



St. Joseph's Newsletter
15th November 2024

Penguin Class Mass

Many thanks to Penguin Class who planned and participated so well in their class mass with Father Jamie on Wednesday. The theme was peace and this is the Catholic Social Teaching focus principal for KCSP (Kent Catholic Schools Partnership) this year.

Peace Prayer by Mother Teresa

Lead me from Death to Life, from Falsehood to Truth.

Lead me from Despair to Hope, from Fear to Trust.

Lead me from Hate to Love, from War to Peace.

Let Peace fill our Heart, our World, our Universe.

Peace Peace Peace

New Website

Our new website has now gone live. Over the next few weeks further information will be added so that you are able to see all the fantastic learning going on in classes and the Catholic life of the school.

<https://www.stjosephs-aylesham.co.uk/>

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 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 your child is still appropriately dressed for PE.
Friday 22 nd November	Popokotea Class Marble Jar Reward - come to school wearing your pyjamas.
Tuesday 26 th November	Forest School - Popokotea Class
Thursday 27 th November	Scholastic Book Fair Arrives
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 - parents welcome at 2.30 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, 2pm
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

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.

Thursday 21st November: Non-uniform day

Please bring a Christmas item to school for our Christmas Fair. This could be a Christmas decoration, Christmas toy, Christmas chocolate or sweet treat.

Many thanks.

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

It was fantastic to see all of your spots today! Many thanks to the Mini-Principals who have been selling Children in Need merchandise all week and to everyone who has helped raise lots of money for this charity.

Parking outside school

It has again been brought to our attention that a number of parents/carers are not driving or parking with due consideration for the safety of our school community. As a driver you have a responsibility to park in a safe and considerate manner; cars should not be parked on the pathways or on the zig-zag markings.

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.

KS2 Theatre Trip

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