St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Guildford
The Way, The Truth, The Life

Friday 16th October 2026

Weekly Parent Update - Autumn Week 7

Dear Parents,



We looked ahead to the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) in Celebration of the Word this week. We heard how the Pharisees attempted to trick Jesus by asking him a political question about paying taxes to Caesar. However, Jesus responds by explaining that it is right to abide by the rules and laws of the land you live in and this does not prevent you from serving God too.

Our Tool of St Joseph this week was the Fundamental British Value - The Rule of Law. St George's Class taught us more about the importance of rules and laws in civilized society during their brilliant class worship this morning. You can read all about it on the Headteacher's Blog.

Wishing you every blessing this weekend,
Mr Collins

PFSA Bend the Rule Day



Here is the link to our PFSA Events website to make your purchases for PFSA Bend the Rules Day next **Thursday 22nd Oct!** It's 50p per rule broken! Please note that all snacks must still be nut-free.

Celebrating Language & Heritage

മലയാളം

As part of our focus this year on increasing the visibility of the many languages and heritages represented at St Joseph's, we are celebrating a language focus each term with the children. For Autumn 2026 we are introducing our children to Malayalam! - Malayalam (മലയാളം) is a language spoken mainly in Kerala, a state in the south-west of India. It is spoken by more than 35 million people worldwide and is known for its beautiful script and rich literary tradition. Here is a link to a poster you might like to share at home.

Attendance Reminders



Every Day Brings New Opportunities! School attendance is about much more than academic learning. Every day children take part in activities that help them develop confidence, friendships, teamwork and resilience. When children miss school, they can miss important experiences that contribute to their sense of belonging and wellbeing. Even a small number of absences can make it harder for children to reconnect with learning and friendships.

Thank you for supporting your child to be in school every day they can be. Please contact Mrs Hua or a member of the Headship Team if there is anything affecting your child's attendance. Every day is an opportunity to learn, grow and belong!

Nasal Flu Vaccinations



We will be visiting your school on Wednesday 18th (Infants) & Thursday 19th (Juniors) November 2025 to deliver flu vaccinations via nasal spray.

Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on Wednesday 12th November 2025 by visiting:

- www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk and entering your school's unique code SR131112
- If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine, then please fill in the 'No' box.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Tuesday 20th October
Parents' Evening - 4:00 - 7:00pm
Thursday 22nd October
PFSA Bend the Rules Day
School Tour - 9:15am - call 01483 888401 to book your place
End of Half Term - normal end of day routines

Tuesday 3rd November
Return to school
Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 4th November
Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 6th November
5L Swimming