



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### 4th April 2025



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#### Good wishes for the Easter holiday

The children and staff have worked really hard this term and now deserve a two-week and one day break. The holiday gives us time to focus on the last weeks of Lent – Palm Sunday in the middle of the holidays and Easter Sunday the following weekend. I wish you and your family a prayerful, safe Easter holiday - a time of hope, renewal and new life. Everyone back on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.

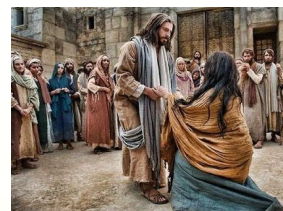
#### Message from Governors

On behalf of the Governors, we would like to wish all the staff, children and their families a very happy and holy Easter. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break and look forward to seeing you in the summer term.

Anita and Hilary, Co-Chairs of Governors

Sunday 6th April 2025

Gospel: John 8:1-11



*Instead of judging, the accusers must examine themselves*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

#### Way of the Cross

On Tuesday evening, Year 6 led a most moving and emotional portrayal of Jesus's last hours in their 'Way of the Cross' liturgy in the Church. It is one of my favourite liturgies and was 'performed' beautifully and it was well worth the wait. I am sure that those who were present would agree that Year 6 set the tone for the lead up to Easter. Thank you to all the children who made the evening so special and to Mrs. Ingham, Miss Smith, Mrs. Whybrew, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Mitchell and Ms Males for preparing the children and to Mr. Doak for helping out on the evening. The retiring collection amassed a most generous £180.03 which will be given to CAFOD. Well done to all!



## Easter Liturgies

On Thursday and Friday, 4AS and 4S led the Easter liturgies. The liturgies were a wonderful re-enactment of the Easter story...So Far. The children spoke beautifully and the liturgies made us realise the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Well done to the children and thank you to Miss Smith, Mrs Dziedzic Korzen, Miss Safeer and Mrs. Corcoran who made it happen. We now look forward to 4GS and their resurrection liturgy when we return after Easter.



## Earth Day

When we return after the Easter break, we come back to celebrate Earth Day. We will actually be celebrating it over the course of the week including lots of art. On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the children should come to school wearing clothing that is blue and/or green to represent the main colours on our earth.



## Scooter Workshop

The Year 1 children really enjoyed their scooter training on Tuesday 1st April. Each of the three classes had a chance to practise their scooting skills, firstly how to ride safely, how to control the scooter and finally they learned some tricks. 'It was great fun', 'I liked learning tricks' were 2 quotes from Year 1 children.





## TED Talks

On Tuesday morning, Upper Phase were treated to listening to a group of children from St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School present their TED Talks and on Wednesday morning, a group of our children returned the favour! Annabella, Leon, Jane, Shaina, Julia and Yasmin showcased their superb oracy skills by speaking in assembly at St. Anselm's about a range of subjects connected with the Catholic Social Teaching principles of Solidarity and Peace, and Dignity. A huge 'well done' to the children for taking part. Thank you to Ms Smith and Mrs. Dziedzic Korzen for accompanying the children.



## PTA Easter Egg Raffle

On Wednesday, the PTA once again organised a fantastic Easter Egg Raffle. An extraordinary number of eggs, 1347, were donated by families and Tesco for the raffle. The PTA would like to thank all families for their wonderful generosity. The classes had a competition to see which class could collect the most eggs. The winners this year were:

- 4AS/4S in the Upper Phase - 83
- 3DB in the Middle Phase - 67
- Nursery in the Lower Phase – 109

The winners will receive their treats after the holidays.

Some may think that there were winners and losers. In fact, everyone was a winner as the PTA sent all children home with at least one egg if they did not win an egg in the raffle. Well done to the PTA!



### Nursery Easter Celebrations

This week, the Nursery children have been listening to the Easter story. On Monday, children planted cress seeds for their Easter gardens. On Tuesday, they made their Easter cards. On Wednesday, they had an Easter bonnet parade, Egg and Spoon race and Easter Egg Raffle. Finally, on Thursday children made Easter nest cakes and put them inside handmade baskets. They had a very busy week! Thank you to Ms Martin and Ms Delaney for organising such a fun week.



### Free Online Workshops or help

Please look at the back of the newsletter for workshops and help on all manner of topics including:

Understanding Domestic Abuse and Toxic Relationships	29 <sup>th</sup> April
Mental Health for Dads	6 <sup>th</sup> May
Overcoming Guilt and Fear in Fatherhood	3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Different Strokes for Fathers	1 <sup>st</sup> July

### My Little Chef at Home Cooking Club

This super club is taking booking for the summer term. Please see the flyer at the back and scan the QR code to find out more information and to make a booking. Or you can click the link:

<https://mylittlechefathome.classforkids.io/term/97>

### Father Bernard

We have been given information on Father Bernard's funeral arrangements. His mortal remains will be received at the Church of Holy Rood, Exchange Road, Watford WD18 0PJ at 5pm on Monday 28 April. There will be a Requiem Mass at 7pm with Bishop Paul McAleenan presiding and Canon Norbert Fernandes giving the homily. The Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 29 April at 12noon in our church in Hanwell with the Cardinal presiding and Fr Richard Nesbitt giving the homily. Burial will follow at New Brentford Cemetery at 1.45pm.



### Rugby for older girls

If you have any older girls, over primary school age, then this might be for them. Ealing Trailfinders Women's team is having a Girls Rugby Easter Camp. The camp runs next Wednesday, April 9th from 10 am until 3 pm. Cost is £30 per athlete.

Attendees can learn more about camps, and sign-up via the website: <https://ealingtrailfinders.org.uk/camps/>

### Football news

For those of you who sometimes wonder what our former pupils get up to, I have some news. Congratulations to the Celtic U16s football team who are now champions of Division 2 of the Harrow League. Having played 16 matches, the team have won 14, drawn 1 and lost 1. Out of the squad of 20 boys, 9 of the boys attended St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Daniel, Cathal, Darragh, Paddy, Szymon, Arthur, Kieran, Joseph, Oliver) and they have stuck together ever since! Well done to all.



## 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
Nur	Isabelle	For talking about symbols of Easter.
RB	Siobhan	For being such a kind and helpful friend. Well done!
RL	Klaudia	For always showing love and kindness to others.
1AP	Gloria	For her wonderful participation in discussion when learning about Good Friday.
1EB	Ethan	For his thoughtful painting of 'Good Friday'.
1SR	Mira	For her beautiful watercolour painting of Good Friday.
2AF	Karolina	For her wonderful work and understanding of why Lent is an important time.
2CF	Hayden	For his wonderful explanation of Maundy Thursday.
2JB	Hania	For her great understanding of why Jesus washed the disciples' feet.
3AR	Leon	For giving thoughtful words when describing how Jesus was feeling in the Garden of Gethsemane.
3DB	Katya	For her detailed, thoughtful retelling about Gethsemane.
3SM	Parvathy	For excellent examples of how we can share kindness, generosity and understanding during Lent.
4AS	Jakub	For creating a beautiful watercolour painting depicting the scripture of the 'washing of the feet'.
4GS	All of 4GS	For thoughtfully reflecting on The Stations of the Cross and understanding how Jesus may have felt. Well done!
4S	Franek	For a brilliant description of what the Stations of the Cross depict!
5AL	Joey	For understanding the events of Good Friday: The Crucifixion of Jesus.
5AS	Mina-Rose	For showing excellent understanding of Jesus' trial.
5CR	Liberty	For brilliant understanding of the Stations of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion.
6LI	Isaac	For respectful and mature 'performance' of Way of Cross.
6MS	All of 6MS	For acting and reading beautifully in the Way of the Cross.
6WL	Malaki	For excellent singing and clear reading at Year 6's 'Way of the Cross' evening.



## 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
Nur	Maksym	For settling in well into Nursery.
RB	All of Butterflies	For working so hard over the term. Well done!
RL	Imogen	For always trying her best. Well done!
1AP	Claire	For writing an excellent set of instructions.
1EB	Gabriele	For his improved focus on his writing and the progress he is making.
1SR	Krzysztof	For working hard to complete more written work independently.
2AF	Ignacy	For his brilliant and captivating newspaper report on The Titanic.
2CF	Fabian	For always doing the morning activity.
2JB	Jordan	For a great newspaper report about the sinking of the Titanic.
3AR	Connor	For great contributions in Geography when comparing New York and London.
3DB	Freddie	For working hard in every lesson and setting a fantastic example. Well done!
3SM	Debora	For persevering during Maths challenges, with a 'can do' attitude.
4AS	All of 4AS	For working incredibly hard on and performing their Easter Liturgy!
4GS	Jamie, Alexi, Leon, Mykola, D'Law, Anna-bella and Thalia	For kindly and generously sharing their Easter eggs with others in our class. Well done!
4S	All of 4S	For a fantastic re-enactment of 'The Last Supper'. Well done!
5AL	Teaganmarie	For creating an information leaflet about staying safe in the event of an earthquake.
5AS	Calum	For showing an excellent attitude towards his learning.
5CR	Grania	For great enthusiasm and excitement in her Science lesson this week!
6LI	Dominic	For working diligently across all subjects.
6MS	Edore	For very much improved pace during Maths. Well done!
6WL	Atila	For creating an excellent introduction to his 'Alma' narrative.

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	Yesandi 1EB	For her kindness and helpfulness to her class friends and adults.
Middle	Anna 2CF	For trying her hardest in all subject areas and always having a growth mindset.
Upper	Cara 5CR	For always holding the door open for others, showing kindness and thoughtfulness in every small gesture.

**Love Learn Believe**

**FREE**

**online parenting workshop**



## **Different Strokes for fathers: How men prioritise fatherhood**

Every dad approaches fatherhood differently, balancing priorities, responsibilities, and personal values in their own way.

This workshop celebrates the diverse ways men handle fatherhood and provides tools to help you navigate your unique path.

Gain insights, share experiences, and build a fatherhood approach that aligns with who you are.

Tuesday, 1st  
July 2025  
10am-12pm  
via MS Teams



Delivered by:  
Derek Willis & Chris  
Kolade  
Ealing Parenting  
Service

**Please note: This is a targeted workshop for men only**

**email [parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk) to register your place**



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# Overcoming Guilt & Fear in Fatherhood

## Navigating the Emotional Challenges

Fatherhood often brings feelings of guilt and fear—am I doing enough? Am I doing it right?

This workshop helps dads unpack these common emotions and provides tools to overcome them. Learn how to embrace your imperfections, build confidence, and focus on what truly matters: being present and intentional with your family.

**Please note:**

**This is a targeted workshop for men only.**

Tuesday, 3rd  
June 2025  
10am-12pm  
via MS Teams

Delivered by:  
Derek Willis &  
Chris Kolade  
Ealing Parenting  
Service

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### MENTAL HEALTH FOR DADS: PRIORITISING WELL-BEING AMIDST TABOOS

Fatherhood comes with unique mental health challenges, often compounded by societal taboos and assumptions.

Delivered by:  
Derek Willis &  
Chris Kolade  
Ealing Parenting Team

Tuesday, 6th  
May 2025  
10am-12pm  
via MS Teams

This workshop empowers dads to prioritise their mental health, break down stigmas, and build a supportive approach to well-being. Explore practical strategies to manage stress, boost resilience, and foster emotional strength—because a healthy dad makes for a thriving family.

**Please note: This is a targeted workshop for men only.**

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# Understanding Domestic Abuse and Toxic Relationships – a workshop for women

This session is open to women who would like to more knowledge of domestic abuse, and how this can impact on all aspects of life

This session will cover:

- Identifying what domestic abuse may look like
- How to recognise risk factors / red flags
- How to create a safety plan
- The importance of support networks
- How to rebuild confidence and self-esteem
- Where you can find support

Tuesday 29th  
April 2025  
10am-12pm

Delivered by Pat Chapman  
– SAFE Plus

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# **COOKING CLUB**

**Summer Term 2025  
w/c 28th Apr - 14th July**

**Tuesdays and Fridays  
3:20pm – 4:20pm**

**Culinary Creativity  
in just one hour!**

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



**Developing Life Skills:**

- ☐ **Nutrition**
- ☐ **Literacy**
- ☐ **Creativity**
- ☐ **Numeracy**
- ☐ **Independence**
- ☐ **Confidence**
- ☐ **Teamwork**
- ☐ **Problem Solving**



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# HAYES & HANWELL FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE

**WHERE: GURU NANAK SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD ROAD, HAYES, UB4 0LT**

**WHEN: EVERY MONDAY (EXCLUDING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)**

**STARTING: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Group 1 - School Years Reception & Year 1 .....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 1)  
Group 2 - School Years 2 and 3 .....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 2)  
Group 3 - School Years 4 and 5 .....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 1)  
Group 4 - School Years 6 and 7 .....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 2)

**WHERE: BRENTSIDE HIG SCHOOL, GREENFORD AVENUE, LONDON, W7 1JJ**

**WHEN: EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**STARTING: WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025**

Group 1 - School Years Reception & Year 1 .....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 1)  
Group 2 - School Years 2 and 3 .....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 2)  
Group 3 - School Years 4 and 5 .....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 1)  
Group 4 - School Years 6 and 7 .....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 2)

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last 25 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in April 2025. The course will run for 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

## About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by F.A qualified coaches, who are DBS checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn **ESSENTIAL FOOTBALL TECHNIQUES**, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice.
- It is an **INDOOR** course held in Sports Halls, therefore trainers must be worn.
- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'American shoot out' and 'Penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation.
- The cost of the course is £8.50 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £34 due on week 1. **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

[www.prosoccercoaching.org](http://www.prosoccercoaching.org)

## **TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE WHATSAPP:**

**HAYES OR HANWELL + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2, 3 or 4)**

and receive confirmation by text to: **07947 638 205 or 07880 798 762**

## **EASTER CAMPS**

We are also holding our very popular Easter camps @ Swakeleys School (Hillingdon, UB10 0EJ)

**When: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April-Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April (Week 1) £100 per child, Siblings £60, Daily Rate £25**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April-Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April (Week 2) £80 per child, Siblings £50, Daily Rate £25**

**9.00am – 3.00pm for boys and girls aged 4 – 13.**

**Each child will receive an engraved trophy.**

**To Book please Whatsapp: SWAKELEYS EASTER CAMP + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE TO:**

**07947 638 205 or 07880 798 762 to obtain confirmation and further details.**

# West Ealing Community Library's Community Party

**Saturday 5th April - 10am to 4pm**

**Fun and entertainment for all ages**

## POETRY

Spoken word performances - including poetry from Jaksxx, Laurie O'Garro, Charnjit Gill and Man from Horse Country

## MUSIC

Jaxia - singer/songwriter whose ethereal compositions pull at the heartstrings, balanced with an unwavering ability for positive affirmation and healing

Ackindread - an innovative group of African drummers and a trombone player led by Chauncey Huntley

DJ Mr Shiver - to keep us in the party mood!

## FOR CHILDREN

Storytelling - Damian - already our library's resident star, joined by Akuba for a series of stories throughout the day

Puppet shows 'The Elves and the Shoe Maker' and

'The Magic Porridge Pot'

Facepainting

'more acts to be confirmed'

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## ART

The unveiling of the library's new installation celebrating the legacy of Eric and Jessica Huntley – pioneering campaigners and activists who founded the UK's first black publishing company and book shop in West Ealing.

## MEET LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

West Ealing's Community Police team

Friends of the Earth Ealing

West Ealing Neighbours

West Ealing Green Spaces

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**Easter Treats**

Illustration of a yellow chick, a white rabbit, and several colorful Easter eggs behind a bowling setup with pins and a red ball.

## 2 GAME SPECIAL

<b>KIDS £10</b> per person	<b>ADULTS £12</b> per person
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**EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS**  
VALID FROM 7TH APRIL - 18TH APRIL 2025, MONDAY - FRIDAY 10AM TO 5PM ONLY.  
UP TO SIX PEOPLE PER VOUCHER. MINIMUM OF ONE CHILD PER GROUP OF SIX.  
OFFER INCLUDES SHOES HIRE. EXCLUDES BANK HOLIDAYS. T&C'S APPLY.

## FAMILY SPECIAL

**1 HOUR FOR £32**

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