St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter 13th June 2025



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Sickness

In the past couple of weeks, we have had instances of children being sick in school; it happens. However, some of the children have said that they were sick in the night or in the morning at home. If this happens, children must not be brought into school as their bout of sickness will no doubt spread amongst classmates and staff. If your child is sick at home, you must not send them into school for 48 hours.



Sunday 15th June 2025

Gospel: John 16:12-15



When the Spirit of truth comes

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Cricket

On Wednesday, a select few Year 4 students travelled to Perivale Park for a borough Cricket Festival. For lots of the children it was their first sporting competition for the school so it was amazing to see so much sporting ability on show. The children all enjoyed the matches and are eager for future competitions to develop their cricket skills further. Well done to Chipo, Weronika, Myles, Blanka, Nikodem, Blake, Frank, Thomas and Esme for showing great athleticism and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Sheehan and Ms Barry for taking the children to the event.



Sports Days...so far

On Tuesday, the Upper Phase congregated on Churchfields to hold their annual Sports Day. Staff had set up a rotation of activities – sprints, javelin, speed bounce, high jump, shot putt and crosscountry run. The children competed in their houses. Most of the activities took place at Churchfields but some of the finals were competed for back in school. Everyone had an excellent time and enjoyed an ice lolly provided by the PTA at the end; thank you to the PTA. Thank you to Mrs Llewellyn and her team for organising such a fun day and thank you also to all the parents who came to cheer the children on.



On Wednesday, the Middle Phase had a fantastic time at Sports Day! The morning was packed with exciting activities including throwing into the target, relays, hurdles, long jump, javelin, the egg and spoon race, and even a hilarious dress-up race.

In the afternoon, the excitement continued with the much-anticipated relay finals, followed by a well-earned treat - delicious ice lollies for everyone supplied by the PTA; thank you. A wonderful day of energy, sportsmanship, and fun! Thank you to Ms Reddin and her team for organising such a brilliant day.



Nursery and Lower Phase Sports Day will be reported in the next newsletter.

Poetry Evening

On Thursday, the Lower Phase held their inaugural Poetry Evening. The standard was very good and I was very impressed with all the children. Delivering performance poetry to a hall full of mums and dads would be daunting to the best of us. However, the children showed off their magnificent talents beautifully. Well done to all! Thank you to Mr Brooks and his team for putting on the evening and thank you to all the parents who came to support the event.



Look Out Discovery Centre

On Monday, Year 2 had their trip to the Look Out Discovery Centre. It has always been a popular trip among children and this year was no exception. The children's learning about animals, habitats and food chains was reinforced during their 'Bugs and Beasties' workshop and they enjoyed searching for insects in the forest. They also had a great time exploring the wide variety of activities and enjoyed playing in the adventure playground. If only they had more time! Thank you to Miss Fowler, Miss Frost, Ms Dobbin, Ms Pawlus, Ms Bahadrian and parent helpers for making the trip possible and to Mr Buckfield for organising it.



Consultation

On Monday 2nd June, 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 question-and-answer consultation leaflet which is available on our web-



site (Key Information tab, Academy Consultation). There is also a consultation meeting for parents at 7.10pm on Wednesday 18th June in the junior hall. Please confirm your attendance via email; I attach the letter to the back of this newsletter for your reference.

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 re-structuring of classes over the next month.

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.

Welfare Role

The school is looking for a person to join the team as a Welfare Assistant. All details are available on the website on the Key Information tab under Vacancies.

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.

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 JuneUnderstanding Male Mental Health24th JuneSupporting Transition To Secondary School26th JuneDifferent Strokes for Fathers1st JulySupporting Behaviour In Children With Additional Needs7th JulyUnderstanding Anxiety14th July

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	Nivitha	For talking about St Peter and St Paul.
RB	Olivia	For being a kind and supportive friend. Well done Olivia!
RL	Noah	For helping a friend who was feeling a bit lost today.
1AP	Gloria	For her excellent explanation of how and why the disciples changed after Pentecost.
1EB	Yesandi	For a good understanding of how the disciples changed after they received the gift of the Holy Spirit.
1SR	Debora	For always sharing her religious knowledge during class dis- cussions.
2AF	Gabriel	For his superb understanding of why Jesus ascended into Heaven.
2CF	Lily	For a wonderful description of the events of Pentecost.
2JB	Daniel	For his lovely idea that the Holy Spirit could energise the dis- ciples.
3AR	Ali	For his thoughtful responses when talking about the Holy Spirit in our Gospel assembly.
3DB	Angelo	For thoughtful work on the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pente- cost.
3SM	Mia	For a great understanding of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
4AS	All of 4AS	For showing thanks to God, for the wonderful experiences they have had in year 4, during their class collective worship.
4GS	Meabh	For understanding when and how to ask for God's for- giveness when you have sinned.
4S	Blanka	For a fantastic reflection on the Parable of the Lost Sheep from the Gospel of Luke.
5AL	Helen	For understanding what freedom and responsibility means and knowing why we have rules.
5AS	Melania and Alan	For being wonderful representatives during Fratelli Tutti this week.
5CR	Jane and Fred	For some brilliant acting skills during our role play on respon- sibilities.

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	Lucy	For showing good concentration during Story Time!	
RB	All of RB	For their excellent behaviour on our trip to Odds Farm! We are very proud of you all!	
RL	Darcie	For including others in games you were playing.	
1AP	Alice	For her wonderful recount of our Hanwell walk.	
1EB	Zuzanna	For a super retelling of the Snail and the Whale.	
1SR	Liliana	For showing a great understanding of finding a quarter of a quanti- ty.	
2AF	Wyatt	For showing great sportsmanship during sports day!	
2CF	Nela	For encouraging and supporting others during sports day	
2JB	Lourdes	For her independent use of oracy sentence stems in science.	
3AR	Nathaniel	For writing a detailed draft.	
3DB	Eleanor	For great work on the mummification process in Ancient Egypt.	
3SM	Michal	For his fantastic effort and sportsmanship during Sports Day. Well done!	
4AS	Marie	For being incredibly helpful to adults and supportive to other chil- dren throughout Sports Day!	
4GS	Samuel	For writing an impressive storyboard and adding great images too! Well done!	
4S	Darragh	For showing enthusiasm whilst exploring character feelings through drama!	
5AL	Isabelle	For an excellent week of focused work.	
5AS	Natalie	For displaying excellent understanding of decimals.	
5CR	Olivia	For great participation in Sports Day!	
6LI	Tymon	For having learned all the songs and lines for the production with enthusiasm!	
6MS	Nikodem	For showing team spirit and enthusiasm in practising for our pro- duction. Well done!	
6WL	James	For learning his lines for the production and consistently perform- ing well throughout rehearsals.	

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	Otto	Showing kindness to others.
Middle	Eleanor 3DB	For consistently being a shining positive role model to everyone in 3DB.
Upper	Kacper 6WL	For his encouragement, and care for, Upper Phase children when he helped during Sports Day.

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





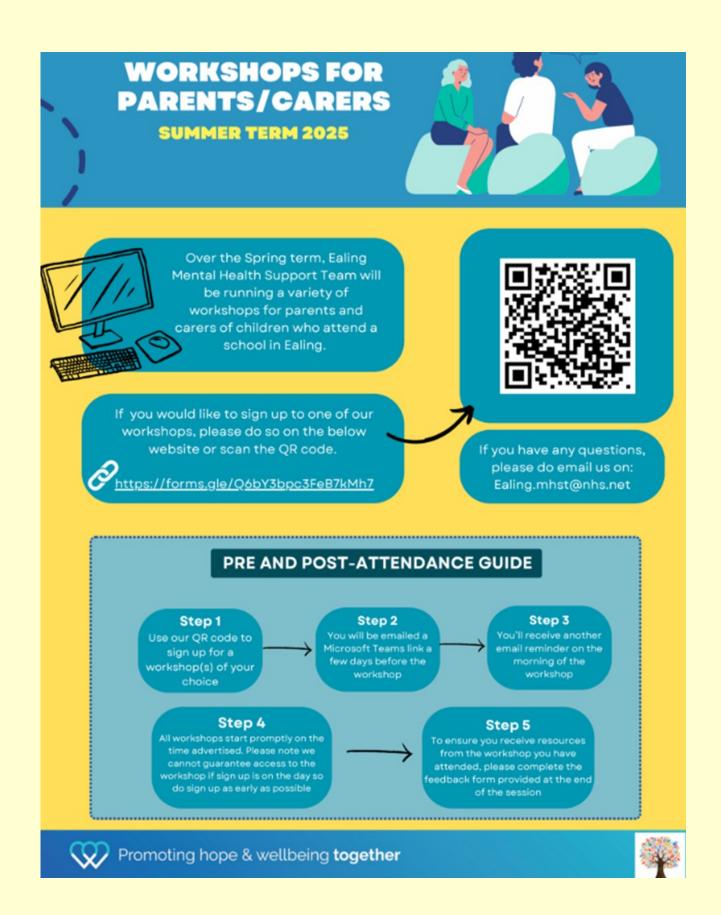
Please note: This is a targeted workshop for men only

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

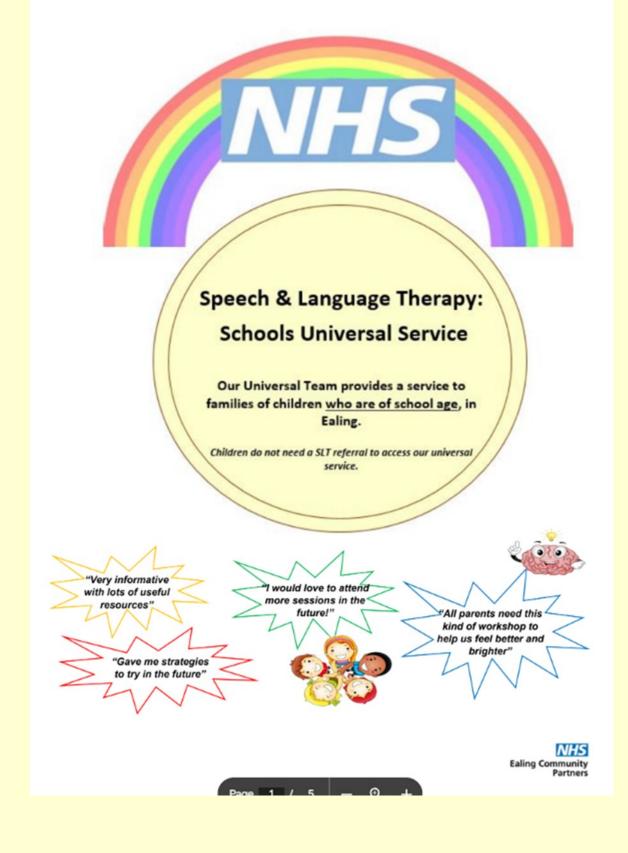












Ealing Speech and Language Therapy Parent/Carer Workshops 2025

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





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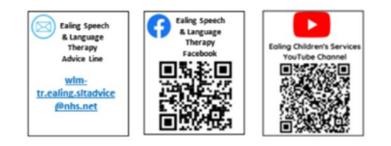


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Please book by emailing <u>wlm-tr.sltuniversalservices@nhs.net</u> with your name and the workshop name.

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 19th 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:



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







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:



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.





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:



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





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10.00 - 12.00 noon

Followed by our Summer Fair, 12.00 - 16.00pm

Reserve your place at **sapriory.com**

Ealing Speech & Language

Ealing Community Partners

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, NPQSL

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 <u>academyconsultation@sticp.education</u> 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,

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Headteacher Julian Rakowski

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