St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
6th November 2026

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Black History Month Celebration

Today, we celebrate our Black History Month work. Nursery focused on Nigel Clarke, Reception on Laura Henry-Allain, Year 1 Rosa Parks, Year 2 Mary Seacole, Year 3 Katherine Johnson, Year 4 Martin Luther King Junior, Year 5 Didier Drogba and Year 6 Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock. All these inspiring people have made a difference to our world. We celebrated our work in assembly and walked around the school to learn about the other special people who have been studied. Most of the children came in wearing colours representing Resilience (black), Love (red), Optimism/ Justice/Fairness (yellow) and Nature (green). Thank you to everyone for making it an extra special day. I will post pictures in the newsletter next week.

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13



"The wise took flasks of oil with their lamps."

This week's Gospel reminds us of the importance of being prepared and staying ready.

Remembrance Sunday

In school we have Books of Remembrance in which the children and staff are able to write a prayer in memory of someone who has died. This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday where we remember all the fallen who have served their country. In Ealing there will be services at Ealing War Memorial at Ealing Green, War Memorial in Greenford and at the Southall War Memorial. Everyone is invited to observe a two-minute silence at 11am.





Uniform

We are now in the second half of the autumn term where winter uniform is required. Please ensure that your child is no longer wearing summer dresses or wearing our yellow summer polo shirt. Also, a gentle reminder that black shoes are required for school, not trainers or boots. When the weather is bad enough for boots, then we ask that children wear their boots to school and then change into school shoes.

Parent Governor Election Reminder

Nominations for our Parent Governor election close on Monday 16th November at 3:30pm.
If you are interested in shaping the future of our school and representing our parent community, please ensure your completed nomination form is submitted before the deadline.

Love Learn Believe

First Family Friday Books
This is the first 'First Family Friday Books' of the new academic year. It gives you a chance to sit down with your child/ren and look through their books with them to celebrate their learning with them. When looking through books, focus on the learning journey rather than just the finished work. Celebrate their effort, progress and achievements, and encourage them to talk confidently about what they have learnt. If you are stuck for questions to ask your child, try these:
1. What have you been learning about? Can you tell me something new you have learnt?
2. Which piece of work are you most proud of? What makes it special to you?
3. What did you find challenging? How did you overcome the difficulty?
4. How has your teacher helped you improve your learning? Can you show me an example of where you have acted on feedback?
5. What would you like to get better at next? What could you do to help yourself improve?

Flyers at the back
List of flyers at the back of the newsletter for your reference:
1. Ealing Foodbank
2. BEST Club
3. St Joseph's Toddler Group
4. Mini Chefs Cooking Club
5. Men and Mini Me's – Stay and Play
6. Different Strokes: Fatherhood Across Cultures
7. Speech and Language Therapy
8. Autism and ADHD Group Coffee Morning
9. Emotionally-Based School Non-Attendance



Catholic Social Teaching Focus: The Preferential Option for the Poor
This week, the children will explore what it means to notice and care for people who may be struggling. They will learn that the Preferential Option for the Poor calls us to pay special attention to those who are vulnerable, lonely, or in need of support. By reflecting on how Jesus showed compassion to others, the children will consider ways they can be kind, inclusive, and attentive in their everyday lives.

Scripture:
"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." – *Matthew 25:40*

Prayer/Reflection:
"Lord, help me to see those who need kindness and care. Open my heart to notice others and respond with love. Amen."

Family Task:
As a family, talk about someone who might need extra support or encouragement. Find one simple way to show kindness to them this week.

Our Lady and St. Joseph's Church Christmas Bazaar Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for the Church Christmas Bazaar have been sent home with children this week! Please check their bags, sell what you can to family and friends, and return all ticket stubs and money to the school office.

The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 5th December in the church hall from 12:00pm to 3:00pm for festive fun, stalls, and the grand raffle draw!

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
Nursery	Khloe	For saying her prayers thoughtfully and loudly!
RB	Joseph	For being a brilliant friend and always thinking of others.
RL	Menbere	For a great understanding of the Creation story. Well done!
1AP	Isabelle	For her wonderful explanation of Advent and discussion about how we can help others.
1TM	Juwel	For leading our class prayers with respect and peace in her heart.
2CR	Felipe	For some brilliant ideas for his reverse Christmas list in CST.
2MS	Ziyu	For a great understanding of how Advent is a time of giving, forgiveness and reflection.
3AR	Gabriele	For coming up with thoughtful ways we can give to the poor and those in need.
3GS	Malak	For thinking of a very considerate way in which to help the less fortunate, as part of our CST lesson. Well done!
3MS	Christian	For creating an excellent booklet about the main parts of Mass. Well done!
4AL	Ronan	For using the Catholic Social Teaching lesson about St Clare to answer the question, “Can money buy you happiness?”
4JB	Annalie	For her fantastic engagement and thoughtful ideas when discussing St Clare of Assisi.
5AS	Lena	For creating a wonderful piece of learning related to St Clare of Assisi.
5DB	Ellen	For linking the role of a shepherd in ancient Israel to what Ezekiel tells us God will do for us.
5SR	Atlas	For a fantastic diary entry in our Catholic Social Teaching lesson.
6AS	Elissa	For creating a fantastic ‘suitcase of life’ drawing based on St Clare’s life and preferential option for the poor.
6LI	Myles	For explaining his reasons for choosing a ‘stand out’ Biblical woman from those we studied.
6WL	Jemima	For her research work in class about women in the Old Testament.

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
Nursery	Thomas	For throwing himself fully into everything Nursery has to offer.
RB	Aniela	For making a fantastic start in Reception.
RL	Irina	For being a super role model. Well done, superstar!
1AP	Maksym	For identifying verbs and using them correctly.
1TM	Evangeline	For settling in well this week.
2CR	Karol	For helping a friend during break when they were scared!
2MS	Daisy	For super effort in Maths this week. Keep it up!
3AR	Rhys	For his hard work when using the column method to add numbers in Maths.
3GS	Viyana	For trying really hard to improve her knowledge in Maths lessons. Well done!
3MS	Joyce	For always putting 100% into everything she does. A fantastic role model!
4AL	William	For explaining the Water Cycle in Science through a made-up song.
4JB	All of 4JB	For delivering a wonderful class assembly.
5AS	Barnaby	For being very focused and determined this week in all aspects of learning.
5DB	Ansel	For consistently being a kind, caring and thoughtful member of our class.
5SR	Elias	For a good attitude towards learning in all areas of the curriculum.
6AS	Ruftana	For showing great enthusiasm for learning, offering to read aloud often in class.
6LI	Marie	For working well with long division when it began as a challenge!
6WL	Leon	For great input into reading food labels, nutritional content and claims in PSHE.

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	Zuzanna Raindrops	For being a kind and helpful member of Nursery.
Middle	Serhii 3AR	For being extremely kind and welcoming to a new member of our class. Well done!
Upper	Parvathy 5AS	For always showing excellent manners and being helpful to those around her.

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/

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B E S T

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

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My Little Chef At Home

Mini Chefs Cooking Club

Look What's New!



created just for little chefs (Reception & Yr 1)

Thursdays
3:20pm – 4:20pm
5th Nov - 10th Dec

Culinary Creativity in just one hour!

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

Now with interest-free split payment option!

Klarna





Developing Life Skills:

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

Book online!

SCAN ME

Our website

www.mylittlechefathome.co.uk

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FREE
online parenting workshop

FATHER'S GROUP

DIFFERENT STROKES: FATHERHOOD ACROSS CULTURES

Examine how culture, upbringing, and personal experiences shape our approach to fatherhood. This workshop will explore the challenges and opportunities of parenting within the UK while drawing on cultural strengths, helping fathers navigate differing expectations and share positive parenting practices that work across cultures.

Tuesday, 24th Nov 2026
10am-12pm
via MS Teams

Delivered by
Derek Willis
Ealing Parenting Service

This is a men-only session, open to fathers and father-figures

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

Ealing
www.ealing.gov.uk

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CONTACT EALING
AUTISM & ADHD GROUP
COFFEE MORNING
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Join us for a hot drink, good company and plenty of chats with Contact Ealing staff and volunteers

Monday 16th November 2026 at 10.30am

Venue: Jamaica Blue Café, Ealing Broadway Centre

Register via this link or QR code:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/DMX2XMUfXd

Contact Ealing Coffee morning with language support on 16.11.2026 at 10.30am. Jamaica

contact *For families with disabled children*

Contact is a trading name of Contact a Family. Charity registered in England and Wales (284912) and Scotland (SC039169).

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NHS

EMOTIONALLY-BASED SCHOOL NON-ATTENDANCE

Delivered by:
MHST team, Ealing school nursing team, Ealing HIT team & Springhallow School

This workshop will help parents and carers understand Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA), recognise early signs and understand the support available in Ealing. Short presentations will include:

- what EBSNA is, early signs, and practical tips to help parents explore and support anxiety with their child.
- the Ealing context and what is being done locally to support EBSNA.
- support through schools, the importance of communication and collaboration, and the impact of SEND and available support.
- how School Nursing can support families when they are concerned or unsure what may be affecting their child, how to refer, and the support the service can offer.
- MHST: how to access support where anxiety or emotional wellbeing needs have been identified, what support may look like, and further signposting where appropriate.

Tuesday, 17th November 2026
10am-12pm
via MS Teams

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

London Borough of Ealing

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