



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

13th March 2026



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PTA Easter Egg Raffle

It is really tough writing about delicious Easter Eggs during Lent but the PTA is holding its annual Easter Egg Raffle and I hope you can be as generous as possible with donations and ticket purchases. I am so looking forward to Easter Sunday when I will be able to tuck into any eggs I win in the raffle. So far, the winning class is 2AF with 32 eggs, closely followed by 1EB with 30 eggs. Keep those eggs rolling in! Please see the flyer at the back of the newsletter.



Sunday 15th March 2026



Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus, Light of the World, cures the man who was born blind

Jesus saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked who had sinned to cause his blindness, but Jesus said it was so that God's works might be revealed. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." He put mud on the man's eyes and told him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. The man went, washed, and came back able to see.

TFL Explorer Ambassadors

We are proud to announce our new Year 4 TFL Explorer Ambassadors - Harry, Ella, Lamis, Antoni, Ali, Yanet, Livia, Alisa and Ben. The children have been chosen by their teachers for their charisma, enthusiasm and responsible nature. They are looking forward to leading assemblies next week promoting our current active travel initiative, 'March in March'. Please do make an effort to make at least one car-free journey per week in March and support our commitment to sustainable and active travel. Thank you to Mrs Day for organising.



The neighbours were amazed and asked how this happened. The man said that Jesus had healed him. The Pharisees questioned him because the healing happened on the Sabbath. Some doubted Jesus, but the man said, "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

The Pharisees refused to believe and drove the man out. Later Jesus found him and asked if he believed in the Son of Man. The man said he wanted to believe, and Jesus revealed himself to him. The man said, "Lord, I believe," and worshiped him. Jesus said he came so that those who do not see may see, and those who think they see may become blind.



Mrs Careddu's tip is to find time during the day to disconnect from devices and just be. It will help grow your awareness and help you pay attention to other things around you.

RAF Hendon

Last Friday, Y6 visited the RAF Museum in Hendon. They had a fantastic 'Wartime Classroom' workshop where they had lessons; wrote in a little book with a dip-pen; did some arithmetic involving money; and even had an air-raid siren interrupting their lesson. When this happened, they had to go under their desks! The children completed a trail which helped them look closely at WW2 aircraft - they especially enjoyed the gigantic Lancaster Bomber! They also learned about some of the RAF's heroes by finding out about the medals which were on display. Thank you to all the staff who helped make this trip so educational for the children and to the parent helpers who also joined the children on the trip.



BEST Club

BEST will be running a free session on Wednesday 18th March after school in the Community Classroom. Come and find out what BEST Club is all about. Learn about our emotions and how we act through Games, Art & Drama. See the flyer at the back for more details.



Catholic Social Teaching

This half term, our Catholic Social Teaching focus is **Community and Participation**. We are learning that God created us to belong to communities where everyone is valued and has a role to play. From our families and school to our parish and the wider world, we are called to listen to one another, join in and work together to build caring, welcoming communities. Through our learning and daily actions, children are encouraged to recognise how participation helps communities to grow stronger.

Family Task

This week, complete a *Community Action* together as a family.

“For just as each of us has one body with many members... so in Christ we, though many, form one body.” (Romans 12:4–5)

Catholic Social Teaching – Community and Participation:

We belong to different communities, and everyone has something important to offer. We are called to join in, listen to one another and help our communities to grow.

Your Task:

- Choose one way to take part together in your community (for example: helping at home, working together on a job, welcoming someone new, taking part in a school or parish activity, or caring for your local area).
- After completing your action, children can:
 - o Draw a picture of how they took part or
 - o Write one sentence beginning with:
“I took part in my community when I...”

Knights of St. Columba

The Knights of St. Columba launch their annual Easter Season competition. The competition is open to children in Years 3 to 6. The art work needs to depict an Easter scene. The children need to create their 2D scene on one side of A4. On the reverse side of the paper, they need to state their name in capital letters, their age, their class, their school.

Entries will be collected on 13th April. The Knights offer fantastic prizes, so the competition is worth entering. Good luck.

St Joseph’s Toddler Group

Please see the flyer at the back for the spring term dates.



Cooking Club

Please see flyer at the back for Early Bird offer for next term.



Get Connected with the Arbor App

Currently, 60% of our parents have successfully logged into the Arbor Parent Portal. We'd love to see that number grow.

Why sign up?

The Arbor App is the quickest way to stay updated. Most importantly, you can now report your child's absence in seconds. Simply tap 'Attendance' and 'Log Absence' to send the details directly to our office team.

You can also:

- Track Attendance: See your child's percentage and daily marks instantly.
- Update Details: Ensure your contact info is always current.

How to join:

We have sent an activation email to all parents. Please check your inbox (and your junk folder!) for your invitation link to set up your account.

Or you can download the Arbor App or visit login.arbor.sc. Just use the email address we have on file for you and click 'Forgotten Password' to get started.



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	Alessia	For drawing an image of Jesus in the desert.
RB	All of Butterflies	For keeping our outdoor area tidy as our Lenten Promise.
RL	Simeon	For being an excellent friend and always looking after others. You are a superstar!
1EB	Abesalat	For good teamwork when making a fan to retell the story of Jesus in the Temple.
1AP	Aoife	For her wonderful retelling of Jesus teaching in the temple. Well done!
2AF	Emily	For her superb understanding of what happens during Holy Week.
2SR	Isla-Rose	For exploring Holy Week through art and sharing her opinion about her favourite piece.
2AS	Luca	For excellent work in our lessons on Holy Week.
3DB	Amelia	For an excellent recount of the Bible story, 'Manna in the Desert'.
3GS	Lily	For a good understanding of the story 'Manna in the Desert'.
3AR	Joseph	For a great effort when acting out the story of the Feeding of the 5000.
4JB	Annabella	For recognising and correctly sequencing the main events of 'The Prodigal Son'.
4AS	Aiden	For creating a brilliant storyboard depiction of 'The Prodigal Son' story.
4S	Chloe	For a fantastic understanding of how the Parable of the Prodigal Son teaches us about God's love and mercy.
5AL	Cole	For being able to explain what a venial and a mortal sin is.
5MM	Amelie	For great understanding on what sin is and moral choices through role play.
5CR	Esme	For showing a good understanding of what sin is and how they link to the 10 Commandments.
6LI	Pavel	For a fantastic balanced argument to answer, 'Did Jesus have a fair trial?'
6MS	Vanessa	For her excellent work considering whether Jesus was given a fair trial.
6WL	Evie	For a wonderful homily linking The Last Supper and Maundy Thursday Mass.

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	Oliwier	For comparing collections of items using key vocabulary.
RB	Charlie	For being able to make 6, 7, 8 in different ways. Well done!
RL	Alina	For an excellent demonstration of the skills needed for throwing and catching.
1EB	All of 1EB	For a great assembly about Mother's Day.
1AP	Kelly	For her effort when learning her phonic sounds.
2AF	Liliana	For all her hard work and for sharing thoughtful ideas this week!
2SR	Yonathon	For showing excellent effort in all areas of the curriculum in both class discussions and independent work.
2AS	Adam	For showing excellent understanding of measurement in our Maths lessons.
3DB	Hermione	For always being so kind and helpful towards others.
3GS	Harrison	For being a kind and helpful member of the class.
3AR	Ophelia	For writing a detailed diary entry based on Bertie from the Butterfly Lion.
4JB	Tamiyah-Lee	For her great use of different sentence structures in her character description.
4AS	Yanet	For showing great enthusiasm in our Maths lessons about fractions!
4S	Julia	For fantastic effort across all subjects. Keep it up!
5AL	Zofia	For great report writing on a famous earthquake in Geography.
5MM	Aminadab	For showing great focus and work ethic across all subjects.
5CR	Grace	For an improvement in her confidence.
6LI	Liberty	For improved participation and effort in lessons.
6MS	Chris	For tackling SATs reasoning problems with excellent problem-solving skills this week.
6WL	Cody	For his fantastic attitude and effort in lessons.

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:

Lower	Romeo Nur.	For being a kind and caring friend to others.
Middle	Isabella 2SR	For being a shining example of a good disciple through kindness, care and effort every day.
Upper	Henry 4AS	For consistently and deliberately choosing kindness, humility and service to others in his friendships and his work at school. A true role model!



St Joseph's PTA

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We are now collecting chocolate Easter eggs for our upcoming Easter raffle. If you are able to donate, your child can place it in the Easter egg collection box located in their classroom.

 **A PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE CLASS THAT COLLECTS THE MOST EASTER EGGS!** 

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Children only event

£2 for 5 raffle tickets (1 strip)
£5 for 15 raffle tickets (3 strips)

To purchase tickets please click the link below or scan the QR code

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**WORKSHOPS
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WEDNESDAYS 12-3PM
WITH CARERS CORNER &
URBAN TRAILBLAZER**

- 18th Feb - Decoupage (1 of 2)
- 25th March - Decoupage (2 of 2)
- 18th March - Floristry
- 25th March - Let's grow
- 1st April - Let's grow
- 8th April - Make letters in lights

**FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER
EMAIL INFO@EALINGCARERSPARTNERSHIP.ORG**

Urban
Trailblazer

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LONDON W7 2PB**

Free School Uniform

**William Hobbayne Centre
Saturday 21st March
1 pm - 3 pm**



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B E S T

BEST Club @St Josephs

Come and see what we are all about!

Free Session
Wednesday 18th March
3.30pm – 4.30pm



To book a place please email
Best4learningvicky@gmail.com
or call 07718 58845

Learning social and emotional
skills through Games, Art &
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ST JOSEPH'S TODDLER GROUP

SPRING TERM DATES

13TH JANUARY

27TH JANUARY

10TH FEBRUARY

24TH FEBRUARY

10TH MARCH

24TH MARCH

WE'RE
BACK!

9.30am - 11.15am

Gates open 9.30-9.40
No entry after this time
due to gate access

The Community Classroom @
St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School, York Avenue,
Hanwell, W7 3HU

B E S T

Introducing Our BEST Club Spring 2026

**Learning to Find and Channel our
Resilience
to Strengthen our Independence in Every-
Day Life.**



**Tuesday 13th January – Tuesday 17th March
7.45am – 8.45am**

This term we will be exploring mental resources for resilient well-being to overcome every-day situations. We discuss useful ideas about the brain, challenges, games, art and strategies for building strengths to create resilience.

Through Games, Art & Drama

To book a place please visit <https://best4learning.co.uk/stjosephsy1-y6/>

For more information please email best4learningvicky@gmail.com
or call 07718 588454



COOKING CLUB

Spring Term 2026
9th Jan - 24th Mar

Tuesdays & Fridays
3:20 – 4:20pm

Culinary Creativity in just one hour!

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



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



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www.mylittlechefathome.co.uk

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Genius HOLIDAY CLUBS

EASTER 2026



WHEN: MON-THU 30TH-2ND APRIL

TIME: 10AM TO 2PM

WHERE: St Mark's Primary School, 22 Lower Boston Rd

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30th March
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Queen's Manor Primary



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JOIN EALING CRICKET CLUB THIS SUMMER

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EARLY SIGN UP OFFER FOR AGES 4-11**



Coaching for U9s (current Year 4 and below) takes place every Friday evening at Corfton Road: group sessions and games for the kids, and a real family vibe on the sidelines with the bar open and BBQ/ food on. It's one of the best parts of the week.

We're especially looking to expand our U8s and below (Year 3) section!

Ealing Cricket Club is looking for boys and girls to join our junior section for the upcoming summer season. We run energetic, friendly and inclusive cricket, with festivals, internal leagues and tournaments designed so kids of different abilities can play cricket safely, develop their skills and leave smiling every week.



**JOIN BEFORE MARCH AND GET A £25 BAR VOUCHER*
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