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Newsletter: Friday 23rd January 2026

Prayer for Eternal Rest

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

Amen.

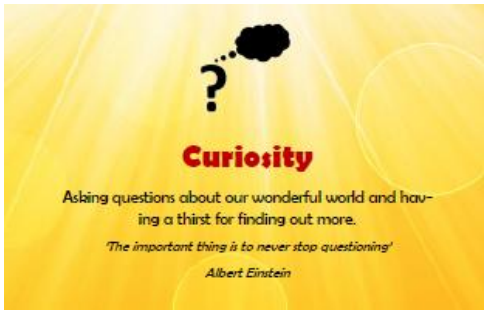
School Values

Our School Values are:

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

This term we are focussing on Curiosity

If your children show curiosity 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.



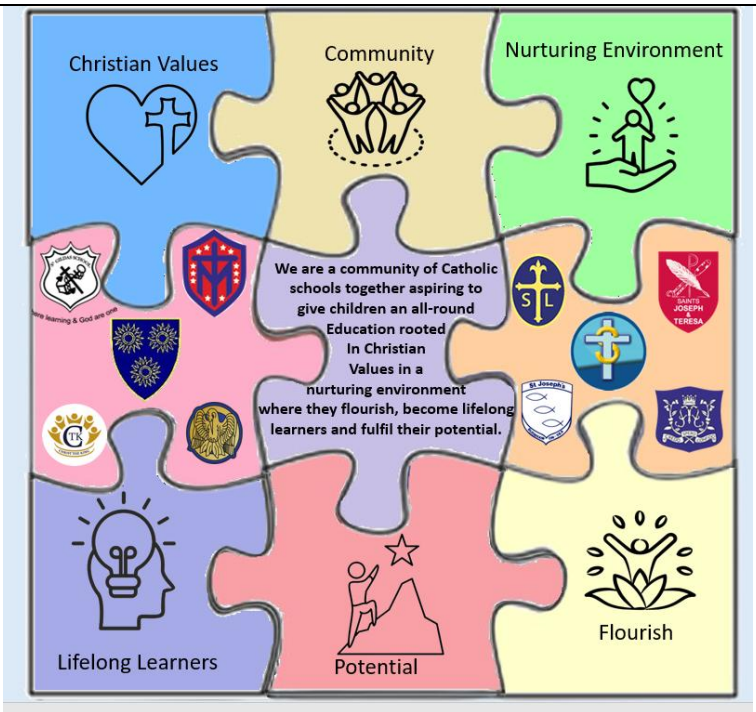
I look forward to hearing from you sharing how great your children are at showing curiosity at home.

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

January	
Friday 23rd January	PTFA break the rules day
Thursday 29th and Friday 30th January	Year 6 Bikeability

Message from Mrs Harvey

Dear Parents, Carers and the wider school community,

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the passing of a parent in our school community. On Wednesday of this past week, Teresa Nicodemi, Sofia and Alessa's mum, lost her brave battle with cancer.

We understand that for many of you who knew Teresa well, although we knew this day would come, her passing may still come as a shock.

We would appreciate your support in talking to your children and sharing this news with them, as we know that for some children this will be unexpected and they may have questions that are best answered by you at home. We will support all children in age-appropriate ways across school and will continue to do so for as long as they need.

Although I am currently off work, if you require any support please email me at THarvey@sjt.thedcet.com and I will get in touch. Alternatively, please contact Mr Schwartz in my absence.

I am sure you will all join me in offering John, Sofia and Alessa our deepest and most heartfelt condolences and sympathies at this very difficult time. Please keep them in your prayers, and support them as they come to terms with this tragic loss.

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.

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Events that have taken place this week or previously:

Malala Class Mass

In Malala class, the children were led in mass by Father Tony as part of our class liturgy. We were grateful to have so many parents and carers join us and to witness the children read, serve and take part in the mass.

Break The Rules Day

Many thanks to the PTFA for organising 'Break The Rules Day'. We loved seeing the children come to school dressed in their home clothes, bringing toys in and perhaps even a dash of face paint or glitter! We were particularly impressed to still manage a few lessons and even Forest School! We hope everyone had a wonderful day.

Schools Against Waste

On Tuesday of this past week, Kate from the Carymoor Environmental Trust joined us for a 'Talking Rubbish' whole school assembly. This introduced the children to the 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' message and explained the new Recycle More service. We were then lucky enough to take part in curriculum-linked workshops where children were looking at materials, their properties and how we use and re-use them.

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

PTFA Easter Bazaar!

Do you know anyone that runs any of the following businesses?

Cakes & Bakes, Handmade Clothes, Vintage Clothes, Handmade Toys? Please let them know we are looking for stalls holders Saturday 28th March 10-1 at the School. (Save the date to come along too!)

Thanks!

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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 Curiosity.

This week we gave certificates for curiosity and the school values

Congratulations to those pupils who have received certificates today.

Nightingale

April - your curiosity for learning shines through in both adult led activities and during your self-chosen play. It's wonderful to see toy enjoy being creative with art resources, inventing songs and creating stories. Most of all it's great to see you share your enthusiasm for school with others.

Max- You've had a really good start to this term and particularly this week. You've been super ready for learning and have achieved well due to your fantastic listening. Max was especially engaged during reading tasks this week - top job!

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Einstein

Well done to Isaac for being curious during our English learning this week. Isaac has answered thoughtfully during class discussions and challenged himself in his learning. I am proud of the progress he has made in his writing and the focus he has shown. Great work Isaac!

Well done to Darius for following our school rules brilliantly this week. I have been so impressed with the way that Darius has used his initiative to help around the classroom, shown great enthusiasm during carpet time and asked some fantastic questions. Super work Darius!

Shakespeare

Congratulations to Charlie for showing great curiosity in all of his learning. Charlie can always be relied upon to listen well and share his knowledge and understanding with the class. This was particularly evident during the waste workshop this week where you shone with your eagerness to explore and inquisitive questions. Well done, Charlie!

Well done to Poppy Richards for being such a joy to have in Shakespeare Class. Poppy plays an active role in her learning, is a wonderful working partner and always shows kindness and respect to the adults and other children in our school. Thank you Poppy - we love having you in our class!

Rosa Parks

Spencer has shown great curiosity this week. He has been thoughtful in asking questions and has made a genuine effort in all his learning. Great job, Spencer!

Ebony has shown fabulous readiness this week. Her eagerness to respond in maths has been incredible, and she has shown great understanding of the more formal methods of multiplication. Well done, Ebony!

Malala

Congratulations to Rex for showing curiosity this week. I have been impressed when Rex has asked questions about our topics and this was particularly apparent in his English sessions this week, where he has produced an outstanding piece of writing based on 'The Last Wild'. Well done!

Miggy has shown that he is starting to become ready, safe and respectful during his time at school this week. I have noticed that he is taking more care in the classrooms and ensuring he is safe outside. He is respectful when speaking to adults and I am sure that this will continue in to the future.

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January	
Friday 23rd January	PTFA break the rules day
Thursday 29th and Friday 30th January	Year 6 Bikeability
February	
Week beginning 2nd February	National storytelling week Children's mental health week
Monday 2nd February	LGC meeting
Tuesday 10th February	Shakespeare & Einstein Class Sharing 2.15pm
~~Wednesday 11th February~~ *CHANGE OF TIME AND DATE* Thursday 12th February	 Malala Sharing afternoon 2pm
Week beginning 16th February	HALF TERM
March	
Week beginning 2nd March	Science Week National Careers Week
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Week beginning 9th March	KS1 Assessments
Wednesday 11th March	Rosa Parks Class assembly 8.50am
Thursday 12th March	Shakespeare Class Liturgy 2.30pm Nightingale Sharing afternoon 2.30pm Malala sharing morning 9.30am
Week beginning 16th March	KS2 Assessments
Monday 23rd March	LGC meeting
24th and 25th March	Parents Evening
April	
Wednesday 1st April	Lenten Mass 10am
Friday 3rd April to 17th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
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
Thursday 11th June	Shakespeare Class Sharing 2.30pm
Week beginning 15th June	Key Stage 1 assessments
Thursday 18th June	Einstein Class Sharing 2.30pm

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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