

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Oxford

*"Let us protect with love all that God has given us"
(Pope Francis 19.03.2013)*



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*O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,
To you belong praise, glory, honour and all blessing.
Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation and especially for our Brother Sun,
who brings us the day and the light;
he is strong and shines magnificently.
O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.*

Dear Families,

Can I start by saying a huge congratulations to all our pupils doing their First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the moment. It was lovely to see all the happy faces at Corpus Christi last weekend. If your child is taking a Sacrament, please let the class teacher know. We love to celebrate as well.

The sun is shining as we go into half term. We have started our Sun Safe preparations and you should have received a letter last week setting out what the school will do to educate and protect your children from UV rays and dehydration. Further information can be found on the school website under the 'health and hygiene' tab.

It has been an extremely busy and productive term with lots going on and lots of successes. We finish this half term with a bumper edition of the Newsletter to celebrate all that has happened in the last couple of weeks.

We wish you a warm and sunny half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 6th June.

Warm wishes

Jess Tweedie
Headteacher



Corpus Christi Church, Headington

First Holy Communion

Many congratulations to all of our pupils who made their First Holy Communion at Corpus Christi on a gloriously sunny Sunday morning. The Mass was a joyful, prayerful celebration and the children looked beautiful. We pray that all of the children who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time, may always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love and the joy of His life.

**Bernado
Janella**

**Chewe
Kris**

**Cyril
Stella**

**Ernesto
Mackwyn**

**Gabriel
Mason**

**Jacob
Theodore**



Confirmation

Congratulations to all those who were confirmed last weekend. The Confirmandi were mature and prayerful in their renewal of Baptismal Promises, we are so proud of the way in which they are growing into faith-filled young adults. We pray that they may be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit; wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

**Benjamin
Lukas
Angelina**

**Charlotte
Marian
Kaia**

**Emily
Noah
Olivier**

**Isaac
Samuel
Matthew**

**Zanzachriel
Thea
Sofia**

**Jemima
Kayla**



Internet Safety Week and Talks for Families

Navigating the world social media, internet and gaming with children and keeping them safe is hard and we recognise this. As a school we pride ourselves on protecting with love all members of our community. We also work to teach children about safe use of the internet through our Ten Ten programme and our Internet safety teaching.

When children are exposed to inappropriate language, images and interactions outside of school, they may bring it to school to share. We would like to explain to families our approach to this and how our relationships and behaviours policy work.

In the week we come back from half term, we are holding our 'Internet Safety Week'. During this week we will host a presentation and the opportunity for families to share concerns. We would also like to support families to find solutions to some of the difficulties they may be facing.

To accommodate as many families as possible, we will hold sessions at the following times:

Thursday 8th June 9:15am

Thursday 8th June 5pm

We encourage as many families as possible to attend.

Mrs R Chadbourne

Year 4 Play – Vikings Rock!

After weeks of rehearsals, Year 4 performed their Viking Play this week, they should be really proud of their fantastic acting and singing skills!



Polytunnel

We are so excited to begin to see the fruits of our labour in the polytunnel. Throughout the spring, pupils helped to create raised beds and paths, and begun planting. The recent sunshine has meant that the plants are now racing away, we can't wait for harvest time!



Year 3 Performance



The Year 3 children completed a wonderful recital of choral poetry on Thursday this week. They showcased their learning in English by performing poems written by notable poets and works of their own creation. They regaled their parents in the hall with an outstanding rendition of many poems including a St Joseph's favourite 'Gran, can you rap?'

Mr Dillon and Mrs Montes

Cycling Proficiency Y6

Over the past fortnight, 31 Year 6 pupils took part in Level 3 Cycling Proficiency. The training was provided by Avanti Cycling and funded by Oxfordshire County Council. The trainers were extremely complimentary about the children's behaviour, aptitude and focus. They were excellent representatives for our school and we are delighted that they have completed the training prior to their transition to secondary school. So many of our pupils travel by bike that it is vital that they are taught to do so safely.

Mr J Ingram

Science Inspection

On Monday, we had a visiting teaching professional from STEM Learning come and advise us on our science curriculum. As you will know, we have spent a lot of time developing our Science Curriculum to strengthen our '*scientific knowledge*' as well as develop the pupil's ability to '*think scientifically*', develop the breadth of vocabulary used by the pupils and address misconceptions. We were delighted that the visiting inspector commented on these areas, and gave us further food for thought in improving our offer further. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in supporting academic excellence.

Parent Survey

Thank you to all the families who contributed to our two recent surveys. The first survey was the parent survey about our school. This gives us a good indication of both what we are doing well, and where our next steps are for our School Development Plan. Approximately 25% of our families fed into this. Thank you for your feedback, it is always valuable. The survey has been shared with Governors and we will report back to you after half term.

The second survey was about the length of the school day. Again, a good response and some thoughtful comments. This is still open if you would like a say. The link is: <https://forms.office.com/e/STWdwJdajr>

The results of this survey will be fed back to Governors. We will keep you updated as our plans progress.

Good Shepherd Appeal Mass

The liturgy group celebrated a wonderful Mass on Friday last week at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Cowley.

We took a cheque for £318 as our offering from the school, this was the total of the generous donations that many of our families made to the Good Shepherd Lenten Appeal. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Thank you also to the children who contributed to the readings and singing, and took part in the offertory alongside other schools from the Diocese. You represented our school beautifully!

Mrs Chadbourne



JR and the Community

On Wednesday, Mrs Capati spoke to the Year 5 classes, who are studying the impact of the Hospitals in the OX3 area of Oxford. She kindly and thoughtfully answered the questions the children had prepared and allowed us to draw conclusions to round off our topic. What better than to ask someone who works at the hospital, lives in the area and is a Year 5 parent!

Jon Ingram and Dawn Rashleigh

PTA SportsFest – 10th June

We are looking forward to the PTA SportsFest when we return from half term. Please contact the committee or your class rep if you are able to offer any help.



Year 3 and Year 4 Football

This term has been filled with sport galore! We have had coaching in school from Oxford Hockey Club, Chance to Shine Cricket, Mr Ravenhill's Rugby Club and Ignite Sports based at Oxford City Football Club delivering the KS1 Multisport Club, Netball Club and Y5 and 6 Football Squad coaching. All children have enjoyed the sessions and we can see the development and increased confidence in all the children taking part.

In May, we took part in two tournaments. Firstly, Year 3 went to a football festival at The Oxford Academy. It was an exciting day and the children thoroughly enjoyed playing football. It was a large football festival with many Oxfordshire schools attending. We won, we drew and loss some games. The children showed excellent teamwork and some lovely football skills were on display. We ended the football festival with a fun 3D versus 3M match. Thank you to Mr Lasku and Mrs Masih for being our coaches and fans on the day.

Secondly, on Wednesday this week Year 4 went to an U9s football tournament in Barton along with 10 other local schools. It was a beautiful day of sunshine and the children walked to the venue and back. The children were buzzing with excitement as soon as they arrived and the standard of football was extremely high. To start, the children won all their group stage matches, making it through to the knockout semi-finals. It was a nail-biting semi-final with the other school leading the match by 1-0 until our team regrouped cheering each other on and then knocking in two goals - winning the semi-final 2-1. We made it through to the final. It was a tough and challenging match but... we scored a goal before the final whistle blew- winning the tournament 1-0. What a fantastic result-we protected the ball with love- scoring an overall 21 goals on the day. It was a fabulous combined effort from both the girls and boys displaying wonderful football skills and teamwork. Well done to all the children winning the trophy which now proudly stands in our trophy display. A huge thank you to WR Sports for an extremely well organised tournament. Thank you to Mr Lasku, Mrs Masih and Adrian's mum helping the children on the day and Jacob's mum washing machine.

Mrs Montes

Year 3 at the
Oxford Academy



Tournament winning Year 4 team and their medals and trophy!

Y6 Retreat

Our Year 6 took part in a prayerful yet joyful Retreat on Monday 15th June. Led by Sister Marie-Ann and Brother Martin from Greyfriars, the children took part in a variety of reflective activities, which included writing their own prayers about their transition to secondary school. They read these aloud before placing the closed prayer in the water, the prayers then ‘bloomed’ to represent the way in which the children will grow and blossom.



**Year 6 at Paulton's Park today
Enjoying the sunshine!**



St Joseph's Pupil Profile

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been **Curious** and **Active** this past fortnight

RO – Mrs Oates		RSM – Mrs Sekulic/Mrs McLachlan	Olivia and Ada
1MA – Miss May	Matilda	1ML – Miss Mleczko	Adrian
2C – Miss Cook	Angelica and Jervin	2S – Mrs Smith	
3D – Mr Dillon	Aahil	3M – Mrs Montes	Emelia and Hooria
4D/H – Mrs Dandy/Mrs Hunter		4R – Mrs Ravenhill	Gabriel and Kuba
5I – Mr Ingram	Chi Chi and Mariam	5R – Mrs Rashleigh	Ethan and Eloise
6H–Mrs Haines/Mrs Hanlon	Olivier and Yaseen	6T – Mr Turner	Alé

Learning Charter Champions

Congratulations to the following pupils, our **Learning Charter Champions** this past fortnight

RO – Mrs Oates		RSM – Mrs Sekulic/Mrs McLachlan	Victoria and Emmanuel
1MA – Miss May	Pierre and Guto	1ML – Miss Mleczko	Sara
2C – Miss Cook	Maria and Aanriya	2S – Mrs Smith	
3D – Mr Dillon	Yan	3M – Mrs Montes	Saleem and Mark
4D/H – Mrs Dandy/Mrs Hunter	Emily and Maddie Nilay and Adam	4R – Mrs Ravenhill	Ameena and Eliza
5I – Mr Ingram	Luiza and Summer	5R – Mrs Rashleigh	Imaad and Daniella
6H–Mrs Haines/Mrs Hanlon	Agnes and Matthew	6T – Mr Turner	Thea

Practical Help and Signposting

Sadly, things at the moment are difficult for many of our families. Bills all seem to be rising, and everything is getting more expensive. We want to make sure that all our families have support in place if it is needed. Even if your child is not eligible for Free School Meals, we may be able to help with uniform from our vast stock of good-quality second-hand items, we are able to refer to local Food Banks and signpost families to other sources of help, advice and support.

If you are struggling, please contact our home/school link worker, Mrs Kate Stratford. Her contact details are below. Mrs Stratford will be happy to talk to you in confidence to see what support we can offer.

If you need help towards paying for school trips, please contact the office to arrange a confidential conversation with Ms Tweedie.

Mrs Kate Stratford

Home/School Link Worker and Deputy DSL

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Email: kstr3838@st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk

Dairy Dates

Date	Year Group/Class	Event
Friday 26 th May	Year 6	Year 6 trip to Paultons Park
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	All year groups	Half term break, school closed to pupils and staff
Monday 5th June	All year groups	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th June – Friday 9 th June	All year groups	Internet Safety Week
Thursday 8 th June 9:15am	All year groups	Internet Safety Presentation and Discussion for Families
Thursday 8 th June 5pm	All year groups	Internet Safety Presentation and Discussion for Families
Saturday 10 th June	All year groups	PTA Sportsfest event
Tuesday 13 th June	Key Stage 2	Empathy Week Assembly
Tuesday 13 th June – Wednesday 14 th June	Year 3	Camping residential
Monday 19 th June – Friday 23 rd June	Year 6	Stone Farm residential
Thursday 29 th June	All year groups	Mass for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul
Thursday 29 th June	All year groups	Open Classrooms Event
Tuesday 4 th July	Class 6H	IMPS trip
Wednesday 5 th July	Class 6T	IMPS trip
Friday 7 th July	All year groups	International Day
Wednesday 12 th and Thursday 13 th July	Year 6	Play performances
Thursday 13 th July (TBC)	All year groups	Sports Day
Friday 14 th July (TBC)	All year groups	Sports Day (weather reserve date)
Monday 17 th July	All year groups	Visiting new classes for next year!
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6	Leavers Mass
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6	Leavers Assembly
Friday 21st July	All year groups	School finishes for all pupils at 1pm

Accessival

Accessible Festival for the whole community

Saturday 8th July 2023 - 11am-10pm
Music - Beer - Food - Play



Thomley's first festival is an opportunity for the whole community to experience the best of all the local festivals.

We will have various food stalls; alcohol stalls; live local bands on stage plus the best of Thomley for children and young people.

Bouncy castles, jumping pillow, archery, giant bubbles are just a handful of activities on offer to keep the younger generation entertained for the day. Wristbands are available to buy online at £14 each. Children have access to the majority of activities as part of their wristband.

There is also limited camping availability for those wishing to stay over.



Would you like to volunteer on the day? Please get in touch if you can help: festival@thomley.org.uk

Book your wristbands here: www.thomley.org.uk/events/festival/

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6PM-7PM
SUNDAY MORNING 9:30AM-10:30AM

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Classics Summer School for ages 7 - 11: 21st to 23rd August

We are delighted to be offering our ninth annual Classics Summer School this August at the Iris Classics Centre at Cheney School in Oxford. It will take place on the mornings of 21st, 22nd and 23rd August. This year the summer school will be themed on ancient theatre!

The format for each day will be as follows:

9 – 10.30am – Latin (ages 7 – 9); Latin (ages 10 – 11); Greek (ages 7 – 9); Greek (ages 10 – 11)

10.30 – 11.15am – refreshments and activities

11.15 – 12.45pm – Latin (ages 7 – 9); Latin (ages 10 – 11); Greek (ages 7 – 9); Greek (ages 10 – 11)

The classes will be run by experienced teachers and will include activities as well as language learning. They will all be aimed at complete beginners. There will be themed activity stalls and refreshments between the morning classes.

If you would like your child to attend the summer school, you can book to attend by

emailing lro@cheneyschool.org and stating name, age, and which language class they would like to join. Attendees need to choose one language they would like to learn for the duration of the school – either Latin or Greek – as each class builds on the previous one.

In order to help cover our costs for this event, we are charging £20 per child for the summer school – please do get in touch if this cost is likely to be prohibitive. You can pay online at <http://www.irisproject.org.uk/index.php/the-iris-project/support-us> or pay on the door on the first morning of the summer school. If you feel you can pay more than £20 to help cover costs, we are always grateful for any donation.

Cheney Tree Trail Opening Morning: Saturday 17th June, 9.30 - 11.30am

We are delighted to be holding a Tree Trail on Saturday 17th June between 9.30 and 11.30am. Visitors will be able to explore our beautiful trees on site, and our brand new tree trail signs, designed by students as part of our recent Wild Escape grant. There will be a wide range of activities for children and adults, as well as refreshments available.

The entrance to the Tree Trail will be on Gypsy Lane, not the main school entrance.

All are warmly welcome to drop in at any time during the event. Please let us know if you are thinking of coming so we can have an idea of numbers by filling out [this form](#) or by emailing lro@cheneyschool.org

What's On at

MOX
Museum of Oxford



Mary Seacole at MOX! Tuesday 30th May

Step back in time with Mary Seacole as she transports you to the Crimean War with this interactive workshop!

10.30-11.30am
12.30-1.30pm
2-3pm

£10 per child
Ages 6+



Rainbow Creations at MOX!

Thursday 1st June

Join us for rainbow-themed science and crafts in honour of LGBTQ+ History Month!

10.30-11.30am
12.30-1.30pm
2-3pm

£6 per child
Ages 5+



Alice's Animals at MOX!

Saturday 1st July

Help turn our museum into Wonderland by making your very own weird and wonderful animals creations!

10.30-11.30am
12.30-1.30pm
2-3pm

£6 per child
Ages 5+

Book your tickets at museumofoxford.org/whats-on
or pop into our Gift Shop!



In Bury Knowle Park (1pm – 5pm)

Many local organisations will have stalls. Food and ice cream; beer tent; teas. Music, dance and magic shows. Fun fair for young children; soft play; balloon artist; caricaturist; face painter; farm animals; sports to try; service vehicles to explore.

In the arena (times and order subject to change):

Times	Event
13.00	Festival opens – Anneliese Dodds MP
12:50 – 13:00	Family Choir Club
13:30 – 14:00	Stagecoach Dancers
14:00 – 14:45	Oxford Fiddle Group
14:45 – 15:30	Colonel Custard's Magic Show
15:30 – 16:00	Horns of Plenty
16:00 – 16:45	Colonel Custard's Circus Skills Workshop
16:45 – 17:00	Grand Draw – Prize Giving
In the tea tent	Johnny Hinks guitarist



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Times: 10-4pm (9:30am drop off)

Location: Brookes Sport, Headington

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- ✓ Stretch and challenge for players where necessary
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1 day: £30

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EMAIL TO SIGN UP

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