



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## News Bite

Dear St. Joseph's Community,

We are excited to bring you the latest news and updates from St. Joseph's, Leicester! This newsletter is a wonderful way to celebrate our achievements, share upcoming events, and highlight the hard work and dedication of our students and staff.


First and foremost, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and Carers for your generous contributions raised for CAFOD last week. Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of those in need, and we are truly grateful.

Despite the recent wet weather, which has certainly kept us on our toes, we remain hopeful for a drier spell ahead. As we continue with this term, I want to express our gratitude for your unwavering support. Together, we are creating a nurturing environment where our children can thrive, grow, and live out the Catholic virtues.

We also warmly invite you to join us for our **Harvest Mass on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**. It will be a special time for our community to come together in gratitude and celebration.

Have a wonderful week

God Bless

  
Mrs Dedman



## Prayer

In response to the letter from St Paul, Year 5 children delivered their collective worship of 'Solidarity'. The children asked the class to respond by binding Lego bricks together. This represents how we are stronger together.

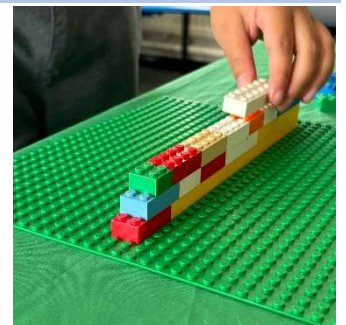
### A Prayer for Global Solidarity

O Creator,

Our world is large, and yet the global community is so fragile. We glimpse the needs of our sisters and brothers, and those needs are great. We want to turn away, but you call us back. We want simple solutions, but you want us to help solve

the complex problems.

Through your Church, you call us to listen, to learn, to reflect and to act. Give us a deep sense of our place in this web of Creation. Give us the wisdom of mind and generosity of heart to seek your will in the world today. Inspire us to respond to the call to live in solidarity with impoverished countries of the world, so that all children of God might live in dignity and peace. Amen



## Year 6 Parents: Applying for Secondary School Reminder



Closing date for applying - 31 October 2024.

**If you are applying to St Pauls, please remember to complete the supplementary form and return this to St Pauls with the Baptismal Certificate.**

[Apply for a secondary school place \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://leicester.gov.uk)

## Leicester Libraries mark Black History Month



Leicester's libraries are marking Black History Month this October with two free cultural events and plenty of suggestions for great books by Black authors.

Further information

"Throughout October, our libraries will be celebrating the work of Black authors and helping to bring Black history to life for visitors for all ages.

"There are lots of themed [events](#) taking place at our libraries, including crafts for children and a 'Book Detectives' treasure hunt.

"Pop into your local library or download an eBook or audiobook from our [OverDrive](#) page and discover an author you've never discovered before - and mark Black History Month with a great book."

A list of titles suitable for [children](#), [teens](#) and [adults](#) has been specially curated by library staff to mark Black History Month.

David Olusoga's *Black and British* and Barack Obama's *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters* are two of the books on the children's list, while Kamala Harris's autobiography *The Truths We Hold: An American Journey* and Troy Jackson's biography of Martin Luther King, *Becoming King*, are on the list of suggested reading for adults.

Events and activities taking place at Leicester Libraries can be found [here](#)

Opal 22's exhibition [Black Lives](#) is on display at Highfields Library until 31 October, while other events taking place in Leicester to mark Black History Month include [an exhibition](#) featuring portraits of 100 Black women

with connections to Britain and Ireland, led by Serendipity Institute for Black Arts and Heritage, and an evening of [music](#) at the African Caribbean Centre.

[100 Black Women Who Have Made A Mark](#) opens at Leicester Gallery at De Montfort University on Tuesday 1 October.

[A Journey Through Black Music](#) takes place on Friday 18 October and will feature both local and national artists. Tickets are £10.

Listings for [Black History Month](#) events in Leicester are available at [blackhistorymonth.org.uk/listings/region/east-midlands/leicester/](http://blackhistorymonth.org.uk/listings/region/east-midlands/leicester/)

More events taking place during Black History Month are listed on the [Visit Leicester](#) website.

More information about [Black History Month](#) is available at [blackhistorymonth.org.uk](http://blackhistorymonth.org.uk)

## Staying Safe Walking to school

### What Age Can Child Walk to School Alone?



Years ago, it wasn't uncommon to see kids walking to school. However, nowadays people are far more wary about children walking to school alone. This is because there is far more traffic and the media convinces us there is an increase in danger.

If you're wondering if your child is ready and what age a child can walk to school alone, check out this simple guide on how to prepare your child for walking to and from school.

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/walking-to-school-alone/>

If you do wish for your child to walk home from school independently, please write an email / pop into the office to let us know.

## Attendance

### Your legal responsibilities as a parent

By law, all children of school age (aged four to sixteen) must receive a suitable full-time education. For most parents, this means registering your child at a school or you may choose to make other arrangements to provide a suitable, full-time education.



# Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



Class	Class Attendance Average 20.09.24	Class Attendance Average Year to date 04.10.24	Attendance National Average year to date	Persistent Absence 20.09.24	Persistent Absence 04.10.24	Persistent Absence (National)
Mrs Bailey FS1	98.0%	97.0%	92.7			
Mrs Bailey FS2	95.5%	95.4%	95.1			
Mrs Abel	100%	97.9%	95.4	0%	9.5%	13.6%
Mr Crewe	98.5%	97.2%	95.8	0%	3.3%	12.5%
Mrs Spencer	98.4	96.8%	95.9	6.5%	9.7%	11.9%
Mr Challoner	97.1%	96.9%	95.8	8.8%	8.8%	12.2%
Mrs Darby	99.1%	97.7	95.7	3.1%	9.4%	12.5%
Mrs Stack / Mrs Franklin	96.4%	94.8%	95.3	10.0%	12.8%	13.8%
Mrs Murray		98%				
Whole School (This year so far)	95.9%	96.7%	95.5%	5.3%	9.1%	14.3%

**Congratulations - Attendance remains above National**

## Year 5 Visit the Space Centre



Year 5 recently had a fantastic time at the National Space Centre in Leicester! The trip provided our students with an amazing opportunity to explore the wonders of space and sparked their curiosity about the universe. Thank you to The Royal Aeronautical Society for organising and funding this inspiring day!

## Girls Football Opportunity



**Have you got that football feeling?**

**Houghton Rangers Juniors FC**

**#LET GIRLS PLAY**

**HOUGHTON RANGERS JUNIORS ARE PROUD TO OFFER GIRLS-ONLY FOOTBALL FOR GIRLS AGED 5 - 11**

**WILDCATS (OPEN TRAINING - AGES 5-11) - THURSDAY NIGHTS**

**YEAR 1 & 2 TRAINING – SUNDAY MORNING**

**YEAR 3 & 4 TRAINING – WEDNESDAY NIGHTS / SATURDAY MORNING**

**YEAR 5 & 6 TRAINING – THURSDAY NIGHTS / SATURDAY MORNING**

**Text 07950 665954 for details or find us on the FA website #findfootball**

**facebook/HoughtonRangersJuniorsFC**

**Have Fun!**

**Wildcats GIRLS FOOTBALL**

## Fund Raising



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I want to take a moment to share the inspiring story of Evelyn, who was born with a condition called sagittal craniosynostosis. This condition affects the shape of her skull, and later this term, she will be undergoing another operation at Birmingham Children's Hospital to help her thrive.

Evelyn is determined to help others, and she needs our support to reach her goal of raising £2,500. She is also intending on donating her hair to the Little Princess

You can support Evelyn by visiting her GoFundMe page: [Evelyn's GoFundMe](#)

Evelyn's actions are a testament to her strength and compassion. It's wonderful to see her channelling her experience into something meaningful for others. I'm sure her bravery will inspire many. Your support will undoubtedly be a source of strength for her.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. ❤️

## Dates for the Diary

14 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	2pm	Harvest Mass	All Welcome
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	3.15- 6.30pm	Parent Meetings	Booking through Arbor App
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	3.15-6pm	Parent Meeting	Booking Through Arbor App
18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	9am	Year 3 Class Assembly	All Welcome
<p style="text-align: center;">Half Term Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</p>			
29 <sup>th</sup> October 2024		Class Photos	Please make sure the children are in their FULL school uniform and looking smart
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	2pm	All Saints Day Mass	All Welcome
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	2.30pm	Year 6 Mrs Stack's Class Remembrance Day Liturgy	Year 6 Parents/carers/ grandparents
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	12 noon	Year 1 Parents/ Carers/ Grandparent to come and have lunch	One adult per child to come and sit and eat lunch Pre Book through the Arbor App
18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	2.30pm	Eco Team to lead whole school liturgy	Eco Team Parents/carers/ grandparents

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