



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

15th May 2026



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Mass

The Feast of the Ascension took place yesterday. All the children in Years 3 to 5 went to Mass. Year 6 could not join due to the final SAT paper that needed to be taken. Father Cristiano told the children how important a feast Ascension Day was and he also prepared the children for Pentecost.



Sunday 17th May 2026

Gospel: John 16:20-23

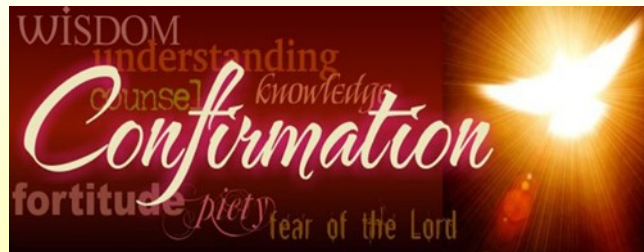


They will grieve when he goes to the Father – but he will return

“But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you “

Sacramental Celebrations continue

We continue with celebrations for First Holy Communion in our Parish and other local parishes. Please pray for all the children who will be undertaking their First Holy Communion. Later in June (10am on Friday 5th June) we will celebrate our Presentation Mass where all the children who recently made their First Holy Communion will again celebrate together.



SATs

The Year 6 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) have been taken and the Year 6 children and teachers can breathe a sigh of relief, well done to all for their perfect application. A huge thank you to the PTA for funding the SATs Breakfasts that went on all week. It allowed the children to come to school early and have some cereal and toast to settle themselves before the tests. Thank you to the staff who helped lay out the tables and prepare the food and washup afterwards.

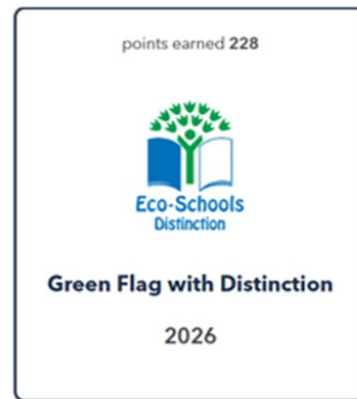
Year 4 now have their Multiplication Tables Check to look forward to after the half term break; followed by Year 1's Phonics Test. Lucky children!

ECO Schools Green Flag Award

I am very pleased to announce some wonderful news. This year, the whole school has worked tremendously hard to achieve the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. The ECO Team (Maja, Cole, Dylan in Year 5) has led a wide range of initiatives to raise awareness of environmental issues and show others how simple actions can help protect our planet. The Eco-Schools board was impressed by the overall impact of our work and achievements:

“One of your school's greatest successes this year has been the way it has promoted a simple, sustainable lifestyle through its newsletter, sharing eco-friendly ideas not just with pupils but with the wider community too. It's a real strength that the school uses its regular communication to keep environmental messages visible and accessible. This has had a really positive impact by helping families feel involved, spreading good habits beyond the classroom and strengthening the school's role as a champion for sustainable living. Great work!”

Great praise indeed and I know the ECO Team and the entire school community are excited to continue working together to protect our planet! A special thank you to Ms Martin for working on this project.



Year 1 Trip

On Monday, Year 1 had a great time at Bekonscot Model Railway Village, despite the chilly weather! The children had lots of fun there, going on a train ride, visiting High Shrunnum Junction where they could imagine how big they would be to the model villagers, finding out about toys old and new, playing in the playground, eating lunch and of course going around the miniature village itself. Back at school, the children wrote a recount of the day and here are some examples of their writing:

'I had tons of fun. I cannot wait for the next school trip!'

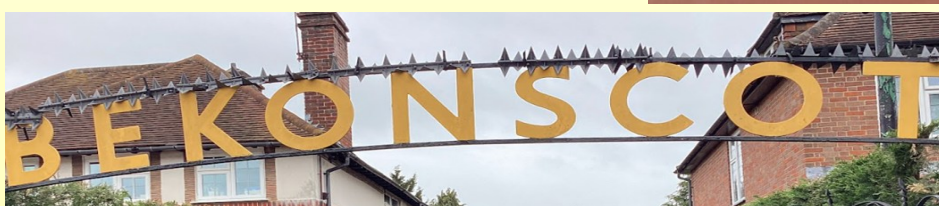
'We matched old toys and new toys'.

'It took quite a long time to get there'.

'I loved the village, I felt like a giant'.

'I enjoyed the train ride around the village'.

'The toys workshop was very funny'.



Year 2 Trip

On Wednesday, Year 2 headed to the Look Out Discovery Centre in Bracknell. The children had lots of fun exploring the exhibitions, taking part in a minibeast workshop and playing in the adventure playground. In the workshop, the children looked at different habitats, food chains and got up close with some insects. Thank you to all of the staff and parents who helped on the trip.



Active Travel News

We are taking part in the 10 days of active travel initiative from the 11th to 22nd May 2026. The children have all been given bookmarks to stamp every day they travel actively to school. This includes walking, scooting, park and ride and even public transport. At the end of the 10 days, they receive a sticker. The activity also contributes to our school travel plan, helping us to maintain our gold accreditation.



The image on the bookmarks is the winning entry of the bookmark competition in October last year and was designed by our very own Barnaby in 4S.

Book Fair

The Book Fair has been going all week in various locations around the school. Unfortunately, we had to postpone one session due to the rain. However, I hope that you have snapped up a bargain or two in this half price fair. Last chance to buy half price books is this afternoon in the junior playground. Thank you to Mr Doak and to Mr Brooks for running the fair and thank you to all the children for helping.



Break Time Snacks

Gentle reminder that break time snacks need to meet our healthy schools' criteria. Some snacks also go against our no 'nuts' in school due to severe allergies; break time snacks should only be fruit or vegetables.



PTA Nursery & Reception Summer Disco

Tickets are now on sale for the PTA Summer Nursery and Reception Disco being held on Friday 22nd May, 4:30pm. Join the PTA in the Junior Hall at 4:30pm for a fun-filled hour of dancing, games and favourite songs for Nursery and Reception children and their grown-ups. Parents/carers must stay with their child during the disco (no ticket needed for adults). Refreshments, treats and small toys will be available to buy on the day.



We look forward to seeing you there! See the flyer at the back of the newsletter.

Catholic Social Teaching - The Dignity of the Worker

This week, we thought about the many different kinds of work people do—at home, in our community, and around the world. We learned that every job, whether big or small, has value in God's eyes. From farmers growing our food to cleaners keeping spaces safe, each person's work helps the world run smoothly. Sadly, some workers are not treated with the respect they deserve. In class, the children will discuss how we can show appreciation—by saying thank you, being patient, and recognising the effort behind the things we use every day. Jesus valued people for who they were, not just for what they did, and we are called to do the same.

Scripture - *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."* – Colossians 3:23

Prayer/Reflection - *"Lord, thank You for the gift of work and for all who serve others through their efforts. Help us to value and respect every worker. Amen."*

Family Task

As a family, choose one person whose work you benefit from this week—such as a shop assistant, bus driver, or school staff member—and find a way to thank them.

LiveSimply tips:



Mrs Baran's tip is to always recycle when you can, rinse your plastics and keep the lids on!

Love Learn Believe

School Photographs

Vancols, the school photographers, will be in school on Wednesday 3rd June to take photos of the children; best uniform on that day please. See the flyer at the back.



BEST Club

Please see the flyer at the back.



St Joseph's Toddler Group

I have attached the flyer for the toddler group to the back so that you can see the upcoming dates for this term.



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	Victoria	For talking about the Church.
RB	Gregory	For showing good. understanding of Pentecost
RL	Penelope	For showing great care and kindness to all of God's animals and plants!
1EB	Henryk	For making beautiful artwork for Pentecost – dove, headband of flames and streamers.
1AP	Davyd	For his great effort learning new hymns during Hymn Practice.
2AF	Eyuas	For his amazing work on why it is important to open our hearts to God.
2SR	Rhys	For exploring what it means to open your heart to God.
2AS	Gloria	For showing excellent understanding of the Fruits of the Spirit in action.
3DB	Fiachra	For excellent ideas on how to be a missionary disciple.
3GS	Leo	For pointing out the Tabernacle in Mass, recalling this information from a prior RE lesson.
3AR	Fabien	For making connections between the life of the early Church and Mass today.
4JB	Freddie	For his understanding that the term 'Church' refers to the people of God, not just the building.
4AS	Lorena	For creating an excellent Coat of Arms showing the 4 marks of the Church.
4S	Angelo	For a good understanding of what is meant by the term 'Church' and its structure.
5AL	Veronika	For your work on the Effects of Confirmation and your acting for Mary and the Disciples.
5MM	Samuel	For showing great understanding on discipleship.
5CR	Leon	For confidently explaining one of the parts of Mary's life where she showed discipleship.
6LI	Juan	For careful consideration of the choices made by St Teresa of Kolkata.
6MS	Kayden	For writing a beautiful act of Faith, Hope and Love.
6WL	Beatrix	For a thoughtful prayer linked to the Acts of Faith, Hope and Love.

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	Filip	For growing in confidence.
RB	All of RB	For a fabulous assembly. You were all amazing!
RL	Juwel	For using great measuring skills to compare taller/shorter!
1EB	Klaudia	For an excellent recount of our Bekonscot trip.
1AP	Sienna	For her brilliant recount of her trip to Bekonscot Model Village.
2AF	All of 2AF	For their brilliant behaviour and for representing our school so well on our trip.
2SR	Ellie	For being attentive and responding well during the workshop on our trip.
2AS	All of 2AS	For presenting an outstanding assembly.
3DB	James	For his super work in PSHE and arithmetic. Well done, James!
3GS	William	For grasping Roman Numerals in class and then pointing them out in Mass, on the Stations of the Cross.
3AR	Ava	For trying really hard to be more independent in Maths.
4JB	Ellen	For great perseverance in sewing her Tudor coin pouch.
4AS	Harry	For being a wonderful role model to his peers, especially at Mass.
4S	Ben	For fantastic work on having a growth mindset in PSHE!
5AL	Karen	For being helpful and responsible during learning time.
5MM	Isabella	For showing great resilience and work ethic across all subjects.
5CR	Lilly	For showing great resilience after a finger injury made it difficult for her to write.
6LI	Samuel	For excellent focus during SATs week on all of our activities.
6MS	All of 6MS	For their fantastic work and effort during SATs week.
6WL	Elijah	For showcasing all of his writing skills in his narrative inspired by

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	Eliana RB	For always showing kindness and care to others. Thank you!
Middle	Emmanuel 3GS	For sharing the importance of honouring his mother and father (the 5th commandment). How beautiful!
Upper	Jamie 5MM	For always being helpful to adults and peers.

ST JOSEPH'S TODDLER GROUP

SUMMER TERM DATES

14TH APRIL

28TH APRIL

12TH MAY

2ND JUNE

16TH JUNE

30TH JUNE

14TH JULY

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



Introducing Our BEST Club @St Josephs

Summer 2026 YR – Y6

Tuesday Mornings or Wednesday afternoons

Emotional Control Through Self Regulation



Tuesday 21st April – Tuesday 7th July
7.45am – 8.45am

Wednesday 22nd April – Wednesday 8th July
3.15pm – 4.15pm

BEST clubs are designed to help grow your child's social and emotional wellbeing. By focusing on the development of a child's brain we teach how each unique part creates our thoughts, feelings and actions. Through interactive activities in sport, art and drama we build the life skills needed to develop into strong and confident young adults.

To book a place please click on the following links:

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For more information best4learningvicky@gmail.com

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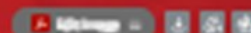
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ST JOSEPH'S PTA

Disco

**Friday 22nd May
Nursery & Reception**

**4:30 - 5:30 PM
IN THE JUNIOR HALL**

TICKETS - £3.50 PER CHILD
PARENTS GO FREE



TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE- CLICK THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE



SMALL TOYS AND SNACKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DURING THE DISCO



PARENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THEIR CHILD TO THE DISCO

**Volunteers needed , click the link
below to sign up.**

www.pta-events.co.uk/stjosephshanwellpta



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VENUE

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DATES

TUESDAY 26TH – FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026

TIME

9AM-3PM

AGE

4-13 YEARS

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£50 ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS

£25 FOR DAY RATES

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