



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

9th October 2026



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High School Form Signing at Our Lady and St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish office

Parishioners who are registered can go to the parish office during office hours Monday to Friday (except Thursdays) 10am to 2pm to get their high school Certificate of Catholic Practice form signed.



Our Lady & St. Joseph's Church
Hanwell

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



"Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."

Black History Month

Throughout October, we continue to celebrate Black History Month, recognising the achievements, contributions and inspirational stories of Black people throughout history. The children have been learning about their chosen person and the importance of equality, respect and celebrating the wonderful diversity of our world. We look forward to bringing our celebrations together with a special Black History Month Celebration Day on Friday 6th November. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to celebrate the richness of different cultures and reflect on our shared values of love, dignity and respect for all.



Harvest Donations

In the newsletter last week, I mentioned that we needed to fill 10 crates to support the homeless. 1 down, 9 to go! 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. There is a full list at the back of the newsletter.



Reception Reading Meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended the Reception Reading meeting on Tuesday. Attendance numbers by parents were not as high as expected. Early reading is vital in laying the foundations for the future in terms of your child's learning. Without being able to read, they will not be able to write. It has to be a joint effort – home and school – so that the children benefit the most. The slide show is available through the QR code. Thank you to Ms. O'Donnell and Miss Murphy for presenting the important information.



Reception Phonics Meeting
2026.pdf



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One of the greatest gifts adults can
give is to read to children

Carl Sagan

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Football

Last week, the boys' football team travelled to Gunnersbury Park to take part in the first football competition of the year. For lots of the boys, this was the first test of football at St. Joseph's. The boys took a while to find their feet but after the first couple of games they were confidently scoring goals and displaying some incredible skills in defence. This skill was most prevalent in the 6 -1 win in the 4th match. The boys finished middle of the table, but have shown that there is real potential within this team. Well done to Barnaby, Alan, Martin, Leon, Kayden, Kai, Myles, Henry, Oliver, Thomas, Albie, Rich. Thank you to Mr Sheehan and Ms Males for accompanying the children.



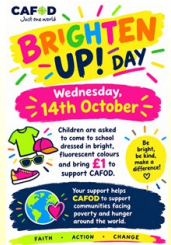
School Council Trip

On Thursday, six of our Year 5 children went to the Parish Hall of Our Lady of the Visitation to undertake School Council training. The day involved the children sharing what they do in their own schools with the other Trust schools. They were then able to 'pinch' super ideas and make them their own when writing up a plan. All the children enjoyed the event and made the most of meeting the other children in the Trust. Thank you to Elly, Lily, Elias, Sarah, Jacob and Lena for representing our school so well and thank you to Miss Richardson and Ms Corcoran for accompanying the children.



Brighten Up! Day

Just a heads-up that CAFOD's Brighten Up! Day will take place on Wednesday, 14th October. As part of our Live Simply Award journey, we are encouraging children and staff to come to school dressed in bright and fluorescent clothing in exchange for a £1 donation to CAFOD. The day is a fun way for us to come together as a school community while supporting CAFOD's work.



Ealing Parenting Service

The Parenting Team is offering a workshop for parents/carers of primary-school aged children on an Introduction to Internet Safety on Tuesday, 13th October 2026 via MS Teams from 10am-12pm. This session is delivered by social worker Hayley Jones, and will include tips on how children can use the internet safely, the importance of boundaries around screen time, and where to find support if you have any concerns.

They also have a Father's Group session Time That Matters on Tuesday, 20th October 2026 via MS Teams from 10am-12pm. This is a men-only space that encourages dad's and father-figures to reflect on their priorities, values and experiences, to identify how their time is spent, and how to make intentional decisions to strengthen relationships.

If you would like to book a parent/carer onto this session, please send their full name, email and contact number to parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk. Parents/carers can also self-refer by contacting us at the same email address.

If you would like more information on further parenting support, please take a look at our Padlet: Ealing Parenting Service. Any updates to the termly schedule will be available via this Padlet link.

See the flyers at the back.

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

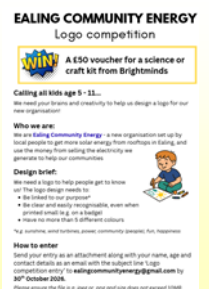
Years 5 & 6: 7:30–8:30pm

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

Ealing Community Energy logo competition

Ealing Community Energy is running a logo design competition for primary school age children (5-11) across the borough - with a chance to win a £50 BrightMinds voucher! For further information please see the attached flyer or go to <https://bit.ly/4xe3SA6>. If you have any questions, please get in touch at ealingcommunityenergy@gmail.com.

Competition closes on 30th October at 5pm.



Catholic Social Teaching Focus: Care of Creation

This half term, our Catholic Social Teaching focus is *Care of Creation*. This week, we are encouraging the children to take time to notice and appreciate the beauty of God's creation all around them. By pausing to observe the world around us, we can grow in gratitude for the many gifts God has given us. The children will be learning that caring for creation begins with noticing and valuing it, whether that is through the changing colours of the leaves, the sounds of birds, or the beauty of the natural world around our school. Together, we will reflect on how appreciating creation can inspire us to protect and care for it.

Scripture:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." – Psalm 19:1

Prayer/Reflection:

"Lord, thank You for the beauty of Your creation. Help me to see the wonder in the world around me and to care for the gifts You have given us. Amen."

Family Task:

As a family, spend some time outdoors this week. Take a walk, visit a park, or simply look out of your window and notice the signs of autumn. Talk together about the beautiful things you can see, hear, feel, or smell, and thank God for the gift of creation.

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.

Sports flyers

Hocky Camp and Girls Football flyers a the back of the newsletter—for your information

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	Alicia	For her brilliant writing about why she is grateful to God for his creation.
1TM	Ivan	For great work on how we should look after God's world.
2CR	Olivia	For a brilliant poster showing how we can all be stewards of the world.
2MS	Chelsea	For writing a brilliant letter on how we can work together to be better stewards of creation.
3AR	Szymon	For identifying ways to be a good steward of the earth as part of our care for one another.
3GS	Debora	For participating and understanding what it truly means to be a steward of God, caring for our world. Well done!
3MS	Filip	For writing a thoughtful letter to a younger child about how to be a steward of God's creation.
4AL	Anna	For understanding the story of Abraham, recognising the importance of this story then and now.
4JB	Adrianna	For understanding the link between Abraham and Isaac and the sacrifice of Jesus.
5AS	Mia and Amelia	For creating a fantastic poster about the importance of Catholic Social Teaching.
5DB	Mikaela	For making fantastic links between 'The Ten Commandments' and Jesus' summary of The Law.
5SR	Akira	For thoughtfully sharing his knowledge and opinions during RE discussions.
6AS	Jacob	For making clear links between Laudato Si and the creation story in his writing.
6LI	Annabella	For an excellent piece of writing on the Second Creation Story with accurate links to Laudato Si and Stewardship.
6WL	Joseph	For writing an inspiring speech for the U.N. about Human Dignity.

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	Jordan	For his brilliant effort in Phonics. Well done!
1TM	Milo	Fantastic work in Phonics.
2CR	Elsie	For brilliant focus and questions in our science lesson!
2MS	Arpi	For brilliant effort whilst learning number bonds to 10 and 20!
3AR	Angela	For always taking an active role during lessons and her ability to participate.
3GS	Emilie	For trying really hard to improve your maths and paying attention in lessons. Well done!
3MS	Gloria	For her excellent effort in Maths this week. Well done!
4AL	Ahmed	For writing a wonderful letter thanking Martin Luther King Jr for his inspirational speech.
4JB	Hayden	For his thoughtful dream for the world, inspired by Martin Luther King.
5AS	Kaia	For writing a wonderful balanced argument in English.
5DB	Freddie	For a super fact file all about Didier Drogba for Black History Month.
5SR	All of 5SR	For their fantastic class assembly; well done everybody!
6AS	David	For a fantastic explanation of the three main blood vessels and their jobs.
6LI	Mykola	For demonstrating a mature and consistently positive approach to learning.
6WL	Esme	For producing a super, scientific information page about blood vessels.

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	Luna 1TM	For always being kind and respectful.
Middle	Alondra 2CR	For always helping to keep the classroom clean even when not asked. A great team player!
Upper	Viktoria 5AS	For always being respectful, hardworking and polite. A fantastic role model to others!

FREE
online parenting workshop



INTRODUCTION TO INTERNET SAFETY



This workshop will look at the positive & negative ways children use the internet today and what parents & carers need to know to be proactive in keeping them safe online.



Learn tips on how to create open dialogue about internet use, and discuss strategies & resources available to address internet safety issues at home

This workshop is aimed at parents / carers
of children aged 13 & under

Tuesday, 13th
October 2026
10am-12pm
via MS Teams

Delivered by:
Hayley Jones
SAFE West



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



London Borough of
Ealing

**SUPPORTIVE
ACTION FOR
FAMILIES IN
EALING**



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FREE online parenting workshop



FATHER'S GROUP

TIME THAT MATTERS

Explore how to balance the competing demands of parenting, work, family, and everyday life. Fathers will reflect on their priorities and values, identify where their time and energy are currently spent, and develop practical strategies to make more meaningful and intentional choices that strengthen family relationships.

Tuesday, 20th
Oct 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



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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

EALING COMMUNITY ENERGY

Logo competition



A £50 voucher for a science or craft kit from Brightminds

Calling all kids age 5 - 11...

We need your brains and creativity to help us design a logo for our new organisation!

Who we are:

We are **Ealing Community Energy** - a new organisation set up by local people to get more solar energy from rooftops in Ealing, and use the money from selling the electricity we generate to help our communities



Design brief:

We need a logo to help people get to know us! The logo design needs to:

- Be linked to our purpose*
- Be clear and easily recognisable, even when printed small (e.g. on a badge)
- Have no more than 5 different colours

**e.g. sunshine, wind turbines, power, community (people), fun, happiness*

How to enter

Send your entry as an attachment along with your name, age and contact details as an email with the subject line 'Logo competition entry' to **ealingcommunityenergy@gmail.com** by **30th October 2026**.

Please ensure the file is a .jpeg or .png and size does not exceed 10MB.

Ealing Community Energy Logo Competition terms and conditions:

1. By submitting an application, the Applicant agrees to be bound by these terms and conditions.
2. The "Organiser" is Ealing Community Energy (registered Community Benefit Society RS009731).
3. The "Competition" is the Ealing Community Energy Logo Competition 2026.
4. The Competition will run from 0900 on 01 September 2026 (the "Opening Date") to 2359 on 30 October 2026 (the "Closing Date") inclusive.
5. All competition entries must be received by the Organiser at ealingcommunityenergy@gmail.com by no later than 23:59 on the Closing Date. All competition entries received after the Closing Date are automatically disqualified.
6. Enter the competition online by emailing an entry to ealingcommunityenergy@gmail.com by the Closing Date.
7. The competition is free to enter and no purchase is necessary.
8. The Organisers will not accept:
 - a. responsibility for competition entries that are lost, mislaid, damaged or delayed in transit, regardless of cause, including, for example, as a result of any postal failure, equipment failure, technical malfunction, systems, satellite, network, server, computer hardware or software failure of any kind; or
 - b. proof of posting or transmission as proof of receipt of entry to the competition.
9. The competition entries will be judged by a panel of judges including Director(s) of Ealing Community Energy, and judging will be based on the design brief criteria. The decision of the panel of judges (acting reasonably) will be final.
10. The Organiser will decide how many winner(s) it wishes to select in its absolute discretion.
11. The competition is only open to children age 5 - 11 and resident in the London Borough of Ealing or any neighbouring borough. Entries are limited to one per child.
12. All entrants must have parental or guardian consent to enter the competition.
13. In entering the competition, you confirm that you are eligible to do so and eligible to claim any prize you may win.
14. The Organiser will not accept competition entries that are:
 - a. automatically generated by computer;
 - b. completed by third parties or in bulk;
 - c. illegible, have been altered, reconstructed, forged or tampered with;
 - d. not originals; or
 - e. incomplete.
15. The Organisers reserve all rights to disqualify you if your conduct is contrary to the spirit or intention of the prize competition.
16. In entering this Competition, you confirm ownership of the submitted design. You must be able to provide the original version if required.
17. The prize will be a £50 voucher from Brightminds (BrightMinds Ltd; <https://www.brightminds.co.uk/>). Prizes are subject to availability, and are not negotiable or transferable.
18. The winner of the competition will be announced on www.instagram.com/ealingcommunityenergy/ within 30 days of the Closing Date.
19. The decision of the Organiser is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.
20. The Organiser will contact the winner personally as soon as practicable after the Announcement Date, using the email address provided with the competition entry. The Organisers will not amend any contact information once the competition entry form has been submitted.
21. If you are the winner of the prize, you will have ten days from the Announcement Date to claim the prize by emailing ealingcommunityenergy@gmail.com. If you do not claim the prize by this date, your claim will become invalid.
22. The prize may not be claimed by a third party on your behalf.
23. The Organisers will make all reasonable efforts to contact the winner. If the winner cannot be contacted or is not available, or has not claimed their prize within ten days of the Announcement Date, the Organisers reserve the right to offer the prize to the next eligible entrant.
24. The Organisers do not accept any responsibility if you are not able to take up the prize.
25. Insofar as is permitted by law, the Organisers, their agents or distributors will not in any circumstances be responsible or liable to compensate the winner or accept any liability for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of taking up the prize except where it is caused by the negligence of the Organisers, its agents or distributors or that of their employees. Your statutory rights are not affected.
26. All competition entries and any accompanying material submitted to the Organisers will become the property of the Organisers on receipt and will not be returned.
27. Your details will be retained on a Google drive protected by a password and accessible only by the Directors of ECE. The names of the winners and any runners up will be made public on our website (in accordance with the terms and conditions). All remaining personal data will be deleted within a reasonable timeframe following the conclusion of the competition.
28. By submitting an application, the Applicant agrees to the Organisers' use of the design to promote the Organisers' activities and for marketing, communications and other purposes for which branding is required.
 - a. In finalising the logo design for eventual use, the Organisers may apply discretion to modify/change or only use part of the design submitted in the final logo design in order to make it suitable for intended use. By submitting an entry to the competition the Applicant gives up claim to any intellectual property rights held in the design.
 - b. The Applicant is responsible for informing the Organisers of any change in guardian consent using the contact details in the Organisers' Privacy Notices.
 - c. The Applicant understands that their design may be used in full or in part, in print and digital media formats (including print publications, websites, e-marketing, posters, banners, advertising, film and/or social media).
 - d. The Applicant understands that images on websites can be viewed throughout the world and not just in the United Kingdom and that some overseas countries may not provide the same level of protection to the rights of individuals as EU/UK legislation provides.



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**ST JOSEPH'S
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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

YEARS 3 & 4 → 6:00 – 7:00 PM

YEARS 5 & 6 → 7:30 – 8:30 PM

TICKETS - £3 EACH



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PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN ARE PICKED UP ON TIME.



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

www.pta-events.co.uk/stiosephshanwellpta

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



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