



St. Joseph's Newsletter
11th November 2024

Armistice Day

This morning the children have observed a 2-minute silence to remember all of those who have lost their lives during service to their country. Penguin class led us in prayer and reflection - the children responded with great respect and thoughtfulness.

It was lovely to see some of the children at the Market Square Remembrance on Sunday, many thanks to Tommy for laying a wreath on behalf of the school.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS (rewritten by Penguin Class)

In Flanders fields the poppies grow among the graves of the soldiers
who died.

We remember them because they saved our lives.

Bravely birds still sing and fly, above the sound of guns nearby.

In Flanders field.

We were here living just a few days ago, with the sun on our face we
felt its glow

We are loved and we loved but now we're gone.

Sadness will not overcome us but hopes for tomorrow will live amongst
us.

In Flanders fields

Stop! Let's stop our fight with the enemy and give the world a chance
to grow in love and peace.

You are the future, do not waste your chance.

Do not let us die in vain, so we can close our eyes and feel no pain.

In Flanders fields we lie.

DIARY DATES

Please check below for lots of important dates for events in school.

There are a number of parent events included in the diary, there is no expectation for parents to attend all of these, we just wanted to give parents a range of opportunities to be able to attend at least one of them.

Tuesday 12 th November	Forest School - Popokotea Class Parent Consultations
Wednesday 13 th November	Parent Consultations Penguin Class Mass
Thursday 14 th November	Y6 swimming Non-Uniform Day - Please bring a donation of chocolate for our Christmas Fair chocolate tombola Please ensure that your child is still appropriately dressed for PE.
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need - add a spotty item to your school uniform
Tuesday 19 th November	Forest School - Popokotea Class
Thursday 21 st November	Y6 swimming Non-Uniform - please bring donation of a Christmas item for the Christmas fair. Please ensure you child is still appropriately dressed for PE.
Tuesday 26 th November	Forest School - Popokotea Class
Thursday 28 th November	Y6 swimming
Friday 29 th November	Sparkle and Shine Event in all classes - come and make some Christmas decorations with your child! 2pm
Monday 2 nd December	Advent Mass, 2 pm, all welcome
Tuesday 3 rd December	Christmas Fair pm Forest School - Popokotea Class
Monday 9 th December	KS1 trip to Theatre
Wednesday 11 th December	Dolphin and Popokotea Class Nativity 9.30 and 2pm - ticketing information to follow
Thursday 12 th December	Y6 swimming EYFS Christmas Showcase, pm

Friday 13 th December	EYFS Stay and Play Y1 - 6 - Come and See Learning Both events at 2pm
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Class Parties
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Mass am Term finishes 1.30

KS2 Theatre Trip
KS2 (years 3 - 6) will be going to the Marlowe Pantomime on Friday 10th January, more details to follow in term 2.

Christmas Fair

We are looking for prizes for our Christmas raffle. If you are able to donate something or know of any businesses or work for any businesses that would be able to make a donation, it would be much appreciated.

Reading Raffle

Each time the children read at home and return their signed reading record to school, they will receive a raffle ticket to go into the class reading pot. Each week tickets will be drawn to win prizes. The more you read, the more chance you have of winning a prize! Congratulations to all of our winners so far. Keep reading!

Children in Need 2024

The pupil leadership will be selling Children in Need items from Tuesday 12th November. The following will be available:

Reception Class for September 2025
If your child has a date of birth between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 they are due to start school in September 2025.

You must make an electronic application at:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

Please call the school office to book your tour.

01304 840370

Jars Needed!

Do you have any clean jam or honey jars with lids that you no longer need? Please bring into school for a Christmas Fair project. Thank you in advance.