

## Day of Spirituality

As part of our focus on this special 'Year of the Word', on Wednesday we celebrated a 'Day of Spirituality' to enable us to live and share the Word of God. As the children came in in the morning, they were greeted with reflective music and candles in the Heart of the School to help them make a good start to the day. Throughout the rest of the day the children enjoyed creative activities such as prayer writing. Mr Stacey and I invited parents and carers to join us for a special rosary session via Zoom which was very well attended. Thank you to those that joined. More opportunities to join virtually together in prayer are being planned for next half-term – look out for more details. The whole school ended the day with a special meditation in classrooms – sharing the calm, stillness and peace. Thank you so much, Mrs Evans, for organising the day; it was a wonderful way for the whole school to come together and feel calm, thoughtful and reflect on what makes St Joseph's so special.

Next week is the final week of Autumn Half Term. We must continue to remain vigilant in our fight against coronavirus so, please, if you or your child show any symptoms, stay at home and follow [our guidance](#). Stay safe.

*Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher*

### Christmas Cards and Gifts

The children took home their sample Christmas cards this week, along with instructions on how to order cards, gift tags, mugs, tea towels and eco bags.

Ordering and payment will all be via ParentPay and the deadline for all orders is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

All the money raised will go to the school. Thank you!

### 2020 Northern Star Festival

On Sunday at 3.15pm you are invited to watch the premiere of the 2020 Northern Star Festival, featuring our guitar teacher, Johan. This year will be a pre-recorded online concert with music and poetry from the London Swedish Church. The performance is free to watch but we encourage those who enjoy the concert to make a donation in support of the festival during this challenging time via [PayPal](#).

Happy birthday to the following children and adults who celebrated this week:

- Ezra – Year 1
- Olivia – Year 3



If you would like to share any good news, celebrations, birthdays, messages or accomplishments with the school community, please write to [newsletter@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk).

WEDNESDAY!



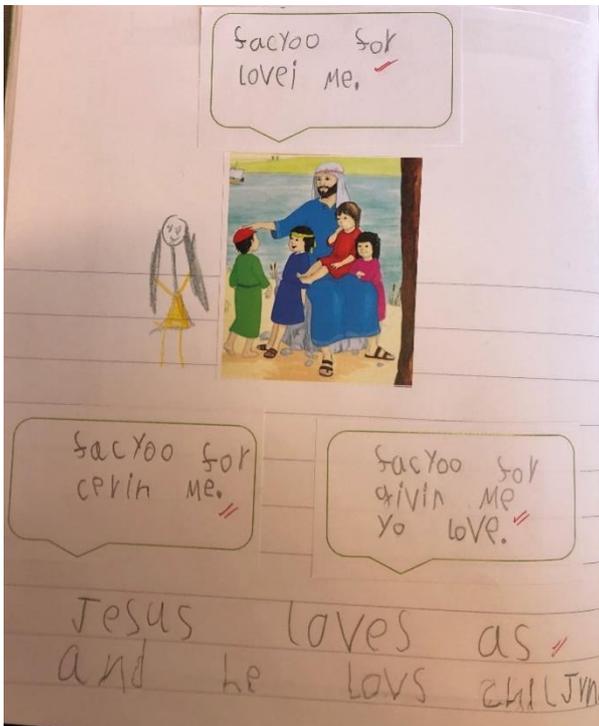
Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is:

LOVE

### Year 1



This week Year 1 read the story of Jesus and the children. They spoke about how the children must have felt meeting Jesus and imagined they were one of those children. They thought about what they would say to Jesus if they had met him that day and then wondered what he might have said back to them.



Mariana

## Catholic Life

We continue to receive wonderful news of children receiving their First Holy Communion. God bless.



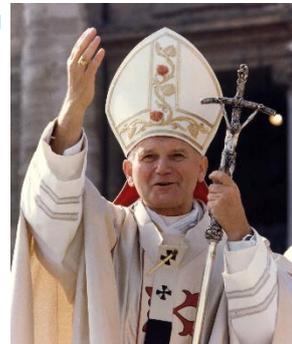
### On This Day...

In 1978, Pope John Paul II became the first non-Italian pontiff since 1523. He served as Pope for 26 years until his death on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2005.

He was one of the most-travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his time as Pope.

He was fluent in many languages: French, German, Italian, Spanish, English, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Russian, Croatian, Ancient Greek, Latin, Esperanto and Polish.

After he died, Pope John Paul II was canonised; he is now known as Pope Saint John Paul II or Saint John Paul the Great.



## Pupil Voice

### Our Spooky Half Term Competition

House Captains introduced their first competition for their Houses this week. Children can draw or design a Halloween pumpkin or mask, write a story or a poem. The closing date is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Good luck, everyone!



### Update on Fred!

Thank you to everyone who was so caring and concerned about the pigeon that was injured in our playground yesterday. The pigeon was collected by a volunteer from a local wildlife vet and taken to be cared for.