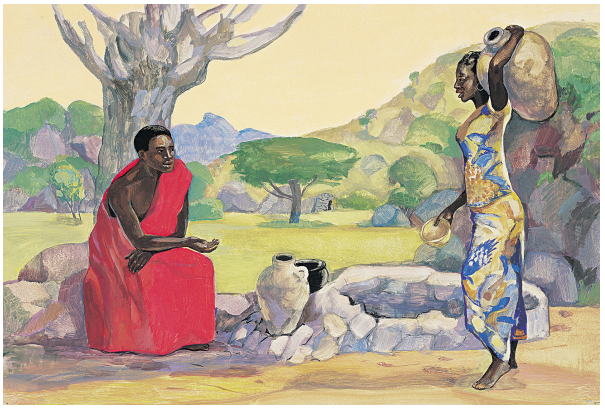
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Guildford
The Way, The Truth, The Life

Friday 6th March 2026

Weekly Parent Update - Spring Week 8

Dear Parents,



In this weekend's Gospel, we will hear the fascinating encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. After hearing Jesus' voice, and the message of living water he wanted to share with her, we know the Samaritan woman's life was transformed. Through her testimony, many others in her community came to believe in Christ Jesus too, "We have heard his voice."

We have reflected with children this week on the Fundamental British Value of democracy - the concept that we all have a voice and can use it to express what we and others need. By using our voice in the right way, we can help to build God's Kingdom. 4L taught us all about this British Value, and how we can use our voices for good, in this week's class worship. You can read all about it on the Headteacher's Blog.

On a personal note, many of you have noticed that I have been suffering with an (as yet) undiagnosed eye condition. Doctors at the Royal Surrey Eye Clinic are taking good care of me and trying to find answers. In the meantime, you may see me wearing a cap and eyepatch in an attempt to make the beautiful spring light a bit more comfortable. I'm really grateful for all your kindness and prayers.

God bless,
Mr Collins

St Joseph's Day - School Pilgrimage - LAST DAY TO SIGN UP

Please see the separate email with details of this year's St Joseph's Day pilgrimage for Years 1-6. Key points to be mindful of:

- **Sign up by Friday 6th March on ParentMail**
- Pilgrimage takes place on Thursday 19th March

- Bring a picnic, wear school uniform but have comfortable footwear
- Bring a flag to represent your family's heritage (optional)
- Pick up 2:30-3:00pm at St Joseph's Church (GU1 4AZ)
- Adult walkers (parents or grandparents) needed!

Reception Needs You…

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	Silver/metal • trinkets • pots • tea cups • teapots • jugs • vases

Dear parents,

Reception is currently transforming their learning spaces into calmer, more nature-inspired environments, and we're reaching out to our community for support. Our aim is to create classrooms and outdoor areas that feel peaceful, nurturing, and connected to the natural world!
As part of this project, we're looking for a number of specific items that will help us bring our vision to life. If you have any of the items listed in the attached document and no longer need them, we would be incredibly grateful for your donation. Every contribution, big or small, helps us build a richer learning environment for the children.
If you're able to donate, please email Miss Rycroft at srycroft@stjosephsguildford.com. Thank you so much for your kindness and support.

Church Car Park Exit

We were very sad to receive a report of a local resident being hit by a car that was exiting the church car park earlier this week. Although faded, there is a "Stop" sign and solid white stop line in front of the pathway, giving pedestrians priority. If you are using the church car park, please take extra care when exiting and turning left onto the Aldershot Road.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Friday 13th March
INSET Day - School closed to children

Monday 16th March
PFSA AGM - Online at 8pm
Thursday 19th March
St Joseph's Day!
Friday 20th March
2N Swimming
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