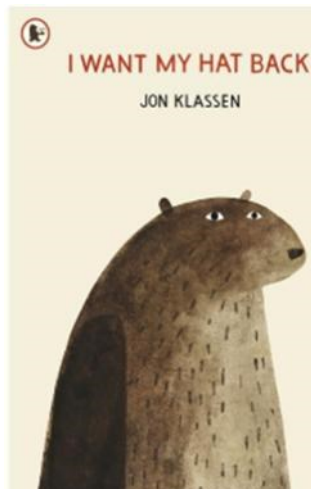


## Back to school for Year 2



Year 2 have had a fabulous start to the year as they are working really hard.

They have been working on a new book called 'I Want my Hat Back'. They have had lots of fun learning the story by using a story map and rehearsing matching actions. The children

love the characters from the story and have thought of amazing adjectives to describe them. Miss Last and I have been impressed that they have been using the correct terminology for superlative and comparative adjectives.

Year 2 have taken on board our new way of learning phonics with Read Write Inc.



They have shown great enthusiasm in lessons and have enjoyed the new resources and rhymes. Watch this space as we will be inviting parents in soon for a Read Write Inc phonics workshop.

As part of our school curriculum

the children learn about British Values; this week we looked at Democracy. The children enjoyed mind-mapping ideas about the role of The Queen, The Prime Minister and Mrs Vernon. We then held our own mini election for Year 2 assembly monitors, the children thought that this was very exciting.



## September Diary Dates

Below are some of the other events and activities that will be taking place in school this month



**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 - 5.30**

EYFS and KS1/Y3 Movie Night

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 - 5.30**

KS2 Movie Night (Y4, 5 and 6)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Macmillan Coffee Morning

*Please watch out for further details of the Coffee morning!!*



## Year 6 lead the way!

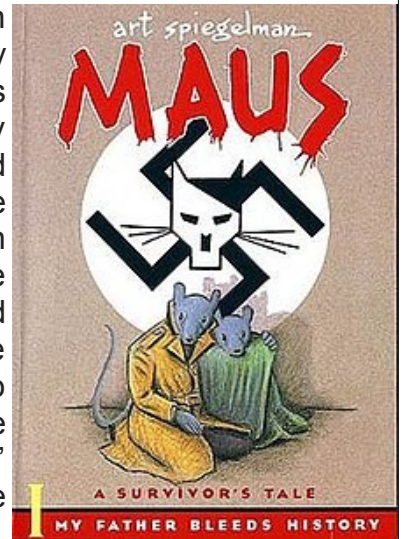
Things have started so swimmingly well in our new Year 6 class. The children are very excited to finally be in the top class at primary school and are settling into their new roles and responsibilities well.

We have started our new topic all about World War 2. As a class, we have a variety of prior knowledge of the two great wars, so we have been learning from each other and starting to research World War 1 and what happened in the trenches. Over the next half term, we will learn all about the key events of the war, how England was involved, and research to find out how Wirral and Liverpool were impacted by World War 2.

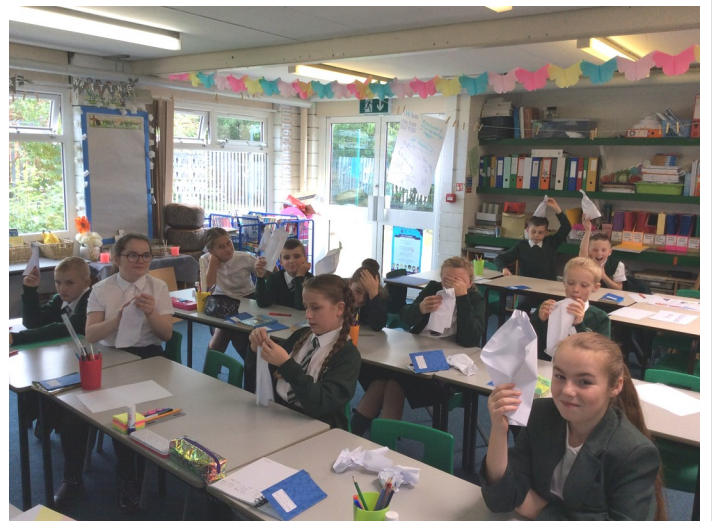


We have begun reading an award-winning graphic novel called MAUS, which the children absolutely love. It is a flashback story by a Jewish survivor from the Second World

War. We have been observing the very detailed illustrations which accompany the story and learning about the brutally harsh treatment of the Jews by Hitler and his army. Soon, we will be moving on to reading 'Boy In The Striped Pyjamas' which will explore this issue further.



At the start of the year, we spent a few hours discussing how important it is to have a growth mindset. Not just in school, but in life in general. We have looked at the impact of negative thoughts on our attitude and we have completed a few tricky tasks so that we can spot each other's resilience and problem solving positive attitudes! Here are some photographs of us busy at work testing ourselves by making origami penguins independently!



## Baptismal Preparation



If you wish to have your child baptised at St Joseph's church you need to attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting. The next meeting is **2pm Sunday 14th October in St Alban's Parish Hall**. You don't need to book a place, just come along for an informal hour of information and to collect an application form. Completed forms should be returned to the Parish Office to arrange a date.



# School Attendance

**Attendance is good 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: 86%**

**Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 87%**

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker, Steve Clayton.

**Attendance Panels are taking place on**

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1 Mrs Salisbury Jones	100%	78%
Foundation 2 Mrs Walker	100%	80%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	96%	86%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	95%	90%
Year 2: Miss Last	98%	88%
Year 2 Mrs Hollis:	97%	100%
Year 3 Miss Finnigan	98%	89%
Year 4 Miss Davies	94%	73%
Year 5:MrClare	99%	97%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	98%	85%
Year 6: Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	78%	78%

**Please Join us**

in St Josephs  
Meeting Room



**Cafe Joey**

and Raffle

on

**Saturday 15th September**

from 12 - 3pm

For light lunches, sandwiches and lots  
of home-made cakes

All proceeds will be donated to

**MacMillan**

**Cancer Care**

**Parish of St Joseph and St Alban**



Messy Church is a fun family  
afternoon with drawing, painting,  
cookery, arts, crafts and lots more

Please join us in

**St Albans Parish Centre**

on

**Sunday 16th September**

from 3pm - 4.30pm

**Please note that children must be  
accompanied by an adult**



# 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 K Vernon

School Office 14th September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a lovely week in school again; the children are all settled and working incredibly hard in their new classes. Our Mass on Wednesday to welcome in the new school year was particularly special. We would like to say a special thank you to the many parents and families that joined us - it was lovely to have you with us to celebrate.

## Mass of Welcome for our Reception Children

We will be having a special Mass of Welcome for all our children in Reception to formally welcome them to the parish family of St Joseph's. This mass will take place on

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 in Church.** We would love all parents and



families of our Reception children to join us if they are able, as well as any other parents who can join us on the day. I'm sure it will be a really memorable occasion for our children and their families.

## Attendance Ambassadors Assembly.

Many congratulations to all our children who have shown excellent attendance last year of 97% or more. They will become our new Attendance Ambassadors and their achievement will be celebrated in a special Assembly on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15 in school**, when the Mayor of Wirral will present them with their award. This is an excellent achievement and we are so proud of them. Thank you for your great support with this. We are delighted to have achieved our whole school attendance target of 95%.



## INSET Day

A reminder that there will be a school INSET (Training) day on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October and school will be closed to pupils on this day. You will previously have received details of this date when the term dates were sent out at the end of the year. All schools allocate 5 INSET days throughout the year to provide staff with training to ensure that provision for your children is enhanced and improved.

Every blessing

Mrs Vernon

## Golden Assembly 14th September 2018

Mrs Walker	Alexander Culshaw
Miss Howard	Rozerin Yalcin
Miss J Turner	Emily Booth
Miss Last	Lennon Oldrid Lowe
Mrs Hollis	Ellie Lockie
Miss Finnigan	Lilly May Hardie
Miss Davies	Conor Caldwell
Mr Clare	Tyler Stott
Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	Jasmin Hurst
Mrs Morgan	Alfie Dodd