



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 12th January 2024



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#### Happy New Year!

I would like to wish all our families at St. Joseph's a very happy New Year! I hope you and your child/ren are well rested and re-energised to begin a very busy spring term. On behalf of all the staff, I would also like to thank you for your warm wishes and most generous gifts leading up to Christmas.



#### Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has decided that the Jubilee of 2025 will have the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. It will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. In preparation for the Jubilee, 2024 has been designated a 'Year of Prayer' by Pope Francis. During this year there is a particular focus on our Lord's Prayer and this presents us with a great opportunity to celebrate the centrality of prayer within our school.



#### Sunday 14th January 2024

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Luke 1, 35-42



*Jesus invites disciples to "Come and see" and they followed him*

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

### Admissions for September 2024—deadline Monday 15th January

If you have a child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024 please ensure you have returned the Supplementary Information Form (and supporting documents) to the school office and completed the eAdmissions online form no later than Monday 15th January.

[Admissions](#) | [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School \(stjosephshanwell.org.uk\)](#)

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### Anti-Social Behaviour

A local resident emailed me recently about the increase in anti-social behaviour in the area. This is happening along York Avenue during all hours of the day; drug dealing, drug taking and urinating in the street. The resident has reported it to crime stoppers, the police and safer communities. The resident has asked for our community to report it also if it is seen. Please find the email addresses below. The Police have asked, if it is safe to do so, to take pictures and forward to them. The more reports, the bigger the picture the Police will have:

[hanwellbroadway@met.police.uk](mailto:hanwellbroadway@met.police.uk) and [safercommunities@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:safercommunities@ealing.gov.uk)

### Junior Travel Ambassadors

The St. Joseph's Junior Travel Ambassadors will be holding a 'Be Bright Be Seen' stall in the infant playground on Tuesday 17th January. The stall will open at 3:15pm and families will be able to purchase a number of hi-visibility items including bag tags and stickers. Items range from 50p to £2. Please note this will be cash only. The sale is in support of the St Joseph's Active Travel Plan.



### PTA Annual General Meeting

This meeting that is scheduled for 7pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 may need to be postponed at short notice. Sorry for any inconvenience. If it is postponed, the PTA will inform us of a new date as quickly as possible.

## 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	Abesalat	For re-telling the story the Presentation.
RB	Hanna	For sharing her ideas in our 'Celebrating' topic.
RH	Gloria	For always setting a great example to everyone when saying her prayers.
RL	Krzysztof	For always being a kind and considerate friend.
1AP	Francisco	For knowing and understanding who the special people are within the Church and why they are special.
1EB	Asena	For great learning about our new topic words.
1SR	Oliwier	For his thoughtful response about who his special person is.
2AB	Lily	For writing an excellent recount of the Epiphany story.
2AF	Olivia	For fantastic participation in RE this week.
2JB	Yanet	For her detailed re-telling of the Epiphany and understanding the link to gift-giving at Christmas.
3AR	Joseph	For a great re-tell of the story of the 3 Wise Men and their visit to Bethlehem.
3DB	Joseph	For explaining the symbolism behind the gifts given to Jesus by the Three Kings.
3M	Amen	For re-telling the journey of the Wise Men.
4AS	Diego	For writing an excellent re-tell of the journey of the three Wise Men.
4GS	Kayden	For his understanding of the birth of Jesus and the Wise Men story, as well as his participation in the lesson.
4S	Krystian	For an excellent understanding of the gifts from the three Wise Men and their symbolism.
5AL	Lena	For excellent research about CAFOD as we begin our topic – Mission.
5AS	Manna	For describing the inspirational work of charities like CAFOD.
5CR	Leena	For having a good understanding of Isaiah 61: 1-2 and using the words to illustrate its meaning.
6LI	Filip	For creating a clear vocabulary page for referring to during our topic on 'The Bible'.
6MS	Livia	For creating a beautiful 'Books cube' for our 'Sources' topic. Well done.
6WL	Ylaissa	For taking the lead in her group when organising their class collective worship.

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	Klaudia	For being more adventurous with her friends.
RB	Serena	For giving 100% effort in Maths.
RH	Rosie	For putting in great effort to improve her handwriting.
RL	Eyuas	For good sitting on the carpet.
1AP	Roy	For always doing his best in class.
1EB	Hermione	For her all round efforts and progress. Keep it up!
1SR	Mamoun	For a great first week here at St. Joseph's.
2AB	Nathaniel	For being able to use a timeline to explain why the Titanic sank.
2AF	Fiorella	For being kind and helpful to others in class.
2JB	Sebastian	For his excellent effort to improve his spelling.
3AR	Sophia	For excellent observation skills when looking at a stone age image in History.
3DB	Chipo	For being a wonderful friend and looking after others.
3M	Zofia	For showing amazing motivation and improvement in all areas of school.
4AS	Alicja	For showing resilience and determination whilst telling the time in Maths.
4GS	Mina-Rose	For quietly and patiently working out, solving mathematical problems, and thinking them through, step by step.
4S	Carina, Chloe and Jessica	For a fantastically rehearsed drama performance of the myth, 'St. George and the Dragon'.
5AL	Cameron	For beautifully presenting his work in History at the start of our Maya topic.
5AS	La'Kel	For making a fantastic start to 2024!
5CR	Isaac	For putting great effort into all your work this week!
6LI	Dominic	For focus and interest discussing primary and secondary sources in History.
6MS	Marcel	For creating a super title page about Electricity in Science.
6WL	Maciej	For seeking help with reflection and translation and persevering – 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	Clara RH	For always being helpful and polite to everyone.
Middle	Antoni 3AR	For being kind and considerate in the playground and including someone when they had no one else to play with.
Upper	Atila 5AL	For lending his hat, to keep someone who had lost their own coat, warm.



Ealing Mental Health Support Team

## WORKSHOPS FOR PARENT / CARERS

SPRING TERM 2024

West London  
NHS Trust



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/jmUT9kJNRPNdBUAh6>

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

### PRE AND POST-ATTENDANCE GUIDE

#### Step 1

Use our QR code to sign up for a workshop(s) of your choice

#### Step 2

You will be emailed a Microsoft Teams link several days before the workshop

#### Step 3

You'll receive another email reminder on the morning of the workshop

#### Step 4

All workshops start promptly on the time advertised. Please note we cannot guarantee access to the workshop if sign up is on the day so do sign up as early as possible

#### Step 5

To ensure you receive resources from the workshop you have attended, please complete the feedback form provided at the end of the session



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#### SUPPORTING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

This workshop is aimed at parents of children attending **Primary** and **Secondary** who would like to learn more about how to manage anxiety in young people, as well as helping to build their confidence.

**Date: January 16th 2024**

**Time: 11am - 12:15pm**

#### TEEN LOW MOOD

This workshop is aimed at parents of **secondary**-aged children, who would like to know more about what may cause low mood and gain knowledge of strategies that can help to improve low mood.

**Date: January 25th 2024**

**Time: 1pm - 2:15pm**

#### AN INTRODUCTION TO AUTISM

This workshop is aimed at parents of children attending **Primary** and **Secondary**, who would like to know more about Autism and how to support children where Autism may be suspected or diagnosed.

**Date: January 26th 2024**

**Time: 1:30pm - 3:00pm**

#### SUPPORTING FRIENDSHIP IN CHILDREN

This workshop is aimed at parents of **primary**-aged children to provide information to help you support your young person with building and managing friendships, including supporting with social anxiety.

**Date: February 12th 2024**

**Time: 11am - 12:30pm**

#### UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

This workshop is aimed at parents of children attending **Primary** and **Secondary**. The workshop introduces how and why behaviours may occur in children with a range of additional needs, and how to support positive behaviours in children.

**Date: February 13th 2024**

**Time: 11:30am - 1pm**

#### MANAGING EXAM STRESS

This workshop supports parents of **secondary**-aged children to identify and manage exam stress in adolescents, and will provide strategies to promote wellbeing in students before, during and after exams.

**Date: February 22nd 2024**

**Time: 1pm - 2:15pm**

#### UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH IN ADOLESCENT BOYS

This workshop supports parents of **secondary**-aged children. It aims to introduce parents to the causes of declining mental health in adolescent boys and equips parents with strategies to promote positive mental health.

**Date: March 14th 2024**

**Time: 11am - 12:30pm**

#### AN INTRODUCTION TO AUTISM IN ADOLESCENTS

This workshop supports parents of **secondary**-aged children. It aims to introduce parents to the changes and impact of adolescence within autism, equipping parents with strategies to promote positive mental health among autistic teenagers.

**Date: March 19th 2024**

**Time: 10:30am - 12pm**

#### SUPPORTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN CHILDREN

This workshop supports parents of **primary**-aged children. It introduces parents to common behavioural difficulties, factors that influence behaviour and strategies to manage your child's behaviour. It'll also consider the impact of screen time and how to promote boundaries with this.

**Date: March 28th 2024**

**Time: 11am-12:30pm**



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# Children's Multi-Activity HALF TERM Holiday Camps

• AYLESBURY • CHISWICK  
• EALING • HAMMERSMITH  
• FULHAM • UXBRIDGE

12th - 16th  
February 2024  
7.45am-6pm  
& 9am-5pm



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Here's a sneak peek at some of the  
activities our coaches have in store:  
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Street Dance and Musical Theatre  
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Volleyball, Basketball, Tag Rugby  
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