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Newsletter: Friday 19th December 2025

Prayer for Fourth Sunday of Advent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." — John 3:16

Lord, your love is beyond measure. May my heart reflect your love to all.

Amen

School Values

Our School Values are:

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

This term we are focussing on Respect



If your children show respect 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.

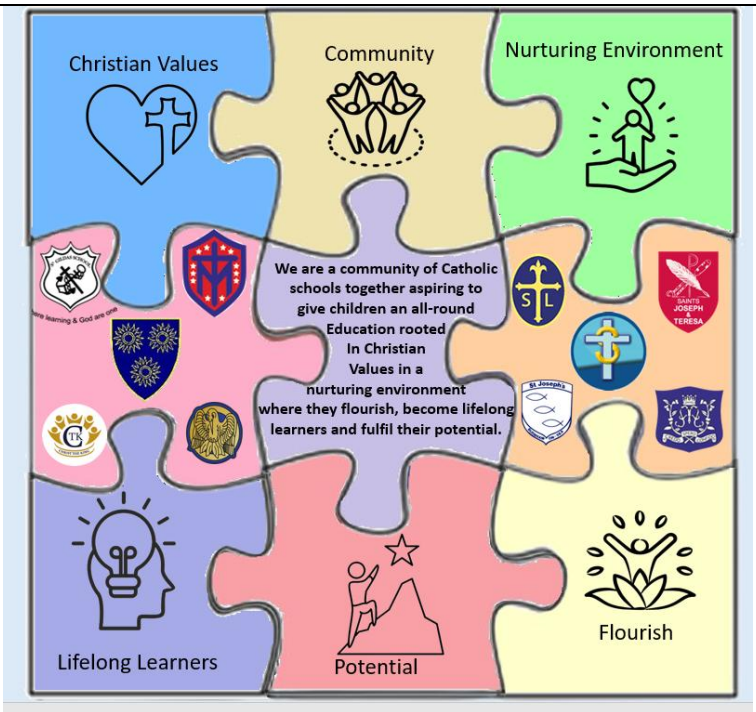
I look forward to hearing from you sharing how great your children are at showing respect at home.

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 achievement board looks amazing all filled up. Please keep sending in your children's achievements outside of school, we love showing them off.
Thank you
Miss McKinley



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Key Dates for Spring Term 1

January	
Monday 5th January	Trust INSET day
Wednesday 7th January	Epiphany Mass 10am
Thursday 15th January	Bikeability group 1
Friday 16th January	
Tuesday 20th January	Malala Class Mass 1.30pm
Thursday 29th January	Bikeability group 2
Friday 30th January	

Christmas Holidays

Everyone at St Joseph and St Teresa's Catholic Primary School wishes everyone in our school community a peaceful and joyous Christmas holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 6th January, 2026!

Goodbye to Ms Dolman

We are incredibly sad to be losing Ms Dolman at the end of this term. She is heading on to pastures new, working with the Family Intervention Service from January 2026. Ms Dolman joined the St Joseph and St Teresa's team in the Spring of 2024 and has contributed so much to the school in her time here. Working in Nightingale, Ms Dolman has been instrumental in welcoming our youngest pupils to the school, ensuring their start in their school journey is a positive one. She will be missed by the staff team and we hope that she keeps in touch. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future.

As we moved forward into 2026, Nightingale will continue to be taught by Mrs Thompson, Mrs Forster and Ms Kearley. Our Senco, Ms Burgess will join the team as the teacher on a Friday.

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:

Christmas Lunch

Our annual Christmas lunch was a huge hit with the children, enjoying roast turkey, trimmings and even sprouts. Many thanks to all the staff for serving and helping out where needed!

Advent Mass

Wednesday's Advent Mass was a fantastic way for the school community to come together before Christmas. Children from Rosa Parks class and Malala class shared readings, took part in the offertory and served at Mass and Father Tony shared with children the symbolism behind the four advent candles. Thank you to the parishioners and the school community for attending the mass – but a special well done must go to Nightingale class as their behaviour was superb throughout, especially as this was their first mass as a class!

Elfridges!

Our PTFA have been in overdrive in the lead up to Christmas! On Tuesday, they held 'Elfridges' in the Hive – a pop up Christmas store for children across the school to purchase gifts for friends, family and pets. Many thanks to the whole PTFA for their efforts and thank you to parents for supporting the event.

Social Media

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 due to take place

INSET DAY – Monday 5th January 2026
Please be aware that the school is closed on Monday 5th January and we look forward to welcoming back the children on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Time to start school? If you have a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, then now is the time to apply for a place at our school for admission from September 2026 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of Somerset Council. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2026. If your child is Catholic, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school by this date.

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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 Respect.

This week we gave certificates for respect and the school values

We have also celebrated our 'Writers of the Month' for December.

Congratulations to those pupils who have received certificates today.

Nightingale

Quinn, you have shown a great understanding of our school rules. You show great sitting and careful listening when on the carpet. You are safe in our classroom and respectful towards your learning.

Abigail, you show respect towards your learning by trying your best and taking pride in what you do. You show respect towards others by caring about their feelings. Thank you for showing such lovely respect at school.

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WRITER OF THE MONTH: Natalia, we are so pleased with the progress you've made with your writing. You write carefully and with enjoyment. Well done for you hard work, keep it up!

Einstein

Well done to Wilfred for showing respect during our carpet time. Wilf has worked really hard to join in with class discussions positively this week. It has been great to see Wilfred enjoying his learning and developing his relationships with others in a positive way. Great work Wilfred!

Well done to Eliza for demonstrating our school rules so beautifully through her approach to her classwork this term. It has a been a pleasure to see Eliza engage so well with her learning, demonstrate that she is ready to learn and flourish in Year 1. Super work Eliza!

WRITER OF THE MONTH: Well done to Anna for writing two wonderful poems on the theme of 'Christmas'. Anna was able to use excellent vocabulary choices in her writing and worked hard to choose lots of great adjectives in her senses poem. Super work Anna!

Shakespeare

Congratulations to Eric for being a respectful member of our class. Eric is a fun, loving friend who always ensures that others are well cared for. Thank you Eric!

Well done to Oscar for demonstrating our school rules when working independently. Oscar is very focused during independent tasks and likes to ensure that he has included all of the new teaching in his work. This is particularly evident in our maths and English lessons. Well done Oscar!

WRITER OF THE MONTH: Well done to Jeremi for making amazing progress in his writing this term. We have been blown away with Jeremi's most recent writing! He has improved his handwriting, spelling, sentence structure and tries really hard to include all of the new teaching too. Well done Jeremi! Keep it up!

Rosa Parks

Congratulations to Sofia for showing respect this week. She played games wonderfully outside during Wednesday's lunchtime play and has shown respect to a number of members of her class this week which has been wonderful to see. Well done, Sofia!

Congratulations to Evan for being 'ready, safe and respectful' throughout this week, especially when helping to take gifts to the Connect Centre on Thursday. He was a perfect example of our school rules during the trip. Well done.

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WRITER OF THE MONTH: Congratulations to Freddie for showing an outstanding level of writing this month, especially in RE. Mrs Nurse was particularly impressed with Freddie's writing where he made links between the covenant with David and the Jesse Tree. Well done, Freddie.

Malala

Congratulations to Ru for showing that he is safe, ready and respectful. Ru made wonderful strides this week in setting the example for others, for showing respect to his peers and adults alike and showed what a wonderfully kind and well-mannered boy he is. Well done Ru!

Congratulations to Billy for showing respect in his learning this week. Billy has worked tirelessly in maths, English, humanities – even though it has been the last week of term. He has shown respect towards his learning in trying to get the most from each lesson. Well done, Billy.

WRITER OF THE MONTH: Congratulations to Charlotte for producing a wonderful analytical essay on the Maya. As part of our writer's toolkit, Charlotte worked hard to include cause and effect conjunctions, topic sentences and specific adjectives and adverbials to emphasise. Well done, Charlotte – keep it up!

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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	Malala Sharing afternoon 1pm
Week beginning 16th February	HALF TERM
March	
Week beginning 2nd March	Science Week

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	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
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
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