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Newsletter: Thursday 2nd April 2026

A prayer for Holy Week

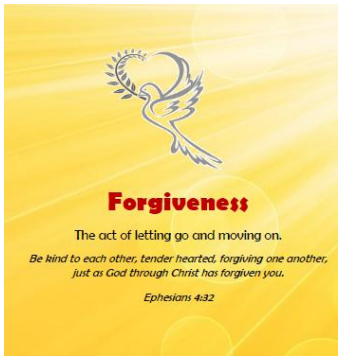
Let us, too, enter this Holy Week as those who know, as those who await, as those who are loved: knowing that we are not alone, in the expectation that God's promise will be revealed to us; anointed by the oil that enables us to walk and master this path and every path in our lives as those who are loved.
Amen

School Values

Our School Values are:

Stewardship; respect; curiosity; forgiveness; love and resilience.

This term we are focussing on Forgiveness



If your children show forgiveness at home, please send in photos and what they have done to THarvey@sjt.thedcet.com and we will share this in our Celebration Assemblies on Fridays and pop them in the newsletter.

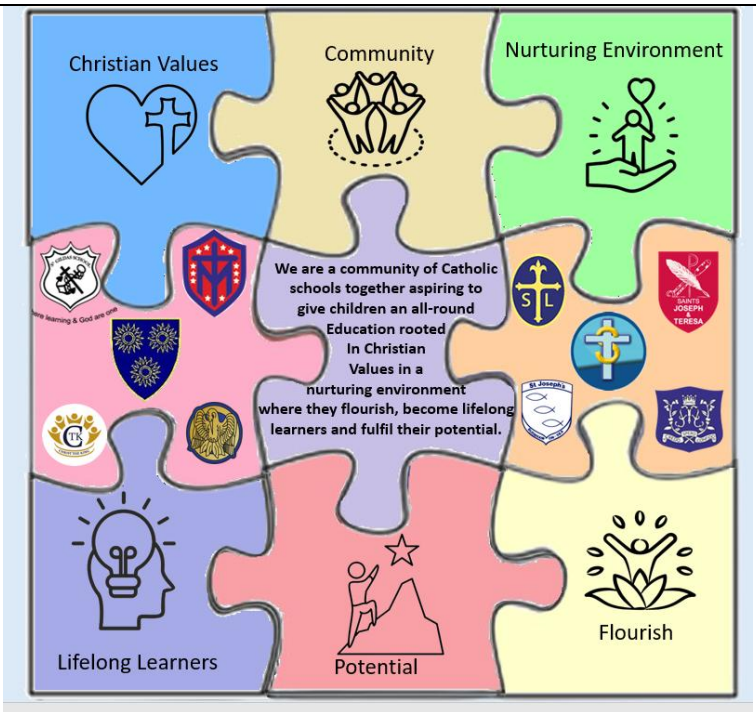
I look forward to hearing from you sharing how great your children are at showing forgiveness at home.

DCET Trust's vision for their schools

Please see the below for the DCET Trust's vision for their schools.

You will notice the vision in the middle of the jigsaw. We have then taken the key words that we believe will have the biggest impact on our pupils from the vision.

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Wall of Fame Board

Our new and improved achievement board is up - please don't forget to share your children's achievements with us, we love seeing their out-of-school achievements.

Thank you, Miss Mckinley.



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Key Dates for this month

April	
Friday 3rd April to 17th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 20th April	All children back in school
Wednesday 22nd April	He is Risen Mass 10am

Wishing you all a wonderful Holy Week and Easter Break

We send our best wishes to all of the school community. May you have a blessed Holy Week and a wonderful Easter break. Fingers crossed the sun might shine!

Today we said goodbye to Miss Dyer who has left us for pastures new

In celebration assembly this morning we had some sadness as we celebrated someone who is very special as we said goodbye and farewell.

It is my great privilege to speak about Miss Dyer, who has served this school with unwavering dedication as both a HLTA, covering your classes when your teachers are needed for other things, but also as an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant for the last eleven years and seven months.

For over a decade, Miss Dyer has been a constant presence in our classrooms and across the school — supporting learning, nurturing confidence, and helping countless children find their voice. But what makes Miss Dyer so special is not just what she has done, but how she has done it.

This week, I asked for the teachers to find out what the children of St Joseph and St Teresa's think of Miss Dyer – there are some common themes, I wonder if you can spot what they might be:

Nightingale Class: we love you so much; great; cuddly; funny; amazing; bubbly; beautiful; special; nice; lovely and kind.

Einstein Class: Lovely; beautiful; kind; caring; great; helpful; the best; brave; respectful; grateful; nice; best teacher ever; clever; smart; forgiving; curious; funny; giving and happy.

Shakespeare Class: unique; helpful; beautiful; fun; kind; funny; lovely; understanding; friendly; creative; amazing.

Rosa Parks Class: kind; loud; funny; independent; friendly; patient and helpful

Malala Class: generous; brilliant; joyful; kind; energetic; loud; funny; nice; caring; amazing; respectful; mischievous; superb; fabulous and helpful.

Miss Dyer has shown patience, skill, and a deep commitment to helping every child succeed, no matter the challenges the children may face. She has worked alongside teachers with professionalism and care, always going above and beyond to ensure that every pupil feels supported and included.

In Miss Dyer's role as an ELSA, she has made an extraordinary difference to the emotional wellbeing of our pupils. This is work that often happens quietly, away from the spotlight, but its impact is profound. Through kindness, empathy, and understanding, Miss Dyer has supported children through worries, built their resilience, and helped them develop the tools they need not just for school, but for life.

Over 11 years, that kind of dedication leaves a lasting legacy. There are children who will carry the confidence Miss Dyer has helped them build into their futures. We are a school community that is stronger because of her contribution.

Miss Dyer, you have given so much of yourself to this school. Your calm presence, your compassion, your laughter (very loud laughter at times!) and your unwavering belief in our pupils will be deeply missed.

Whilst we are incredibly sad to see you go, we are also so grateful for everything you have given over the past 11 years. You leave with our heartfelt thanks, our respect, our friendship and our very best wishes for pastures new. Remember you will always be a part of the St Joseph and St Teresa's family, don't be a stranger, come back and visit at any time. We wish you every success and happiness in the future.

On behalf of all the staff, pupils, and families — thank you

Goodbye to Sebby (Nightingale class)

Today we said goodbye to Sebby in Nightingale class. He and his family are moving to Australia. We wish Sebby and his family all our love and luck for the future. You will always be part of the St Joseph and St Teresa's family.

Mrs Thompson & Mrs Woods (Nightingale Class)

I would like to thank Mrs Thompson for taking on an extra morning in Nightingale class for terms 3 and 4 whilst we appointed a permanent teacher to take over. Thank you for your consistency and support to Nightingale class.

I would like to thank Mrs Woods for stepping into cover Nightingale class on Thursday afternoons and Fridays this term. Today is Mrs Woods last day with Nightingale class. But we do not say goodbye to her as she will be teaching across the school on a Wednesday and

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Thursday to cover all of the Teacher's planning time for the rest of this academic year.

Mrs Anna Jones (Nightingale Class)

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Anna Jones from Term 5 who will be teaching in Nightingale Class on a Thursday and Friday. We look forward to her joining the team and I am sure you will join me & the staff in ensuring she is welcomed to the St Joseph and St Teresa's family.

Important notice for Wraparound

To support our safeguarding procedures. All school gates, including the staff car park near the hive will be locked from half past 3. When you are coming to pick up pupils from Wraparound care after school, please contact the school on **01749 440239** to let the staff know you are there and they will let you in.

Also, if you are running late, please also use the above number to let wraparound staff know.

Many thanks for your support.

Events that have taken place this week or previously:

Holy Week Mass

On Tuesday, we celebrated our Holy Week Mass. Thank you to those pupils who read and had their feet washed by re-enacting the Washing of the Feet at the Last Supper.

Reflections around the cross; CAFOD Lenten Walk and Stations of the Cross

Thank you to the Chaplaincy Team for leading beautiful sessions on reflections around the cross as well as stations of the cross. Well done to every class for completing the CAFOD Lenten Walk.

Great Learning

Great learning has taken place in all classes this week – please see our new Facebook and Instagram account!

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576247230425

instagram.com/sjt.stt

Events to look forward to:

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Mass on Wednesday 22nd April at 10am

Please join us for our 'He is Risen' Mass on Wednesday 22nd April at 10am at Church.

Online Promise Auction

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We have been busy in the background organising an Online Promise Auction which will run from the end of May to the beginning of June. We have already contacted lots of local businesses and have already secured 45 lots, we'd love to get this near 100.

We are now reaching out to our wonderful parents and teachers to ask if there is anything you would like to donate. It could be a physical item e.g. a cake or something for the garden, a voucher for your company or a company you work for, a nights stay in a holiday let, or the promise of time, e.g. 2 hours of gardening, 1 hours dog walking. Please see the poster for more ideas.

If you would like to donate a lot, please email stjosephstteresaptfa@gmail.com and Ali or Nat will get back in touch.

We have contacted over 200 local companies, it might be worth checking in to see if we have already emailed your employer.

Ali
Chair
STST PTFA



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Parish News

Please see attached this week's newsletter.

Please see below link to access the Wednesday Word

https://www.stjosephandstteresa.co.uk/wednesday-word/

Celebration

This term we are focussing on the value forgiveness.

This week we gave certificates for forgiveness and the school values

Congratulations to those pupils who have received certificates today.

Nightingale

Faith for following the school rules. Faith is ready, safe and respectful in class and when playing with her friends in the playground. Faith has worked really hard on being ready for learning and is gaining confidence when sharing her ideas with her talk partner.

Amelia is learning to be more forgiving to herself. Amelia is increasingly able to manage setbacks and know that we learn from our mistakes. This increased self-awareness has enabled Amelia to work with greater independence and create some excellent writing this week.

Einstein

Well done, Cora, for demonstrating great understanding and kindness towards others, always choosing to be caring, thoughtful, and ready to forgive. Cora's gentle nature helps make our classroom a happy and friendly place for everyone! Keep up the fantastic work!

Well done, Woody, for being a fantastic role model and always following our school rues! Woody makes safe choices, always demonstrates respect to his peers, and always comes to school ready to learn. As a result, he has made superb progress in his reading! We are so happy… Well done, Woody!

Shakespeare

Congratulations to Amara for showing maturity and forgiveness within her friendships. She is a kind and caring friend who always shows a great understanding of the feelings of others. You are a ray of sunshine and we are very lucky to have you in our class.

Well done to Samuel O'S for continuing to amaze us when sharing your hobbies and

interests with the class. This week, we were blown away with the incredible K'nex rollercoaster that you spent hours creating at home, following detailed and complex instructions. Well done, Samuel!

Rosa Parks

Erika has shown outstanding forgiveness and understanding throughout the week. Your ability to stay strong, demonstrate resilience, and develop such a positive outlook is truly wonderful to see.

Evan consistently shows respect, readiness, and safety within the classroom. During lessons you try your best to produce detailed work that you are proud of knowing that you put 100% effprt in. Well done, Evan.

Malala

Well done to Mariana for showing forgiveness this week. Mrs Nurse has noticed how Mariana behaves around the school, ensuring people are treated fairly and respectfully, modelling how we build relationships with our peers. Mariana is always the first to open doors and to help out and this behaviour reflects her wonderful nature within the classroom. Well done.

Congratulations to Derek for demonstrating our school rules this week. In his lessons, I have been thrilled with Derek's ability to be ready, safe and respectful at all times. He has responded to challenges in maths brilliantly, setting out his work perfectly and working tirelessly to complete all the activities. I am thrilled with his efforts. Keep it up, Derek.

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Friday 3rd April to 17th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 20th April	All children back in school
Wednesday 22nd April	He is Risen Mass 10am
May	
Week beginning 11th May	Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 13th May	Ascension Mass – NOT YEAR 6
Thursday 21st May	Rosa Parks sharing afternoon 2.45pm
Monday 18th May	LGC meeting
Tuesday 19th May	Einstein Class assembly 8.50am Nightingale Class Liturgy 2.30pm
Weds 20th May	Crowning of Mary 9am
Week beginning 25th May	HALF TERM
June	
Week beginning 1st June	Multiplication check to be completed
Week beginning 8th June	Phonics check to be completed

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Thursday 11th June	Shakespeare Class Sharing 2.30pm
Week beginning 15th June	Key Stage 1 assessments
Thursday 18th June	Einstein Class Sharing 2.30pm
Monday 22nd June	INSET Day
Week beginning 22nd June	Key stage 2 assessments
Monday 29th June	LGC meeting
July	
Tuesday 7th July	Nightingale class assembly 8.50am
Monday 13th July	Reports home to parents
Thursday 16th July	Year Six play 6pm
Wednesday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 10am Y6 Graduation ceremony 2.30pm
Thursday 23rd July	SUMMER HOLIDAYS