



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Black History Month

During the month of October, we celebrate Black History Month. The children will focus their studies on particular people from black African/ Caribbean backgrounds who have made an impact on our society. On Friday 6th November we will celebrate our work as a whole school.



Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

Children's Commissioner

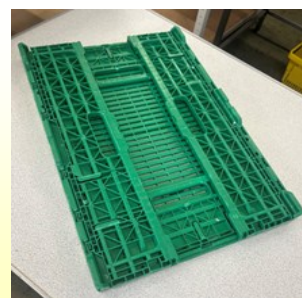
I am being 'hounded' by the Children's Commissioner because there are now only three weeks left for pupils to take part in her national survey, The Big Future. I need as many children to get on to the website and answer some questions. Please could you support her with one final push before the survey closes in three weeks by encouraging your child to complete the survey here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture/>



Harvest Donations

Harvest time is approaching and it is a good opportunity for us to again organise a harvest collection which we will pass on to Ealing Foodbank. The Foodbank has kindly dropped off 10 flat packed crates for us to fill. If you are able to donate items such as tinned vegetables, tinned chickpeas, tinned fruit, tinned chunky soups, peanut butter/jams/marmalades, instant coffee, savoury biscuits and snacks, then please can you send them into school with your child and each class will amass the provisions. We will then hand over to the Foodbank. Every little helps! There is a full list at the back of the newsletter.



Love Learn Believe

Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Thank you to the Year 1 parents who attended the Year 1 Phonics meeting on Wednesday. There were fewer than expected parents but the teachers explained how we teach phonics and how you can help your child at home with good hints and tips. The ability to read is vital for your child to be able to access the curriculum and also be able to write. If you read with your child every day, your child will be, at the very least, two years ahead of their peers when they reach their teens. Thank you to Miss Philips and Mr. Brooks for the enlightening presentation.



Poetry Evening

On Thursday, some of the Middle Phase and Upper Phase children got to perform poetry during our most delightful Poetry Evening. Some children recited their own poems, some recited published works and some recited in small groups. In any case, they all did fantastically and both events were a super celebration of poetry and oracy. Thank you to Mr. Brooks for organising the events and to Mrs Reddin and Miss Smith for helping on the night.



PTA Coffee Morning

This morning our wonderful PTA held a coffee morning for our new Nursery and Reception parents. The meeting was well attended and it was a good chance for parents to get to know each other, have a coffee and enjoy the treats kindly donated by Gail's, Little Wonder, and Pitshanger Bakery. Thank you to the PTA for organising it.



Secondary School Visits/Forms

No more official visits available. If you were not able to visit a Secondary School, try to make an appointment to visit, hopefully they will be able to accommodate you. Good luck! If any parent needs help filling in a form on line, please let me know. I cannot give recommendation but I can help with the form.



Ealing Parenting Service

Ealing are running some father only sessions in the coming months. It is a great opportunity to find out more information on how to build upon your relationship with your child. Flyer at the back for your information.

Catholic Social Teaching Focus: Care of Creation

This half term, our Catholic Social Teaching focus is *Care of Creation*. This means recognising that the world around us—every tree, river, animal, and person—is a precious gift from God. We are called to be stewards of this “common home,” looking after it so that it can be enjoyed by everyone now and in the future. The children have been learning that caring for creation is not just about protecting nature, but also about showing love for our neighbours, especially those most affected by environmental harm. Together, we will explore practical ways to live out this calling in our daily lives.

Scripture:

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." – Psalm 24:1

Prayer/Reflection:

"Lord, thank You for the gift of creation. Help me to care for the world You have made, so that all people and creatures can thrive. Amen."

Family Task:

As a family, talk about what *Care of Creation* means to you. Choose one small action you can do together this week—like reducing waste, saving water, or spending time appreciating nature.

Brighten Up! Day

On Wednesday 14th October, we are taking part in the CAFOD **Brighten Up! Day**. It allows the children to focus on people who are less fortunate than ourselves and we look into ways that we can help them; it is our mission. Look at the poster at the back of the newsletter.



PTA Disco – Friday 16th October

Get those dancing shoes ready! The PTA Disco will take place on Friday 16th October in the Junior Hall, with sessions for different year groups:

Years 1 & 2: 4:30–5:30pm

Years 3 & 4: 6:00–7:00pm

Years 5 & 6: 7:30–8:30pm

Get your tickets here <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjosephshanwellpta/?event=event&eventId=121986>

Looking ahead – Reception Reading meeting

At 9am on Wednesday 7th October we have our Reception Reading meeting for parents. It will give Reception parents a chance to hear how we teach reading to the children and how parents can help at home. It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible.

My Little Chef

Bookings are open for autumn term for years 2 to 6. Please click on link:

<https://pbbl.uk/4eT9zvZ>

Please also see attached flyer at the back.

Celebrations

Religious Education Work of the Week awards are given to children who have shown that bit of extra effort in their RE lessons that week.

Class	Name	Reason
1AP	Ziggy	For his wonderful participation in discussion about the Our Father prayer's meaning
1TM	Simeon	For excellent recall of the Our Father prayer.
2CR	Molly-Mae	For creating a great poster about how to be stewards for the Earth.
2MS	Anthony	For excellent understanding of what Psalms are used for and creating his own!
3AR	Camilla	For showing respect and reverence during our class prayers.
3GS	Thomas	For being very interested in the lives of the saints and then looking further into St Martin de Porres at home. Well done for extending your learning!
3MS	Krishna	For his thoughtful ideas about the similarities between Psalm 8 and the Offertory Prayer.
4AL	All of 4AL	For the fantastic effort they showed in creating their own 'Family Tree'.
4JB	Emma	For her excellent knowledge of the covenant between God and Abraham.
5AS	Izabella	For giving excellent responses in our lesson about the importance of the 10 Commandments.
5DB	Ali	For his excellent understanding of how 'The Ten Commandments' help us to live and happy lives.
5SR	Lily	For setting a wonderful example and singing beautifully during Hymn Practice.
6AS	Isabella	For recalling the different types of literary styles in the Bible when discussing the Creation story.
6LI	Jamie	For insightful, relevant comments in RE when exploring the Science of Creation.
6WL	Samuel	For giving mature opinions and sharing his knowledge of the Big Bang when exploring Creation.

Celebrations continued...

Headteacher awards are presented each week to children who the staff think have put that little bit of extra into their work. Well done to the children listed below:

Class	Name	Reason
1AP	Eliana	For using adjectives to describe a character.
1TM	Aurora	For excellent participation in all lessons.
2CR	Tilly	For a brilliant practise of her diary about Kelly Holmes.
2MS	Morgan	For trying super hard this week across all subjects!
3AR	Isabella	For writing a detailed and informative diary entry in History.
3GS	Samuel	For trying hard in all lessons, with your home learning and participating in lessons too! Well done!
3MS	Adam	For always trying hard to contribute in class discussions. Well done!
4AL	Joseph	For fantastic enthusiasm during PE lessons.
4JB	William	For his excellent place value problem solving and reasoning skills.
5AS	Oliver	For displaying outstanding behaviour and work ethic at all times.
5DB	Eleanor	For writing a compelling, balanced argument about sailing around the world.
5SR	Fiorella	For showing greater independence and confidence in core subject tasks.
6AS	Oliver	For having an incredible first month at St Joseph's – you have worked <u>so</u> hard!
6LI	D'Law	For making good word and editing choices in PGL recount.
6WL	Leon	For a fantastic draft recount of PGL.

Good Disciple awards are given to children who have shown exceptional love and kindness to fellow pupils and are helping to build God's kingdom here and now. Well done to the children listed below:

Phase	Name	Reason
Lower	Melodie	For being a kind and caring friend.
Middle	Luke 3GS	For always being such a kind and caring classmate to others, which is delightful to see. Well done!
Upper	Omojade and Lourdes 4AL	For showing incredible dedication by jumping in at short notice and learning a brand-new verse for Poetry Evening. Their teamwork truly saved the day!

Ealing Foodbank Shopping List

Tinned Veggie Meals

Tinned Fruit

Chunky Soups

Tinned Sardines/Mackerel

Breakfast Cereals

Tinned custard / Rice Pudding

Instant Coffee

For financial donations

ealing.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/

BRIGHTEN UP! DAY

Wednesday,
14th October



Children are asked to come to school dressed in bright, fluorescent colours and bring **£1** to support CAFOD.

Be
bright,
be kind,
make a
difference!



Your support helps **CAFOD** to support communities facing poverty and hunger around the world.

FAITH • ACTION • CHANGE



**BOOK A
TRIAL CLASS
FOR JUST
£5!**

COOKING CLUB

**Autumn Term 2026
8th Sept - 15th Dec**

**Tuesdays & Fridays
3:20 – 4:20pm
(yrs 2 - 6)**

Culinary Creativity in just one hour!

- Exploring food in a fun & safe way
- Sweet and savoury dishes
- A recipe for fun and skill-building



Klarna

Developing Life Skills:

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| ☐ Nutrition | ☐ Literacy |
| ☐ Creativity | ☐ Numeracy |
| ☐ Independence | ☐ Confidence |
| ☐ Teamwork | ☐ Problem Solving |

Book online!



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Our website

www.mylittlechefathome.co.uk



BEST Club AUTUMN 2026 @St Joseph's Y1 – Y6

**New Term, New Teacher – Creating a Calm,
Assertive and Empathetic Mindset**



Tuesday mornings: 7.45am – 8.45am
Tuesday 15th September – Tuesday 8th December

Wednesday afternoons: 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 16th September – Wednesday 9th December

Our twelve week BEST club programme helps children develop the confidence to communicate assertively, understand other's feelings and build positive relationships. Through fun sport, art and drama activities, children will learn valuable social skills that support resilience, empathy, teamwork and a successful start to the new school year.

To book a place please visit

Tuesday morning:

<https://best4learning.co.uk/stjosephstuesam-2/>

Wednesday afternoon:

<https://best4learning.co.uk/stjosephswedpm-2/>

For more information please email best4learningvicky@gmail.com

or call 07718 588454 www.best4learning.co.uk





**ST JOSEPH'S
PTA**



Disco

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026
FOR YEARS 1 - 6

IN THE JUNIOR HALL



TIMES BY YEAR GROUP



YEARS 1 & 2 → 4:30 – 5:30 PM

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TICKETS - £3 EACH



**NO MOBILE PHONES
ALLOWED AT THE DISCO**



TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE- [CLICK HERE](#) OR SCAN THE QR CODE.



SMALL TOYS AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUY DURING THE DISCO.



PARENTS MUST DROP OFF AND COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN.



PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN ARE PICKED UP ON TIME.



NO MOBILE PHONES ALLOWED—ANY PHONES WILL BE CONFISCATED UNTIL THE END OF THE DISCO

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- Life Changes
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How to get started:

- 1 Book a free 20-minute consultation
- 2 Decide together what support feels right
- 3 Complete forms and assessment
- 4 Begin counselling



Book your free consultation
www.thecypservices.com



*Subject to eligibility and availability**

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EALING PARENTING SERVICE

FREE PARENTING WORKSHOPS FATHER'S ONLY SESSIONS 2026

Tues 29th
SEPT

Building Stronger Father-Child Bonds

*Delivered by Derek Willis - Ealing Parenting Service
via MS Teams 10am-12pm*

Tues 20th
OCT

Time That Matters

*Delivered by Derek Willis - Ealing Parenting Service
via MS Teams 10am-12pm*

Tues 24th
NOV

Different Strokes: Fatherhood Across Cultures

*Delivered by Derek Willis - Ealing Parenting Service
via MS Teams 10am-12pm*

Tues 15th
DEC

Fathering Through Complexity

*Delivered by Derek Willis - Ealing Parenting Service
via MS Teams 10am-12pm*

email parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk to register or for more info

