendance is below our target, well done to all who have achieved or are close to 100%

It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at 97% 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%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 93%



| CLASS                    | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2 year olds: Mrs Higgins | 65%       | 75%       |
| Foundation 1 Miss Howard | 74%       | 81%       |
| Foundation 2 Miss Turner | 79%       | 91%       |
| Foundation 2 Mrs Walker  | 96%       | 98%       |
| Year 1: Miss Last        | 97%       | 91%       |
| Year 2: Miss Finnigan    | 92%       | 92%       |
| Year 3 Miss Davies       | 97%       | 96%       |
| Year 4 Mr Broughton      | 84%       | 91%       |
| Year 5: Miss J Allen     | 91%       | 90%       |
| Year 6: Miss Morgan      | 92%       | 95%       |

## Parish Information

Arranging a Baptism ..... If you wish to have your child baptised please contact the parish office on 0151 638 1520 for further information

Also

St Joseph's Church is now open for mass on  
Monday at 9.30am Wednesday at 12noon  
Sunday 11am and 6.30pm



| Class                  | Drop Off | Pick Up | Class | Drop Off | Pick Up |
|------------------------|----------|---------|-------|----------|---------|
| Two Year Old Provision | 8.55     | 11.45   | Yr3   | 9.00     | 15.20   |
| F1                     | 8.55     | 11.45   | Yr4   | 9.00     | 15.20   |
| F2                     | 8.45     | 15.00   | Yr5   | 9.05     | 15.30   |
| Yr1                    | 8.50     | 15.10   | Yr6   | 9.05     | 15.30   |
| Yr2                    | 8.50     | 15.10   |       |          |         |



# 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"

Headteacher Mrs M Hollis

School Office 0151 638 3919  
28th May 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the half term break, I would like to thank our children for their efforts over the last seven weeks. It has been a pleasure to watch them settle back into a routine and flourish under the watchful eyes of our amazing school staff. Thank you for your cooperation over this half term, especially when we have had to make last minute changes in order to keep our school family safe.



## Covid-19 Half Term



If your child tests positive, having developed symptoms within two days of finishing school, please inform us swiftly using the following email address:

[covid@stjosephs-wallasey.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:covid@stjosephs-wallasey.wirral.sch.uk)

This will ensure that we can identify and inform any close contacts, as they would then be required to self-isolate for ten days.

## Pick up

There will be some slight changes to the arrangements for the end of the school day starting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. The current arrangement is that you collect your children at your youngest child's pick up time. The change from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June will mean that you will collect your children at your oldest child's pick-up time. This change will minimise disruption to classes. Please take the time to check what time your oldest child finishes school. Drop off times in the morning remain the same.

| Class | Collection |
|-------|------------|
| F2    | 3:00       |
| Yr1/2 | 3:10       |
| Yr3/4 | 3:20       |
| Yr5/6 | 3:30       |

**The change from Monday 7th June will mean that you will collect your children at your oldest child's pick-up time.**

## Acceptable Behaviour

At St Joseph's we feel proud of the excellent relationships we build with parents and carers. On a few occasions over the past two weeks school staff have been subjected to some unpleasant verbal abuse. I am sure you will agree; St Joseph's staff should be entitled to a safe working environment. Verbally abusive outbursts towards members of staff will not be tolerated. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## Pentecost

This week we celebrated Pentecost! After going up to heaven, Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to the disciples and all who believed, to help them follow Him and to bring peace and forgiveness. We discussed different ways we show the gift of the Holy Spirit, through examples of showing love. The Holy Spirit helps us to know right from wrong and ask God for forgiveness. Our children have used examples of their own choices this week to ask for forgiveness. They felt the strength of the Holy Spirit as the disciples did at Pentecost.



**Dear Jesus, Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to all who believe. Please forgive us when we do the wrong thing. Help us by your Holy Spirit to bring peace in the world. Amen**

I wish all of our St Joseph's family a restful half term.

God bless,

Mrs Hollis