



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Home Letter information for parents: 28/11/2025

Classes: RS Mrs Smith and RM Ms McDonagh

Nativity play

This year there will be two nativity performances, one for each reception class. RS parents/ guardian's you are invited to join us on Tuesday the 9th of December. RM parents/ guardians you are invited to join us on Thursday 11th December 2025. Your children have been given a strip with their speaking parts for our Nativity play. Please practise with them every evening to build up their confidence. Encourage them to speak slowly and loudly.

PSED

Encourage your child to put on and take off their coats independently. Practise with them at home since some of them are still struggling. Hats and scarves go inside the coat's sleeves so they do not get misplaced.

www.stjosephsrc.co.uk/learning/early-years-foundation-page/

Letter Formation

At St Joseph's we use **cursive handwriting** throughout the whole school. It is important the children start from the bottom line writing when forming the letters as this will help them to join them later in the year. Go to Google Classroom for templates and information:

Practice daily with your child.

Mathematics - Assessments

This week we have been assessing the children in Mathematics. Please continue to play games that ask the children to:

- talk about today's day and date
- revisit two/three colour and shape patterns
- number formation and recognition from 0 to 20
- matching numeral to the quantity
- 1 more/less within 5

Literacy - Assessments



global.oup.com/education/product/9780198386711/?region=uk

This week we assessed the children in phonics.

Please buy the Read Write Inc. set 1 and 2 sounds flash cards if you haven't already done so and visit the parents' page on the Read Write Inc. website.

Phonics

We are following the Read Write Inc. programme by Ruth Miskin:

www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/
www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLqY2oA_cFCIg96dxtQ
 You can **purchase the sound cards** from Amazon:

- RWI Phonics Flashcards Set 1
https://www.amazon.co.uk/Read-Write-Inc-Home-Flashcards/dp/0198386710/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=phonics+set+1+rw&qid=1601030530&sr=8-4
- RWI Phonics Flashcards Set 2
https://www.amazon.co.uk/Read-Write-Inc-Phonics-Flashcards/dp/0198386818/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=phonics+set+2+rw&qid=1601030709&sr=8-2

Religious Education

This week we learnt to retell the Christmas story. We did this through sequencing pictures of the story of Baby Jesus' birth. The children are learning through a range of engaging, language rich activities. They are developing their speaking and listening skills by sequencing the key events, using new vocabulary with confidence, and explaining the story in their own words.

Reading Records

The children are taking home a library book. Please read it to your child daily and discuss key events and characters. On the reading record book please write a little note telling us if your child liked the book and why (e.g. Jack thought it was funny, it made him laugh). **Please return the book bags on Wednesday, not before.**

Things to try this weekend

We are all getting ready for Christmas and there is so much to do! However, it is important to take some time to reflect and have a rest, to calm our bodies and our minds. Go to Google Classroom to find some interesting **yoga poses** that can help you to relax. Take some pictures and post them. Namaste everybody!