St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

6th June 2025



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Consultation

On Monday I emailed out a letter notifying you that the governors of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School have taken the decision to initiate the consultation process regarding academy status and forming a Catholic Academy Trust with our partner Catholic schools in the Deanery. The consultation opened on Monday 2nd June 2025 and will close on Friday 11th July 2025. To support you in developing your knowledge and understanding of what is involved in becoming an academy, governors have prepared a questions and answers consultation leaflet which is available on our website (Kev Information tab, Academy Consultation). I attach the letter to the back of this newsletter for your reference.



Sunday 8th May 2025

Gospel: John 14:15-16; 23-26



The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will teach you everything

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever....

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."

Mixing up classes

Every year, lots of children start Reception and the staff make every effort to balance the classes as much as possible in terms of age, gender, language acquisition, ability and educational needs. However, as the children progress through the school the classes become less balanced due to a variety of reasons. For this reason, we re-balance the classes by mixing up the children at the end of Year 1 and at the end of Year 3. Staff in the Lower and Middle Phases will begin to plan the carefully thought-out restructuring of classes over the next month.

PTA Cake Sale

The PTA held another hugely successful Cake Sale. Thank you for all the wonderful donations that were either baked or bought. I saw lots of children with chocolaty faces after school. Thank you to the PTA for putting this on and also to the Year 6 volunteers for their help.



First Holy Communion Celebration

Today, we celebrated our Presentation Mass. Our First Holy Communicants were dressed in their finery for the occasion and looked very smart. In the afternoon, the children will celebrate with a party. The children in Year 2 also went to the mass to watch and learn for next year and Year 4 came along to support everybody. Thank you to all who took an active part in the mass and to Mr Wesolowski for his musical accompaniment. A special thank you to Miss Reddin for organising the celebration event and to Father Cristiano for being the celebrant.





Wellbeing Sessions

Emma Hoddy came in to school to work with the final year groups and their Wellbeing sessions. Emma worked on the children's core strength, calming breathing and a focus on balance. The children and staff loved it so I may have to set up a few more sessions. Thank you to Emma Hoddy for being such a good Wellbeing coach.





Testina

Year 4 have now entered the window for their Multiplication Tables Check. The children have had a few goes on the practice test and are now looking forward to the real thing. Good luck!

A message from St Augustine's Priory

St Augustine's Priory would love to invite local families to their Senior Open Morning. Discover the spirit of St Augustine's Priory, an Independent Catholic School for girls, at their Senior Open Morning on Saturday 21st June, 10.00am–12.00pm. Stay on afterwards to enjoy the fun and festivities of their vibrant Summer Fair from 12.00–4.00pm. Find out more at sapriory.com. A poster is attached at the back of this newsletter.



Speech and Language Therapy

Please see the flyer at the back, which shares details about a Parent focus group which is being run on 18th June, 1-2pm, at Hanwell Children's Centre. Participants will be given a £14 voucher and travel expenses! Parent views on how to improve the referral process are welcome.

Ealing Park Ride

Last chance to book your place for this weekend! A great opportunity to get out and about on your bicycles. Please read the flyer below and use the link to book your free place:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ ealing-park-ride-tickets-1269121018129? aff=oddtdtcreator



Free Online Workshops or help

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

Supporting Appropriate Technology Use In Secondary Aged Children 10th June

24th June 26th June **Understanding Male Mental Health** Supporting Transition To Secondary School 1st July Different Strokes for Fathers 7th July Supporting Behaviour In Children With Additional Needs 14th July

Understanding Anxiety

St Joseph's Toddler Group

At the back of this newsletter please find the session dates and times for the summer term taking place in the Community Classroom at school.



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	Adam	For talking about symbols of Baptism.	
RB	Chelsea	For writing a fantastic account of what happened at Pentecost.	
RL	Felipe	For super work when we were learning about the story of Pentecost.	
1AP	Ruby	For showing a great understanding of the story of Ascension and participating in our class discussion.	
1EB	Charlotte	For creating a good drawing of Jesus' Ascension when we learned about this event.	
1SR	Isabella	For recognising the difference between holy days and holidays.	
2AF	Emmanuel	For creating a wonderful storyboard showing how Jesus ascended into heaven.	
2CF	Joseph	For his explanation of how the Holy Spirit helps people.	
2JB	Lilianna	For her thoughtful ideas about how people can show they have the Holy Spirit in them.	
3AR	Abel	For his understanding of the Ascension story.	
3DB	Lamis	For her super retelling of the events of the Ascension using Acts 1:6-11.	
3SM	Maksymilian	For his hard work and determination when retelling the events of the Ascension.	
4AS	Harrison	For writing and illustrating a lovely poem about his skills and talents.	
4GS	Alicia, Isabella and Mykola	For writing such wonderful poems about their God-given talents and what makes them especially unique. Well done!	
4S	Sharon	For writing a superb poem about all her amazing talents in the style of Madeline Duran!	
5AL	Krystian	For his thoughtful words on Social Justice and Diversity.	
5AS	Julia M	For showing how the power of the Holy Spirit can influence our daily lives.	
5CR	Taijah-Lee	For being able to explain how she used/uses the gifts of the Holy Spirit in her everyday life.	

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	Leul	For explaining life cycle of a butterfly.
RB	Kyra	For her wonderful drawings!
RL	Yousef	For working hard with his reading. Well done!
1AP	Rosie	For her fantastic effort during Guided Reading and becoming a more confident reader.
1EB	Oliwia	For trying hard and working well when we were learning about halves.
1SR	Rhys	For displaying a great understanding of arrays and Maths.
2AF	Alia	For her great effort and determination in learning to tell the time and for not giving up even when it got challenging.
2CF	Olivia A	For being a great and supportive sports person during Sports Day practice.
2JB	Amelia	For her excellent adding using a number line.
3AR	Tymon	For a big improvement in his handwriting and overall presentation of his work.
3DB	Thevin	For excellent work on interpreting data in Maths.
3SM	Joshua	For a superb setting description of a tomb creating mysterious atmosphere.
4AS	Nichelle	For showing great engagement for learning in our lessons about time!
4GS	Mariusz	For writing a fantastic, independent character analysis of Lila and Chulak. Well done!
4S	All of 4S	For an amazing end of year celebration assembly!
5AL	Shaina	For being exceptionally helpful and responsible.
5AS	Enda	For showcasing excellent oracy skills during his presentation.
5CR	Larissa	For continued focus, participation and confidence in all Maths lessons!
6LI	Brendan	For a super theatre review following our trip to see 'Back to the Future'.
6MS	Jason	For writing an excellent theatre review in English. Well done!

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	Tala 1AP	For always showing kindness and including others.
Middle	Emma 2AF	For consistently showing kindness, thoughtfulness, and being a shining example to others of what it truly means to be a good disciple!
Upper	Kaiden 5CR	For being a role model to his peers, always showing impeccable manners and bringing a bright, positive light to everyone around him because of the deep respect, love and value he shows to every member of the class.





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.







Please note: This is a targeted workshop for men only

email parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk to register your place







WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

SUMMER TERM 2025

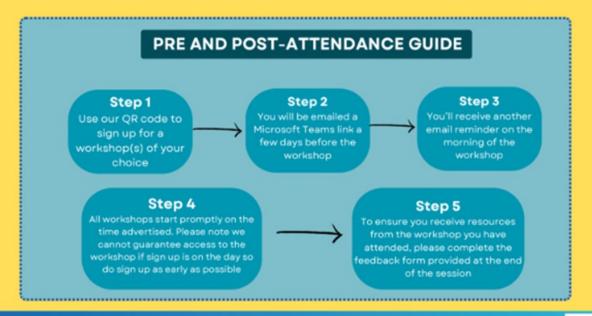


Over the Spring term, Ealing Mental Health Support Team will be running a variety of workshops for parents and carers of children who attend a school in Ealing.

If you would like to sign up to one of our workshops, please do so on the below website or scan the QR code.

https://forms.gle/Q6bY3bpc3FeB7kMh7

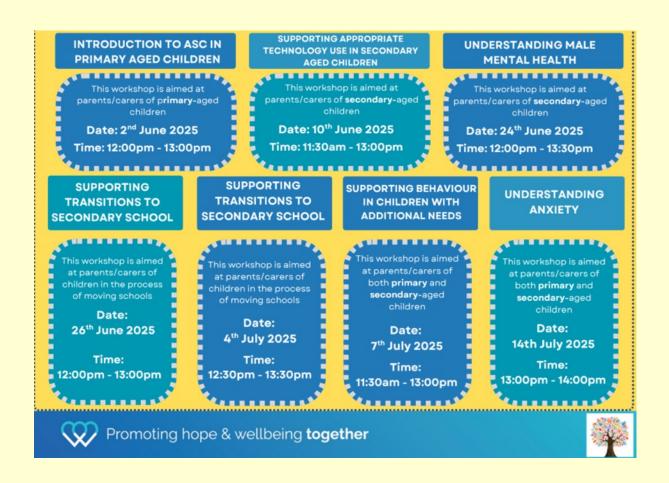
If you have any questions, please do email us on: Ealing.mhst@nhs.net





Promoting hope & wellbeing together







Ealing Speech and Language Therapy Parent/Carer Workshops 2025

These workshops are run by a member of our schools' SLT Universal team:









Maddy

Taruna

Raquel

Jasmine

Please book by emailing <u>wlm-tr.sltuniversalservices@nhs.net</u> with your name and the workshop name.

Workshop	Date and Time
An Introduction to Speech and Language Therapy	Tuesday 6 th May, 12-1pm
Supporting children and young people with year group transition	Thursday 5 th June, 10.30am-12pm
An Introduction to Colourful Semantics	Thursday 12 th June, 10.30am-12pm
Supporting your Child with Friendships	Thursday 19 th June, 1-2pm
Supporting Children Who Speak at Home but not at School	Thursday 3 rd July, 12-1pm







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A Speech and Language Therapy & Ealing Anchor Parent/Carer Workshop

Are you a parent/carer of a child looking for practical advice?

We are running a workshop on:

An Introduction to Colourful Semantics



Thursday 12th June 10.30am-12pm *Via Zoom*



On this workshop you will learn:

- √ What Colourful Semantics is
- √ How Colourful Semantics helps children to develop their language
- √ How to use Colourful semantics at home

To book a FREE place, please book by scanning this QR code:



Ealing Community Partners



Ealing Speech and Language Therapy Parent/Carer Workshop

Does your child have very specific interests? Does your child communicate and play in a very different way to other children?

We are running a workshop on:

Supporting your Child with Friendships



Thursday 19th June 1-2pm





In this workshop you will learn:

- √ The different ways children may develop and communicate
- ✓ Ways to think about Neurodiversity and friendships
- ✓ Using your child's strengths to support communication and play

To book a FREE place, please EMAIL wlm-tr.sltuniversalservices@nhs.net with your name, the workshop name and the name of your child's school.

Ealing Community



Are you a parent/carer of a child who is speaking at home but is not speaking in other setting?

We are running a workshop on:

Supporting Children Who Speak at Home but not at School



Thursday 3rd July 12-1pm

Via Zoom



On this workshop you will learn:

- √ To understand why some children, speak less at school or nursery
- √ To understand ways to help children communicate more confidently
- √ To know where to get more information and support from

To book a FREE place, please EMAIL

<u>wlm-tr.sltuniversalservices@nhs.net</u> with your name, the workshop name and the name of your child's school.







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Outstanding Independent Catholic Senior School for girls in Ealing

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Saturday 21st June 10.00 - 12.00 noon

Followed by our **Summer Fair, 12.00 - 16.00pm**Reserve your place at **sapriory.com**

Ealing Speech & Language



Therapy Service is

changing....

Would you like to be part of this change, to modernise and improve our referral process?

Join our Parent Focus Group Wednesday 18th June 1-2pm Hanwell Children's Centre

Participants will be paid! £14 voucher + travel expenses

Sign up by emailing wlm-tr.sltuniversalservices@nhs.net



If you're unable to attend but would like to join future events, email us to be added to our list



Headteacher: Mr J Rakowski BSc. Hons, NPQH Deputy Headteacher: Mr J Doak BA. NPOSL

Monday 2nd June 2025

Dear Parent,

Re: Catholic Academy Trust Consultation

As you may recall from a previous communication, the governors of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School have taken the decision to initiate the consultation process regarding the acquisition of academy status and forming a Catholic Academy Trust with our partner Catholic schools in the Deanery.

This letter is informing you of the consultation, which opens on Monday 2nd June 2025 and closes on Friday 11th July 2025.

A consultation does not mean we have taken a final decision to convert to an Academy, but that we wish to seek the views of all our community to inform the final decision. To support you in developing your knowledge and understanding of what is involved in becoming an academy we have prepared a questions and answers consultation leaflet which will be available from 2nd June on the school's website (Key Information tab, Academy Consultation).

Included in the leaflet is a response sheet/questionnaire which we strongly encourage you to complete and return to us by 11th July 2025 in order that your opinions are considered as part of the consultation process.

You can also email this back to academyconsultation@stjcp.education putting 'parent response' in the subject bar.

If you would like a hard copy of anything, please contact the school office. Please also return any completed hard copies of the response sheet to the school office by the deadline stated above.

To further support your participation in the consultation, we invite you to attend an information session with school leaders and governors. The meeting will include a presentation about what joining the Catholic Academy Trust would mean for the school, and it is another opportunity to ask questions.

We anticipate the meeting will last for approximately 60 minutes, commencing at 7.10pm on Wednesday 18th June 2025.

If you wish to attend the consultation meeting, please email the school at academyconsultation@stjcp.education including 'parent consultation meeting' in the subject bar.

We look forward to speaking with you at the meeting and to receiving your comments.

Yours faithfully.

Headteacher Julian Rakowski

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Co-Chair of Govs. Anita Marshall Co-Chair of Govs. Hilary Turner