



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

27th February 2026

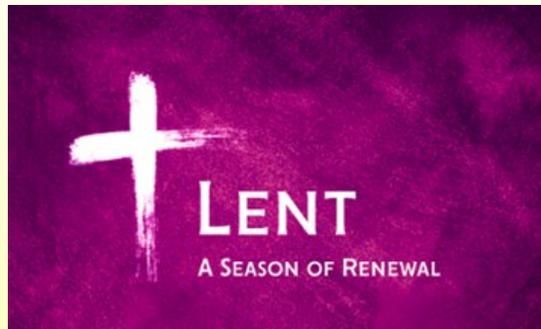


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Season of Lent

Every so often we miss the beginning of Lent as it falls in half term like this year. In school, we acknowledge that Lent is a significant season in the year, a time of solemnity and self-reflection where we think about our failings and resolve to live out better lives based on Jesus' teachings.



Sunday 1st March 2026

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor prepares his apostles for his passion

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

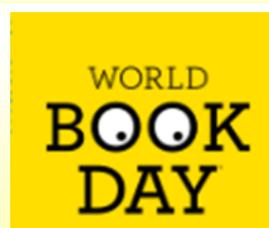
Catholic Children's Society

Today, Melody from the Catholic Children's Society came to school to give the children in the Middle and Upper Phases a talk. She explained that the CCS is a charity which supports children and families of all backgrounds during difficult times in their lives, giving them hope for the future. All the children in the Middle and Upper Phases will be bringing home collection boxes in the coming days.



World Book Day—Thursday 5th March 2026

All children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character for World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Please see email sent to parents on Tuesday 24th February for further details.



Independent Project Day

On the last day of the half term, the children took part in their Independent Project Day. The theme was Mardi Gras and the classes were awash with colour and abundant imagination was on show. The children humbly show off their creations in their Phase Assemblies – Posters, Face Masks and Projects. Well done to all.



In Reception, the children were taught about the meaning of the words and is celebrated the day before the beginning of Lent. The children designed and decorated their own masks and showed them off to all the children in the Lower Phase. The children then had the opportunity to listen and dance to Mardi Gras music.



Hanwell Children's Centre

At the back of the newsletter, please find attached Hanwell Children's Centre March 2026 timetable of activities and support available for families. The Centre provides free services for families from pre-birth up to 5 years of age with their children. The services include baby groups, infant feeding advice, children's play activities, infant massage, parenting advice, and family support. Please see below the link to Ealing Families Directory which details all Children's Centres within the borough and local offer. Information on this page can be translated to multiple languages.

<https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk>

The Big Plastic Count

We are excited to announce that our school will be taking part in the Big Plastic Count from 9th to 15th March! During this week, we are inviting all pupils, staff, families, and members of our wider community to take part in an important environmental project. The challenge is simple: keep track of all the plastic waste you throw away for one week.

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

What do we need you to do?

From 9th–15th March:

- Collect and count the plastic packaging you use at home.
Keep a simple tally of your plastic waste (we will provide guidance on how to do this).
- Send your totals to school at the end of the week.

Why are we doing this?

The Big Plastic Count helps us:

- Understand how much plastic we use in our everyday lives.
- Reflect on our habits and make more environmentally friendly choices.
- Work together as a community to reduce plastic waste.
- Contribute to a national effort to gather important environmental data.

By taking part, we can become more conscious of the plastic we use and explore ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle more effectively.

Every piece of data counts — and together, we can make a difference!

Thank you in advance for your support. Let's work together to create a greener future for our children and our community. Also, a big thank you to Ms Martin and the ECO Team for organising this.

Catholic Social Teaching

Community and Participation

This half term, our Catholic Social Teaching focus is **Community and Participation**. We are learning that we are not meant to live life alone – God created us to belong to communities where everyone has a voice and a part to play. Whether in our families, our school, our parish or the wider world, we are called to look out for one another and to join in, helping to build communities that are fair, welcoming and caring.

Throughout the half term, children will explore what it means to listen to others, work together and take responsibility for the communities they are part of. We will reflect on how even small actions can make a big difference when we all participate.

Family Task

As a family, talk about the different communities you belong to (for example, your family, school, parish, clubs or neighbourhood). Choose one small way you can participate more fully this week – it might be helping at home, welcoming someone new, or doing something kind for your local community. Share together how it felt to take part and support others.

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.



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	Menbere	For talking about Lent.
RB	Nina	For being a fun and thoughtful member of Butterflies!
RL	Nivitha	For sharing ideas of how to help people in the season of Lent. Well done!
1EB	Hannah	For great work reflecting on Jesus' time in the desert.
1AP	Victor	For showing his understanding that Ash Wednesday is a chance for a fresh start.
2AF	Debora	For her wonderful retell of the Calming of the Storm.
2SR	Sadbh	For great group work when retelling the story of Jesus Heals the Paralytic.
2AS	Bentley	For retelling the story of Jesus calming the storm.
3DB	Amelia	For her excellent understanding of how to locate parables in the Bible and explain their meaning.
3GS	Karolina	For great responses and being very engaged in the lesson on the Parable of the Sower. Well done!
3AR	Lilia	For displaying respect, reverence and attentiveness during times of prayer and reflection.
4JB	Ben	For his knowledgeable responses during our lesson about the Sacrament of the Sick.
4AS	Ella	For writing beautiful reflections on the virtues held by St Damien Molokai.
4S	Maks	For creating a fantastic poster on all the ways Jesus showed love.
5AL	Lily	For planning a wonderful charity event to raise money for The Catholic Children's Society.
5MM	Isabella	For great participation in class discussion and producing a good action plan on doing some good to our community.
5CR	Esme	For coming up with great ideas to help our local community.
6LI	Jane	For always making thoughtful contributions in lessons.
6MS	Enda	For thoughtful comments in our class discussion about Community and Participation this week.
6WL	Malannie	For showing our CST principle of Community and Participation by helping Ms Dobbin at lunchtime.

Celebrations continued

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Theodora	For drawing with increased confidence.
RB	Aleksander	For fantastic independent writing.
RL	Nicholas	For his superb understanding of 3D shapes and applying his knowledge.
1EB	Eluzai	For including some great 'wow' words in his description of a space setting.
1AP	Matab	For her wonderful effort during Phonics.
2AF	Viyana	For the amazing information sheet she created all about dolphins!
2SR	Andrii	For his great understanding of division through sharing.
2AS	Caimin	For showing great understanding of division using sharing methods.
3DB	Elliot	For making huge improvements in all areas of his learning.
3GS	Amaia	For being helpful, inclusive of others, respectful and adopting a maturer attitude at school. Well done!
3AR	Bea-Rose	For her effort when working independently across the entire curriculum.
4JB	Lily	For her better effort to contribute to class discussions.
4AS	Gabriel	For quietly going out of your way to help adults and peers and brightening our classroom with your positivity.
4S	Emmett	For fantastic effort with handwriting and presentation! Keep it up!
5AL	Sebastian	For excellent contribution to our Geography lesson about earthquakes.
5MM	Nathan	For much improved focus and effort in all his learning.
5CR	Bruce	For his incredible setting of the scene in our English lesson. Great vocabulary used!
6LI	Avishan	For demonstrating good learning behaviours during the week.
6MS	Kayden	For enthusiasm and great passing skills in Netball this week. Well done!
6WL	Seve	For demonstrating sports leadership skills during PE when refereeing Jumpball.

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:

Phase	Name	Reason
Lower	Lucy RL	For being kind, caring and welcoming to everyone and a new member of Ladybirds.
Middle	Ihor 2AS	For being a supportive member of the class and always looking to help those around him.
Upper	Sophia 5AL	For showing kindness and compassion by supporting a friend during a difficult time.

**THE BIG
PLASTIC
COUNT
9-15 MARCH**

**OUR
SCHOOL IS
COUNTING
ON YOU!**

**GET READY TO COUNT
YOUR PLASTIC WASTE**



EVERYDAY PLASTIC x Plastic Clever Schools

THEBIGPLASTICCOUNT.COM

COMMUNITY FUND

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Reuse & repair event - come join us!



Come along for a fun, family-friendly day of reuse and repair

Time: 11 am - 2 pm
Date: Saturday 7 March
Where: ReActon
Stirling Road
W3 8DJ

What's on at this event

- free school uniform - high school & primary
- learn to repair your clothes
- free household paint for DIY projects
- bike maintenance and small repairs
- bring unwanted clothes for reuse
- drop off small electrical items
- book swap
- plus other reuse activities on the day



West London Waste
Treating waste as a valuable resource



WORKSHOPS AT THE DIG

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

62 GREEN LANE, HANWELL,
LONDON W7 2PB

Free School Uniform

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



Extend the life of school uniform
Reduce waste and cut carbon
Save money

Both branded and unbranded school uniform will be available. Up to 5 items per child.

 **William Hobbayne Centre**
1 St Dunstan's Road
Hanwell
W7 2EY

For more info scan here or visit
actforealing.org/ealing-school-uniform-swap





Community Legal Advice Drop-In Service



Housing Advice
Preventing eviction / homelessness
Rent arrears
Discretionary Housing Payments



Debt & Money Advice
Negotiating with creditors
Debt Relief Orders / bankruptcy where appropriate
Emergency grants and hardship funds



Benefits Advice
Income maximisation
Full benefit checks (UC, disability benefits, child-related support)
Challenging incorrect decisions / sanctions

**Hanwell
Community Library**

**Tuesdays
2.30 – 4pm**

**Thursdays
10 - 12.30pm**

**Havelock Family
Centre, Southall**

**Wednesday
10 -12.30pm**

No appointment needed – All welcome!

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

BEST

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



Klarna

Developing Life Skills:

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



Our website

www.mylittlechefathome.co.uk

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Hanwell Children's Centre

"TOGETHER WE GROW, LEARN & DEVELOP"



HANWELL CHILDREN'S CENTRE
25a Laurel Gardens
Hanwell W7 3JG

Tel 020 8825 8200
Email hanwellchildrenscentre@ealing.gov.uk
www.facebook.com/EalingChildrenCentres



Parents/Carers, we want to hear your thoughts! Join our Children's Centre Forum

Help us to improve our Children Centre service together!

- Meet the team.
- Share suggestions and feedback on all our centres.
- Contribute to the development of the service.

When: Friday 6 March 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Where: Online via Microsoft Teams

If you would like to join virtually, please email:
childrenscentreservice@ealing.gov.uk

How to find us

Hanwell Children's Centre is located on Laurel Gardens; however, there is pedestrian access from Uxbridge Road (opposite Grays Garage)

By Bus: 207, 83, 427, E8 & 607

By Car: The car park is for staff use only. Controlled parking zones are in place in the surrounding roads. Parking restrictions apply during the hours of 9-10am, 3-4pm & 6-7pm. There are a few shared used bays where you can pay to park, but these are limited. Check signs before parking.



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HANWELL CHILDREN'S CENTRE TIMETABLE – MARCH 2026

Monday

West London NHS Perinatal Clinic
9.30am – 1.30pm (Referral Only)

Bumps to Babies Group 1
10.00am – 10.45am

Group 2
11.15am – 12noon

For expectant parents and babies 0 – 1 year or pre-confident walkers. (Booking Required)

To book call 020 8825 8200 or email: hanwellchildrenscentre@ealing.gov.uk

***Infant Massage (4 weeks)**
1.30pm – 2.45pm
2 March – 30 March (No session 16 March)
0 - 7 months or pre-crawling. (Booking Required)

*Please note we operate a waiting list for Infant Massage classes.

Tuesday

West London NHS Perinatal Clinic
9.30am - 1.00pm (Referral Only)

Stay and Play
10.00am – 11.30am
2 – 5 years (Booking Required) (No session 10 March)

Look, Listen & Play
Tuesday 10 March
10.00am – 11.30am
For children under 5 who are deaf. (ESCAN) (Referral Only)

Music & Movement At Hanwell Library
0 – 18 months
2.00pm – 2.45pm (Booking Required) (No session 31 March)

CLCH Child Health Clinic 0 – 5 years
1.30pm - 3.00pm (Appointment Only)
Call 020 8102 5888

CLCH Infant Feeding Support
1.30pm – 2.30pm (Appointment Only)
Call 020 8102 5888

Wednesday

CLCH 1 & 2 Year Child Development Checks
9.00am – 1.30pm (Appointment Only)
To book call 020 8102 5888

Homestart Family Group
10.00am – 11.30am (Referral Only)



Thursday

CLCH 1 & 2 Year Child Development Checks
9.00am – 1.30pm (Appointment Only)
To book call 020 8102 5888

Queen Charlotte's Hospital Antenatal Midwife Clinic
9.00am – 4.30pm (Appointment Only)

New baby & parent, and infant feeding information

For infant feeding support call 020 8102 5888 or email clch.ealinginfantfeedingsupport@nhs.net

Friday

West London NHS Perinatal Clinic
9.30am – 4.00pm (Referral Only)

CLCH 6/8 Week Child Health Review /Transfer in Clinic
9.30am – 1.00pm (Appointment Only)
To book call 020 8102 5888

Healthy Start Vitamins

To find out more about Healthy Start Vitamins and to check eligibility visit www.healthystart.nhs.uk

Vitamins can be collected from Hanwell Children's Centre, Monday – Friday 9.30am – 3.30pm

Please call first to check availability. 020 8825 8200

Information

Ealing Local Offer
Services available to children and young people aged 0-25, and families 'locally' who are living with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).
www.ealinglocaloffer.org.uk

Ealing Families Directory



View Children's Centre timetables, local childcare, childcare funding information and more.

Best Start in Life Parent Hub – Advice from pregnancy to childcare to starting school.
www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

Hanwell Children's Centre

Tel: 020 8825 8200 Email: Hanwellchildrenscentre@ealing.gov.uk Website: www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

OUR ACTIVITIES



Ealing Local Offer

For 0-25 year olds with special educational needs or a disability
www.ealinglocaloffer.org.uk



Early Start Infant Feeding Support

Provided by an Early Start volunteer at the Child Health Clinic. To book an appointment call 020 8102 5888 or email clcht.ealinginfantfeedingsupport@nhs.net

Infant Feeding Support

Call us on 020 8825 8200 to find out about other feeding support available.

Queen Charlotte's Hospital

Antenatal Clinic
For appointments/maternity helpline call 020 3312 6135

Childcare funding

Check if you are eligible for any help towards the cost of your childcare. There are funding schemes available for families whose income is from work or receipt of benefits.

www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker
www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

30 hours childcare is available for eligible working families for children aged 9 months – 4 years.

You must apply for a code by the end of the month before a new term starts and reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months.

15 hours childcare for 2-year-olds is available if you are in receipt of eligible benefits, or if your 2-year-old are looked after by a local authority, have an education, health and care plan, get Disability Living Allowance, have left care under and adoption order, special guardianship order, or a child arrangements order.

CLCH Early Start/Health (By appointment only)

To book or change an appointment at an Early Start/CLCH clinic please call 020 8102 5888 or email CLCHT.ealingadminhub@nhs.net

CLCH Child Health Clinic
0-5 year olds

CLCH 1 & 2-Year-Old Child Development Checks

If your child is 8-12 months or 23-30 months, it is time to book their development check.

Speech & Language Therapy Advice

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's speech, language, or communication needs email:

Email: wim-tr.ealing.sltdvice@nhs.net

www.facebook.com/SLTEaling

Ealing Children's Services - YouTube

Bumps to Babies

For expectant parents and babies 0 - 1 year. For parents to meet each other in a relaxed and supportive play environment. We can offer support and advice with any questions or concerns about your baby.

Music and Movement

For parents and children 0 – 18 months to enjoy music, singing, story time and movement together.

Stay & Play

For parents and children 2 – 5 years. Enjoy a selection of toys and activities including messy play, story time and singing.

Infant Massage

Babies 0 - 7 months (or pre-crawling). Designed to enhance bonding with your baby. Learn new strokes each week for a full body massage, including a routine to ease colic.

Useful Websites

For information on childcare, activities, and family support.
www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

Information and advice on benefits, money, energy costs, warm spaces and more.
www.ealing.gov.uk/costofliving/support

Parent Hub – Advice from pregnancy to childcare to starting school.
www.beststartinlife.gov.uk



Hungry Caterpillar Nursery

Monday - Friday
Babies 3 months to 5 years

7.30am - 6.00pm

Offering funded places and full day care for babies through to pre-schoolers

Tel: 0203 727 5502

Healthy Start Vitamins

If you are pregnant or have a child under four, you could get a Healthy Start Card for vitamins, milk, fruit, and vegetables.

Once you receive your card, vitamins can be collected from Hanwell Children's Centre, Monday – Friday 9.30am – 3.30pm

For more information and to arrange collection of vitamins, please call 020 8825 8200. Apply online at www.healthystart.nhs.uk

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