St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter 17th July 2025



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Enjoy the Summer Break

This is the final newsletter of the school year. School breaks up for summer this afternoon, please pick up your child at 1.30pm. My best wishes go out to all our children, parents, staff and governors and I congratulate everyone on the way that we have worked hard together as a community. Now everybody deserves a good break. I hope that you all have a marvellous time over the summer holidays. School starts back for children in Years 1 to 6 on Tuesday 2nd September. On behalf of the staff, we very much appreciate your messages and most generous gifts, thank you!



Sunday 17th July 2025

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



The welcome offered by the sisters, Martha and Mary, in Bethany

Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from

End of Year Masses

On Tuesday, we celebrated two masses. The first mass was our end of year school mass for the children in years 1 to 5. Father Cristiano highlighted the fact that we should never give up and that we should not get discouraged, however tough things get. He also encouraged us to talk with God whenever we have a moment of silence. Thank you to Mrs Ingham for organising the mass and to Mr Brooks for his instrumental input.



In the evening, Year 6 had their Leavers' Mass. The mass was very special to the children and their parents. Father Julio wished the children well on the next stage of their school lives and told them not to forget their mission. Thank you to Mrs Ingham, Ms Smith, Mrs Whybrew, Mrs Spek, Ms Males and Mrs Murphy for organising the most special service.

Message from Governors

As we reach the end of another busy school year, the Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the continued success and positive atmosphere of our school.

We would like to extend our thanks to the headteacher and all staff for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to creating a nurturing, inclusive and high-quality learning environment for the children.

To our families – thank you for your support and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement plays a vital role in helping children succeed and feel supported.

A big thank you to the PTA for all their hard work throughout the year; especially organising the school fete which was such a huge success and enjoyed by everyone.

And of course, to all the children well done for all your efforts, enthusiasm and positive attitude to learning this year.

We hope you all have a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

With best wishes,

Chairs of Governors

Anita and Hilary

Leavers

I would like us to pray for all the children who are leaving St. Joseph's and wish them good luck. Whether they are Year 6 children moving on to high school or children leaving because of family circumstances, please remember the friendships you have made at St. Joseph's and the values we hold so dear; they will stand you in good stead wherever you go. Our prayers are also for Miss Fowler who leaves our school to return to Australia. May God bless them all!

In memoriam

Yesterday, we gathered as a staff to remember Mrs Smith who died a couple of years ago. A special mosaic of an owl was commissioned so that it could hang in school as a fitting memorial to her life and her dedication to the children. It will keep her presence alive at St. Joseph's and future children walking past the owl will see the mosaic and read the plaque and know that she was special, her memory will be kept alive. Thank you to Mrs Kenny for organising the mosaic.



Mayoral Visit

On Wednesday, the Mayor of Ealing came to visit St Joseph's. Our recently appointed Mayor is a former pupil of St Joseph's which made the visit all the more special for the children...and him. The children in years 2 to 6 had an outdoor Q and A session with him. After this, he went on a tour around the school and had a chance to reminisce. He was amazed by how much the school had changed since he left. He thanked all the children and staff for making his visit so special.



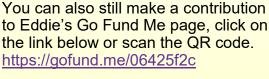


Action Duchenne

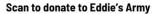
On Monday, Alex from the charity *Action Duchenne* delivered an inspiring assembly about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. He spoke about the importance of recognising that while we are all unique, we share many things in common. He reminded us how we can support one another and work together to make a difference. To mark World Duchenne Day (September 7th), St. Joseph's will be dedicating a special day on Monday, 8th September. Children are invited to come to school wearing something

red and to bring in a £1.00 donation. which will be given to Duchenne UK. Thank you for your support in raising awareness and funds for this important cause. Thank you to Miss Sasenarine for organising the talk.

You can also still make a contribution the link below or scan the QR code.















Together we achieve great things

- Ask If someone needs help
- Change how we play games to involve everyone
- Look out for each other and be kind
- Remember we can all do it with help, some may need more help
- We all tell someone new about disability we grow the awareness of

Drama Club

On Monday, the Drama Club put on their production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. I have to say that it was one of the most spectacular club performances that I have ever seen. The costumes and make-up, the scenery, the lay out of the performance area, the transitions and the acting were all fantastic. I was in awe of the children who dedicated their time over the year to attend the club and produce such a wonderful show. Children, you have set the bar very high! A special thank you to Miss Smith, Mrs Moat, Mrs Dziedzic-Korzen for running the club and to Miss Richardson, Mrs Rowland and Mr Sheehan for their help too.



Healthy Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

Soon we will receive a delivery of HAF postcards which will be distributed to children who are entitled to benefit related free school meals. The programme now uses a new booking system for the Summer HAF. Codes are no longer needed, so these will not be included with the postcard delivery. Eligible pupils (those receiving benefits-related free school meals) will be automatically added to the booking system. Eligible families will also be emailed directly with further booking information. Please note that primary pupils receiving the universal free school meals offer are not eligible for the HAF programme. The activity providers' booking information and FAQ's will be available through the 'Book an activity' tile on their webpage: https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/ealing/directory/haf.page?hafchannel=0



Education and Skills Development Group

Look at the back of this newsletter for information on a Summer SEND Club. See the flyer and book as needed.

St Joseph's Toddler Group

At the back of this newsletter, please find the session dates and times for the autumn term of the next academic year.







Summer 2025

Junior Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Looking for something **fun** to do in the Summer Holiday?

Why not **Check Out** what the Junior HAF programme has to offer!





FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION (DFE).

*FOR CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE BENEFITS-RELATED FREE SCHOOL (FSM) MEALS. PLEASE NOTE, THOSE IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 RECEIVING THE UNIVERSAL FSM OFFER ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE HAF FUNDED PLACES.

Children & Families









GET ACTIVE try new sports and activities, get fit, and be healthy.

at activities such as performing arts, cooking or crafts.

GET SOCIAL have fun, meet new people, or connect with friends.



Eligible families will be emailed directly with the booking links shortly before bookings open.

Follow Ealing HAF on Facebook



Contact:
HAF@ealing.gov.uk
or call 020 8825 6331
(lines open 9am -1pm)

Bookings open
Wednesday 2nd July 2025





HILLINGDON SUMMER CAMPS



AT: SWAKELEYS SCHOOL

Clifton Gardens, Hillingdon, UB10 0EJ

MONDAY 28th JULY TO FRIDAY 1st AUGUST 2025 (Week One) MONDAY 4th AUGUST TO FRIDAY 8st AUGUST 2025 (Week Two) MONDAY 11th AUGUST TO FRIDAY 15th AUGUST 2025 (Week Three) MONDAY 18th AUGUST TO FRIDAY 22nd AUGUST 2025 (Week Four)

> 9AM – 3PM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4 – 13

WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING OUR FOOTBALL CAMPS AND COURSES IN YOUR COMMUNITY FOR OVER 25 YEARS!

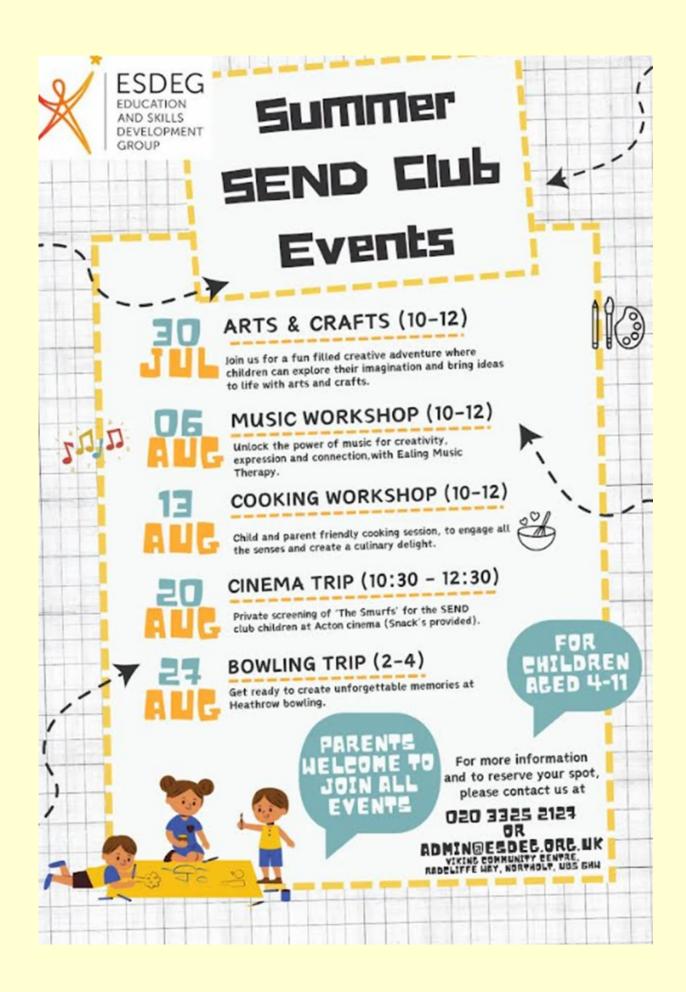
Exciting news! We are running our annual Summer Camps for four weeks on the dates above.

- The Camps are for 5 days from 9am-3pm. Lunch is 12.15pm-1pm, children must bring their own packed lunch and plenty of drinks.
- The camp is held on Grass football pitches and Sports Hall (If bad weather)
 therefore children may wear trainers or moulded sole plastic studs if playing outside.
- On Friday at 2.15pm we hold a presentation, whereby EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY as well as many opportunities to win extra trophies, including the FA Cup Tournament, penalty shoot out competition, skill point winners.
- The camp is run by FA qualified coaches, who are DBS checked and are currently
 working with children in schools daily, enabling them to learn essential
 football techniques, building CONFIDENCE, improving FITNESS and
 providing the most important ingredient of all 'FUN'!
- The cost of each 5 day camp is £100 per child (£60 for additional brothers and sisters). £25 daily rate.

There will be consent forms to complete on arrival and payment should be made on the first morning of the camp or in advance via payment link.

www.prosoccercoaching.org

TO RESERVE HILLINGDON SUMMER CAMP PLACES
PLEASE WHATSAPP/TEXT: 07947 638205 OR 07880 798 762
HILLINGDON CAMP + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE



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