St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
16th November 2026

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Armistice Day

On Wednesday, we marked Armistice Day along with everybody else in the country. Even though it was raining, the older children went out into the playground. They observed the two-minute silence at 11am to remember those who gave their lives in the First World War, and every conflict since. The children in the Lower Phase commemorated the fallen by forming circles in the hall. All the children were most respectful of the occasion. *We shall remember them.*



Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30



"Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your master."







Thank You to Leslie & Co.!

We were delighted to receive a laptop generously donated by local estate agents Leslie & Co., following a fantastic community campaign. The campaign received an incredible response, with over 27,000 views and 4,500 interactions on Facebook. Out of 14 nominated schools, St Joseph's received an impressive 711 votes.

A huge thank you to everyone who voted for and supported our school, and to Leslie & Co. for their generous donation. We are very grateful for the continued support of our local community!



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Parent Governor Election Reminder
Nominations for our Parent Governor election close on Monday 16th November at 3:30pm.
If you are interested in shaping the future of our school and representing our parent community, please ensure your completed nomination form is submitted before the deadline.

Black History Month Celebration
On Friday 6th November, we celebrated our Black History Month work.
In Nursery, the children learned about Nigel Clarke, the CBeebies presenter as we played the game 'What's in the box?'. Nigel promotes diversity and inclusion in early years education.





The Reception children focused on the author of the Jo Jo and Gran Gran books, Laura Henry-Allain. The author based her books on the adventures she had with her grandmother. The children enjoyed eating mango, papaya and pineapple fruits eaten in St Lucia. The children made St Lucian flags, and in the afternoon, they paraded their carnival hats and danced to Reggae music.





Year1 focused on Rosa Parkes who refused to give up her seat and changed the laws of the land for the better as a result of her peaceful protest. They also learned about other important people in history such as Martin Luther King and Mary Seacole, among others.



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Black History Month continued...
Year 2 and Year 3 celebrated Black History Month by learning about two inspirational Black women who have made a significant impact on history. Year 2 focused on the remarkable **Mary Seacole**, while Year 3 explored the life and achievements of **Katherine Johnson**. Throughout the month, the children took part in a range of exciting activities and learning opportunities linked to these inspirational women. Year 3 produced some fantastic projects at home, while Year 2 created beautiful portraits of Mary Seacole in school. As part of our celebrations last week, the children had the opportunity to share their hard work with the whole school. We enjoyed a wonderful walk around the school, admiring the fantastic displays and celebrating all the learning, creativity and effort that had gone into them.





In celebration of Black History Month this year and its focus on "Honouring Our Communities," children in the Upper Phase learned about the achievements and dedication of several notable Black individuals. Year 4 explored the life of Martin Luther King Jr, Year 5 focused on Didier Drogba and Year 6 studied Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock. At the end of the month, pupils celebrated by wearing heritage cultural clothing or the colours red, green, yellow and black to show their support for these vibrant communities.





Ensemble
Our school ensemble recently delivered a performance of *"Katie's Waltz" to celebrate Black History Month. Dressed in vibrant cultural attire, the students filled the hall with colour and energy, showcasing both their musical talent and the rich diversity of our school community.*

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rarRoaH8dhvq35J7gqnr7MIZcnKQ4cU_/view?usp=sharing



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Eco Day





Two Year 5 children, Connor and Kornelia, represented St Joseph's very well yesterday at the SCCAT Eco Council meeting held at St Raphael's. In the morning, each of the schools shared ideas as to what would St Francis of Assisi be pleased about were he to walk around each of the schools today. We then looked at St Raphael's wonderful garden and their forest school. After lunch, we shared further initiatives and made pledges to bring back to our schools as to how to move forward with this. As an added bonus, each school had sapling trees and daffodil bulbs donated to them. It was a very enjoyable and thought provoking day and both Connor and Kornelia contributed some excellent ideas to the day. Thank you to Mr Brooks and Mrs Bahadrian for accompanying the children.

Bikeability



Ernest and Mariam from Bikeability have been putting the Year 5 children through their 'bike ability' over this week. The children have learnt about road safety, bike maintenance and skills.

A few of the children have approached Mrs Day about Dr Bike and asked specifically when they are next 'in town', probably prompted by the bikeability session running in this week!

Here are the next dates and locations:
Haven Green, 10am to 1pm, Saturdays: 3 October, 7 November, 5 December
Acton Market, 2pm to 5pm, Saturdays: 3 October, 7 November, 5 December
West Ealing Farmers Market, The Avenue W13 8PH, 9am to midday, Saturdays: 10 October, 14 November, 12 December
Hanwell Clock Tower, 1pm to 4pm, Saturdays: 10 October, 14 November, 12 December

Dr Bike in Southall
Dr Bike in Southall runs in both halves of Southall on the last Saturday of each month as below:
10am to 1pm outside Manor House Grounds, The Green, Southall, UB2 4BJ
2pm to 5pm Southall Market, Southall Square, High Street, Southall UB1 3DG
More information can be found here: https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201176/cycling/3285/free_bike_repair_and_advice_service

Litter Pickers
This week, Jamie and Carl our local Park rangers delivered litter pickers and safety equipment to St Joseph's. This will allow the members of our Eco Team to don the protective gear and go out into the playground and pick small bits of litter. I am looking forward to spotless playgrounds. Thank you to Ms Martin for organising.



Bling Your Thing!
The TFL Explorer Ambassadors are launching a new competition ahead of Road Safety Week 2026, 16-20th November. They invite children to 'Bling Your Thing'. The 'thing' could be a scooter, bike helmet, hair band, teddy bear, coat, bag or anything the children choose. Choose something you own and give it a bright, brilliant makeover so that it can be seen more easily in the dark! Photos of competition entries should be emailed to year5@stjcp.education no later than Friday 20th November 2026. Prizes will be awarded along with an opportunity for the winners to have breakfast with the Ambassadors!



Our Lady and St. Joseph's Church Christmas Bazaar Raffle Tickets
Raffle tickets for the Church Christmas Bazaar were sent home with children last week! Please check their bags, sell what you can to family and friends, and return all ticket stubs and money to the school office.

The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 5th December in the church hall from 12:00pm to 3:00pm for festive fun, stalls, and the grand raffle draw!

Filming in the Local Area
A TV Production currently titled 'Raven Peak', is due to be filming within The Duke of York Pub on Tuesday 24th November. It will affect local parking. Please see the letter attached to the back of the newsletter for more details.

Hanwell Children's Centre
I have sent you an email about the Hanwell Children's Centre November timetable of activities, along with the locality timetable covering Southall and West Ealing Children's Centres. Timetables for all Children's Centres across the London Borough of Ealing are available on the Ealing Families Directory.

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Thank you from Ealing Foodbank
Dear St Joseph's Primary School,

We wanted to say a massive thank you for your food donation of 134kg this October. Your donation helps us keep our shelves packed with the essentials people in crisis in Ealing need. We will hand out the food to them, together with the offer of additional advice to help them through their crisis.

Kind regards,
Maria van Ommen
Manager

Flyers at the back
List of flyers at the back of the newsletter for your reference:
1. Ealing Foodbank
2. BEST Club
3. St Joseph's Toddler Group
4. Mini Chefs Cooking Club
5. Men and Mini Me's – Stay and Play
6. Different Strokes: Fatherhood Across Cultures
7. Speech and Language Therapy
8. Autism and ADHD Group Coffee Morning
9. Emotionally-Based School Non-Attendance
10. Raven Peak Filming
11. Creative Writing Workshop
12. Children with SEND

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	Esther Nur.	For saying our prayers so beautifully.
RB	Jon	For being a great prayer leader and a role model.
RL	Charlotte	For great listening to how people celebrate Diwali and creating a wonderful rangoli pattern.
1AP	Elena	For identifying why the Bible is such a special book for Christians.
1TM	Malak	For talking about Mary.
2CR	Tilly	For coming up with great ideas for drawings in our RE lessons.
2MS	Esther	For a fantastic understanding of the story of Zechariah and John the Baptist.
3AR	Ronan	For ordering the parts of the Mass correctly.
3GS	Krzys	For finding at least 3 words related to the Mass, for every letter of the alphabet. Well done!
3MS	Gloria	For creating a beautiful Advent star of Kindness in our CST lesson about the Preferential Option for the Poor.
4AL	Lily	For her contribution to class discussions when talking about growing our faith.
4JB	Elliot	For recognising the signs that showed Elijah was a prophet.
5AS	Alisa	For writing a great newspaper article about the battle between David and Goliath.
5DB	Lily and Kornelia	For writing a fantastic newspaper report about the battle between Davis and Goliath.
5SR	Harry	For a great newspaper article on the story of David and Goliath.
6AS	Milly	For engaging respectfully in our Mark 10 Mission collective worship and taking time to reflect.
6LI	Lilly	For making a positive contribution to group work researching women in the Old Testament.
6WL	Thalia	For working hard in our lesson learning about the women of the Old Testament.

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	Esme	For being a great star in all the activities.
RB	Maja S	For fantastic phonic work! Keep it up Maja!
RL	Zoe	For trying her best in phonics and reading CVC words, keep it up!
1AP	Alicia	For identifying the changes as we move into winter.
1TM	Achim	For working hard on improving his handwriting.
2CR	Danny	For showing some great understanding in his Maths learning this week.
2MS	Eden	For always being a caring and kind member of our class!
3AR	All of 3AR	For a wonderful assembly on Roald Dahl!
3GS	Sara	For independently being able to sequence and count up in 2s. Well done!
3MS	Krishna	For writing a super character description of George in 'George's Marvellous Medicine".
4AL	Fatma	For writing a fantastic description of a setting from The Iron Man.
4JB	Nina	For her fantastic knowledge of the Water Cycle.
5AS	Angelo	For always being polite, sensible and hardworking.
5DB	Anish	For excellent understanding of square and cubed numbers.
5SR	Teodor	For producing a fantastic persuasive letter on stopping defor-estation.
6AS	Timur	For showing great behaviour and attitude to his learning.
6LI	Angeline	For creative presentation about the four sectors of industry in Geography.
6WL	Asher	For excellent focus and effort with division and multiplication.

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	Menbere RL	For always being so helpful and kind to everyone!
Middle	George 2CR	For congratulating and showing kindness to all the children on their spelling test, no matter their score!
	Evelyn 2CR	For helping to tidy away other children's rubbish without being asked!
Upper	Sebastian 6LI	For being a lovely person to work with in collaborative tasks.

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/

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B E S T

BEST Club AUTUMN 2026 @St Joseph's Y1 – Y6

New Term, New Teacher – Creating a Calm, Assertive and Empathetic Mindset



Tuesday mornings: 7.45am – 8.45am
Tuesday 15th September – Tuesday 8th December

Wednesday afternoons: 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 16th September – Wednesday 9th December

Our twelve week BEST club programme helps children develop the confidence to communicate assertively, understand other's feelings and build positive relationships. Through fun sport, art and drama activities, children will learn valuable social skills that support resilience, empathy, teamwork and a successful start to the new school year.

To book a place please visit

Tuesday morning:

https://best4learning.co.uk/stjosephstuesam-2/

Wednesday afternoon:

https://best4learning.co.uk/stjosephswedpm-2/

For more information please email best4learningvicky@gmail.com

or call 07718 588454 www.best4learning.co.uk

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My Little Chef At Home

Mini Chefs Cooking Club

Look What's New!



created just for little chefs (Reception & Yr 1)

Thursdays
3:20pm – 4:20pm
5th Nov - 10th Dec

Culinary Creativity in just one hour!

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

Now with interest-free split payment option!

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Developing Life Skills:

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

Book online!

SCAN ME

Our website

www.mylittlechefathome.co.uk

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FREE
online parenting workshop

FATHER'S GROUP

DIFFERENT STROKES: FATHERHOOD ACROSS CULTURES

Examine how culture, upbringing, and personal experiences shape our approach to fatherhood. This workshop will explore the challenges and opportunities of parenting within the UK while drawing on cultural strengths, helping fathers navigate differing expectations and share positive parenting practices that work across cultures.

Tuesday, 24th Nov 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

Ealing
www.ealing.gov.uk

SUPPORTIVE ACTION FOR FAMILIES IN EALING

EALING PARENTING SERVICE

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CONTACT EALING
AUTISM & ADHD GROUP
COFFEE MORNING
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Join us for a hot drink, good company and plenty of chats with Contact Ealing staff and volunteers

Monday 16th November 2026 at 10.30am

Venue: Jamaica Blue Café, Ealing Broadway Centre

Register via this link or QR code:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/DMX2XMUfXd

Contact Ealing Coffee morning with language support on 16.11.2026 at 10.30am. Jamaica

contact *For families with disabled children*

Contact is a trading name of Contact a Family. Charity registered in England and Wales (284912) and Scotland (SC039169).

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FREE online parenting workshop

NHS

EMOTIONALLY-BASED SCHOOL NON-ATTENDANCE

Delivered by:
MHST team, Ealing school nursing team, Ealing HIT team & Springhallow School

This workshop will help parents and carers understand Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA), recognise early signs and understand the support available in Ealing. Short presentations will include:

- what EBSNA is, early signs, and practical tips to help parents explore and support anxiety with their child.
- the Ealing context and what is being done locally to support EBSNA.
- support through schools, the importance of communication and collaboration, and the impact of SEND and available support.
- how School Nursing can support families when they are concerned or unsure what may be affecting their child, how to refer, and the support the service can offer.
- MHST: how to access support where anxiety or emotional wellbeing needs have been identified, what support may look like, and further signposting where appropriate.

Tuesday, 17th November 2026
10am-12pm
via MS Teams

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

London Borough of Ealing

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RAVEN PEAK

Raven Peak Productions Ltd | Ealing Studios, Ealing Green, London, W5 5EP

November 2026

Dear Resident or Business Owner,

RE: FILMING AT THE DUKE OF YORK PUB – TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

I am writing on behalf of Raven Peak Productions Ltd who are in the planning stages for filming in London over the coming months. We have a small sequence which we would like to film inside The Duke of York Pub on Tuesday 24th November, please see more information below.

Dates and approximate times:

- **Preparation:** Monday 23rd November 08:00-19:00
- **Filming:** Tuesday 24th November 07:00-12:30
- **Re-instatement:** Tuesday 24th November 12:00-19:00

Area of Activity:

Whilst all of the filming will take place inside the pub, we will have some scaffolding alongside the edge of the pub on Station Road as well as at the front of the pub on the Broadway. Due to this we have organised a footpath closure on Station Road with a safe pedestrian diversion within the EV parking bays. In addition to this, we have been given permission to close the dead-end section on York Avenue, from Station Road for parking a large vehicle. Please see map overleaf.

Parking Suspensions

In order to facilitate our shoot, we will be requesting the suspension of a number of parking bays in the surrounding area, for the parking of vehicles carrying essential equipment. We will follow up in a second letter with a copy of these parking plans.

We appreciate that we are very privileged to film in London and are hugely grateful for the support shown by local residents.

Should you have any queries or concerns, either in advance of the above date or whilst we are on-site, please do not hesitate to contact us via the details listed below.

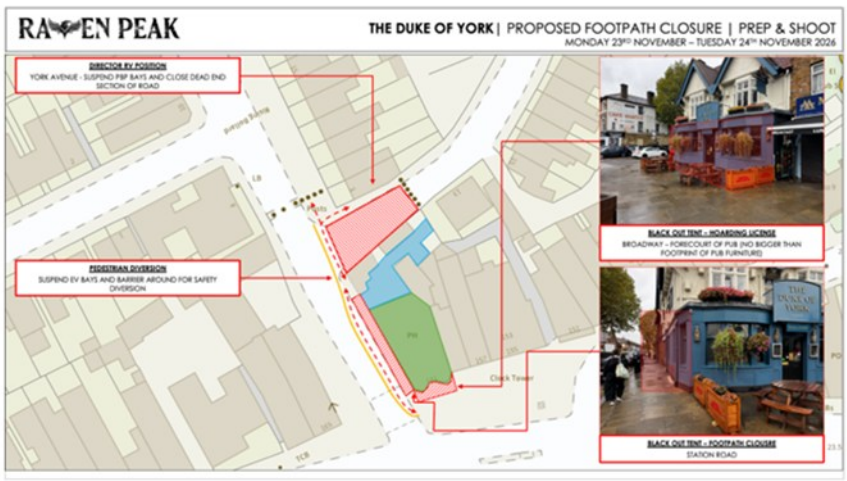
We are working closely with the Ealing Film Office, and you can discuss our filming with them directly by contacting our assigned officer, Ewan Wilmott, on T: 020 8825 7575, or E: wlfo@ealing.gov.uk Please quote reference number: EALFIL002315

Yours sincerely,

Emily Hoy
Assistant Location Manager
E: emily.hoy@seriescrew.com
T: 07950 410 983

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Ealing parent & carer Forum

West London mind

Feeling overwhelmed?

Many of us find it hard to cope with the daily demands of caring for a child with SEND. Come and join us for coffee and company...

SEND CONNECT
COFFEE MORNING
MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER
10.00am - 12.00pm

Colab, Open Southall,
Parkside Yards
1 Seva Drive, Southall UB1 1GH



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CALLING ALL

ESDEG
EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Parents & Carers



of children with SEND

Ongoing workshops designed to:

- Support and upskill parents and carers
- Build confidence and understanding,
- Connect families within our community

To Join Our Growing Group

Contact us here

admin@esdeg.org.uk

02033252127

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