



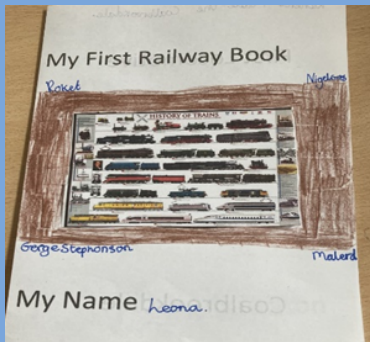
# St Joseph's Journal

Friday 28th April 2022

## Victorian Railways Workshop: Elm Class

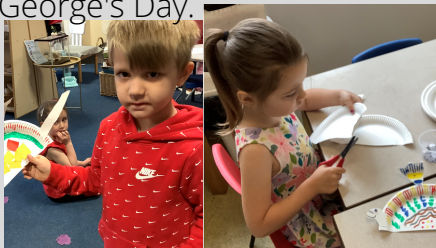
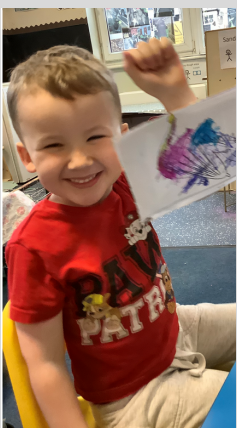
WORTH VALLEY

On Thursday, Matt from Worth Valley Railway visited Elm class. He told us all about the first locomotives and railways. We took part in a quiz, learnt the role Todmorden played in the first railways and finished by making our own first railways booklet. It was great to hear someone with so much enthusiasm and knowledge speak about our topic. We are going to compile a set of questions to ask him when we meet again virtually at the end of our topic. We have also discovered some real rail enthusiasts in Elm this week and can't wait to hear more by the end of this half term.



## St George's Day Celebrations

Acorns and Beech class had a fantastic day of celebration this Monday in recognition of St George's Day.



## The House with Chicken Legs Theatre Trip for Larch and Oak Classes

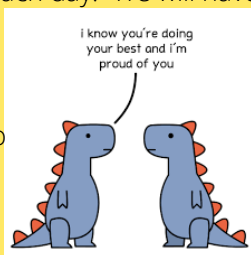
Last Saturday children from our top two classes travelled to Home Theatre, Manchester to watch the theatre performance of the best-selling novel 'The House With Chicken Legs' by Sophie Anderson. This is a text that many of our children have shared within class and it was brilliant to be able to

see this being brought to life in a professional theatre.

We all had a fantastic time and a member of the audience commented on the 'beautiful behaviour' from our pupils.

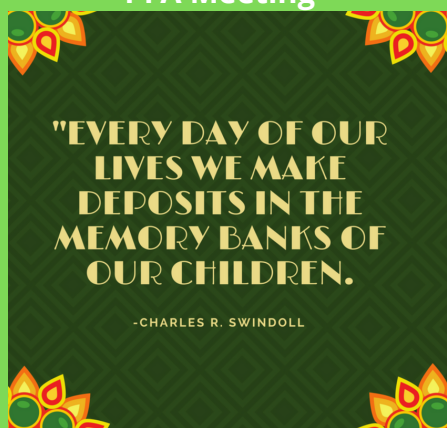


The SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) for our Y6 pupils are taking place **week commencing 9th May**. We know these can be anxious times for our children and are working hard to reassure them that we are already proud of all they have achieved. To support them during this week please can you ensure they have plenty of sleep and are on time for school each day. We will have a little routine to ease them into the day and prepare them for the assessment period. If your child is genuinely seriously ill during this week it is essential to call on that day so that alternative arrangements can be made for your child to sit the paper they have missed.



**Acorns:** Aoife D, For always keeping busy and being a good friend  
**Beech:** Leo K, For his attitude towards his work at home and at school  
**Cedar:** Dexter P, Having a positive attitude to learning & being an independent worker  
**Elm:** Leona D, Making improvements in morning mental Maths  
**Larch:** Troy G, For all his hard work this week  
**Oak:** Benny Joe C, Good attitude to learning this week

## Parents and Friends (of St Joseph's) Association - PFA Meeting



Thank you to our parents who were able to attend the Parents and Friends Meeting last night. It was a really productive meeting with plans being made to bring events back to our community and give memories to our children beyond the school day. Events such as our Jubilee celebrations, talent show and end of year disco were the main features with additional plans for a film night, sports days and more! If you have energy and enthusiasm and would like to channel this into making our children's memories of school amazing please come and join us for our next meeting on Thursday 16th June 7pm in the school hall.

## Late pick ups

Apologies to all the parents to whom this does not apply; it is intended to protect our after school clubs in particular: We are becoming increasingly concerned around a number of families being collected, either at the end of the school day or following a club, considerably later than the finish time. This not only impacts on the child's mental wellbeing when it is happening time after time but also impacts on staff who have not planned to and should not be required to carry out additional child care duties. Of course we understand that there may be a 'one off' emergency' and in these instances we would just ask you keep us as informed as possible but this is not what is being highlighted here. Introducing a late fine is currently being considered to raise greater awareness of this concern and to cover costs where staff are being required to stay beyond their working hours. Many of our clubs are run on a voluntary basis by our staff for the benefit of our children and I do not then expect them to have to stay for an additional half an hour simply because no one has come to collect children. Eventually this would result in staff no longer wanting to offer the clubs and would impact on our whole school family. Please can this be addressed before we get to this stage.



**Acorns:** Freddie L, Amazing work in Phonics  
**Beech:** Amelia I, Super blending of words when reading  
**Cedar:** Oliver P, A super recount and understanding of Holy Week  
**Elm:** Laila S, Great skills in Cricket  
**Larch:** Jayden P, Hard work and all independent in English  
**Oak:** Zofia O, For her amazing Art work

## Dates for your diary

**Monday 2nd May Closed for Bank Holiday**

**Thursday 5th May Closed for Polling Day (Teacher Inset Day)**

**Thursday 5th May** Sacramental Meeting in school 6:15pm

**Friday 6th May** EYFS Dress up as a Farmer

**Friday 6th May** Cricket Coaching for Y2 and Elm

**Monday 9th May** KS2 SATs week (Y6 pupils)

**Thursday 12th May** Sacramental Meeting in school 6:15pm

**Thursday 19th May** BTRCC come to speak to Y6

**Thursday 19th May** Todmorden Cluster Kwik Cricket: details to follow

**Thursday 19th May** Sacramental Meeting in school 6:15pm

**Friday 20th May** Nursery and Reception Trip to the Farm

**Thursday 26th May** Sacramental Meeting in school 6:15pm

**Friday 27th May** Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: The Big Lunch

**Friday 27th May** End of half term

**Monday 6th June** Start of final half term

**Friday 10th June** Y5&6 Residential Weekend

**Thursday 16th June** PFA Meeting 7pm School hall  
**Sunday 19th June** Music for the Many Picnic in the Park

**Monday 20th June:** Flat Stan First Aid Training for all KS1 and KS2 pupils

**Tuesday 12th July** Cedar Class Creative with Nature Day

**Wednesday 13th July** St Joseph's Got Talent Finalists Performance

**Wednesday 20th July** End of Year Disco!