



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### 28th March 2025



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#### Mother's Day

We wish all our mothers a happy Mother's Day and hope that you get spoilt rotten by your children this Sunday. Back to reality on Monday unfortunately!



#### Times are changing!

The clocks are going to be springing forward this weekend which means brighter days ahead for the children to bike and scoot to school. The downside, getting up earlier but we will get used to it pretty soon. Clocks will go forward one hour at 1:00am on March 30, 2025.



#### Father Bernard

We have been given information on Father Bernard's funeral arrangements. His mortal remains will be received at the Church of Holy Rood, Exchange Road, Watford WD18 0PJ at 5pm on Monday 28 April. There will be a Requiem Mass at 7pm with Bishop Paul McAleenan presiding and Canon Norbert Fernandes giving the homily. The Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 29 April at 12noon in our church in Hanwell with the Cardinal presiding and Fr Richard Nesbitt giving the homily. Burial will follow at New Brentford Cemetery at 1.45pm.



#### Sunday 30th March 2025

Gospel: Luke 15:1-2, 11-32



*The vivid parable of the Prodigal Son, on the Father's patient love*

There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

## Upper Phase Lenten Fundraiser: A Quiz for a Cause

On Wednesday morning, the Hall was alive with excitement and energy as our Upper Phase children came together for a very special event, our Lenten Fundraiser Flag Quiz in aid of CAFOD. Inspired by this year's theme of being *Pilgrims of Hope*, the children showcased their incredible knowledge of world flags while raising money to bring hope to those in need across the globe. Children from Years 4, 5, and 6 worked brilliantly in mixed teams, cheering one another on and demonstrating not only impressive geography skills but also wonderful teamwork and school spirit. A huge thank you must go to all of the Upper Phase teachers for supporting this initiative. Special thanks to Mrs Llewellyn, whose organisation and dedication made the event possible. We are also incredibly grateful to Miss Smith and Miss Richardson, who brought the quiz to life with their engaging and captivating hosting—keeping everyone entertained from start to finish! Well done to all involved for making this such a joyful and meaningful event.



## Ensemble

The Ensemble performed for the school last Friday but it was too late to put into the newsletter. Click on the link below to view the performance:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WQkGGhFTsqqZ8fHuNPiILec9oxms1qqb/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WQkGGhFTsqqZ8fHuNPiILec9oxms1qqb/view?usp=drive_link)

A huge thank you to the children for their performance and to Mr Wesolowski for organising it. Well done to all.

## Music Evening

Yesterday, we held our music evening. This was a chance for the children who learn to play musical instruments or sing in the choir to showcase their skills. The children showed off their talents beautifully; I am always in awe of their dedication and talent. The hall was filled with beautiful singing and wonderful music; they all deserve to be on the West End stage. Thank you to Mr Wesolowski for organising the event and to Mr Brooks for helping out.





## Police Talk

PC Andy has been in for what turns out to be his final session with Year 6. The department within the West Area Police that goes into primary schools has been disbanded and we await contact from the Neighbourhood Police Team who may be able to arrange further visits. Today, PC Andy helped the children to consider decision-making based around bullying and gang culture and the importance of talking to an adult immediately if any problems or trouble starts. We followed a cartoon story of 'Max' - it was paused at points where Max had a decision to make and it was discussed with the children. When the animation continued, we saw what decision Max made and the consequences it had for him, his family and his future as he got more deeply involved in gang culture. PC Andy talked about other examples of the effects of gangs, all of which were negative and had lasting impacts on families and communities. The main messages were:

- Always report to an adult if anyone bullies you
- Do not 'look after' mystery bags for people, even if you think they are your friend
- A knife does not protect you - it is against the law to carry one and you could be sent to prison for up to two years
- Your decisions and actions affect others and your future
- You can get help from parents, teachers, police
- Helplines: Fearless 0800 555 111 or Child-line 0800 1111



## Catholic Social Teaching

### 1 Peter 4:8-11

'Serve one another with the gifts you have received.'

"The existence of each individual is deeply tied to that of others: life is not simply time that passes; life is a time for interactions." (Pope Francis, *Brothers and Sisters to Us* [*Fratelli Tutti*], no. 66)

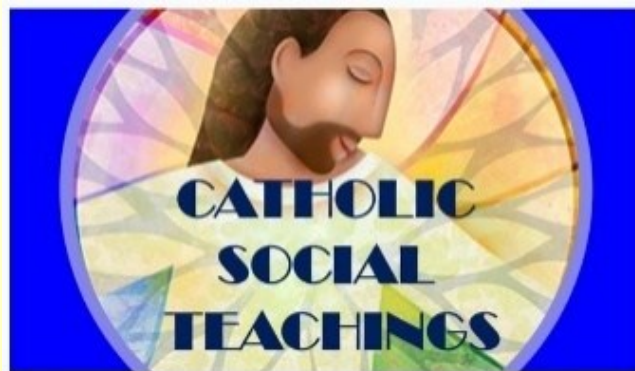
Let us reflect on these words as we continue our focus this term on 'Community and Participation.'

What special gifts or talents have you received?

In what way do you try to use these gifts or talents to help those around you?

Challenge:

Draw an image of yourself with the gifts you have received around you.



## PTA Easter Egg Raffle

Please have a look at the posters on the gates and at the back of this newsletter. The PTA is holding its annual Easter Egg Raffle and I hope you can be as generous as possible with donations and ticket purchases. Following a tally this morning, please see the numbers below for the Easter Egg Competition so far.

Upper Phase		Middle Phase		Lower Phase	
Class	Count	Class	Count	Class	Count
4AS	65	3SM	46	Nursery	104
4S	61	3DB	45	1SR	63
5AS	46	2CF	40	1AP	63
5AL	45	2AF	40	Ladyburds	60
4GS	43	3AR	39	1EB	54
6LI	41	2JB	34	Butterflies	50
5CR	41				
6MS	27				
6WL	15				
Totals	384		244		394

## My Little Chef at Home Cooking Club

This super club is taking booking for the summer term. Please see the flyer at the back and scan the QR code to find out more information and to make a booking. Or you can click the link:

<https://mylittlechefathome.classforkids.io/term/97>

## 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
Nur	Annie	For joining in with class discussion about the Jubilee.
RB	Esther	For fantastic writing about Jesus in the desert, well done!
RL	Helena	For being a wonderful prayer leader to our class.
1AP	Joyce	For her excellent retelling of what happened on Palm Sunday.
1EB	Jennifer	For thinking carefully about how we celebrate Palm Sunday today.
1SR	Rhys	For his thoughtful work on how he can use Lent as a time to change.
2AF	Nathaniel	For the wonderful invitation he created in our CST lesson.
2CF	Oliwier	For his engagement in our Catholic Social Teaching lesson.
2JB	Eyob	For his great knowledge of what happens on Ash Wednesday.
3AR	Ben	For identifying ways he participates within his parish community.
3DB	Anastasia	For thoughtful ideas during our Catholic Social Teaching on 'Community and Participation'.
3SM	Marian	For highlighting different qualities, skills and attitudes that would make a 'perfect' community with influences from Jesus' teaching.
4AS	Arianna	For showing a great understanding of how Lent brings us closer to God through the actions of 'pray, fast, give'.
4GS	Darina	For a lovely drawing that depicts the Easter story. Well done!
4S	Joseph	For being able to explain some actions of praying, fasting and giving in the season of Lent.
5AL	Jessica	For writing a very sophisticated diary entry of Judas' betrayal of Jesus.
5AS	Sophie	For showing excellent understanding of the links between artwork and scripture.
5CR	Noar	For brilliant understanding of the Easter story in our lessons this week!
6LI	Maya	For mature and reverent approach to Yr6's Way of the Cross.
6MS	Lorenzo	For his mature, expressive acting out of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Station of the Cross.
6WL	Julia	For her conscientious approach to preparing for her CST TED talk final next week.

## 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
Nur	Victoria	For gaining confidence in new situations.
RB	Hayk	For his improved effort in reading, well done!
RL	Hannah	For big improvement in writing, well done!
1AP	All of 1AP	For a fantastic Mother's Day assembly.
1EB	Thomas	For making super progress with his writing.
1SR	Ellie	For a great improvement when segmenting and blending new words.
2AF	William	For his exceptional knowledge of his times tables!
2CF	Francisco	For his positive attitude towards learning.
2JB	Nina	For her excellent effort to respond to feedback given in maths.
3AR	Teodor	For always giving 100% with his written tasks. Very well done!
3DB	Ansel	For an absolutely fantastic improvement in his handwriting!
3SM	Livia	For creating an excellent non-chronological report about Tobago.
4AS	Marie	For consistently demonstrating a positive attitude to learning.
4GS	Leon	For coming up with very interesting and ambitious sentences in his narrative. Well done!
4S	Sharon	For settling in well at St. Joseph's and 4S!
5AL	Reiko	For demonstrating a mature approach towards assessment week.
5AS	Kayden	For being an excellent role model for others.
5CR	Olivia	For great contributions in her lessons this week!
6LI	Georgina	For excellent focus on SATS preparation.
6MS	Leo	For his excellent reading in our Way of the Cross rehearsals.
6WL	Yasmin	For inspiring her class with her hard work learning all of the flags of Africa.

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	Valentina RL	For showing kindness and patience to your peers.
Middle	Alisa 3SM	For demonstrating excellently how to share Jesus' light with everyone she encounters!
Upper	Asher	For setting a good example for all children.

# ST JOSEPH'S TODDLER GROUP

## SPRING TERM DATES

7TH JANUARY

21ST JANUARY

4TH FEBRUARY

4TH MARCH

18TH MARCH

1ST APRIL

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



**FREE**

**online parenting workshop**



# **Managing the Stresses of Fatherhood: Coping with Pressure and Finding Balance**

Fatherhood is rewarding, but it can also bring significant stress and pressure. This workshop offers practical tools and strategies to recognise, manage and reduce stress, while maintaining your wellbeing.

Learn how to balance responsibilities, build resilience, and stay connected with what matters most - your family and yourself. Empower your journey as a father with confidence and calm.

Tuesday, 1st  
April 2025  
10am-12pm  
via MS Teams



Delivered by:  
Chris Kolade &  
Derek Willis  
Ealing Parenting  
Service

**Please note: This is a targeted workshop for men only.**

**email [parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk) to register your place**



**SUPPORTIVE  
ACTION FOR  
FAMILIES IN  
EALING**





ST JOSEPH'S PTA

# EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Please start sending chocolate Easter eggs for our upcoming raffle. Your child can drop them in the Easter egg box that's set up for each classroom. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



**2ND APRIL 2025**

Children only event.

Scan the QR code for tickets



£2 FOR 5 RAFFLE TICKETS (1 STRIP)  
£5 FOR 15 RAFFLE TICKETS (3 STRIPS)

[Click here to book online](#)

Raffle tickets are available for purchase online or in person.

Online: click the link above or scan the Qr code.

In person: The PTA will be selling raffle tickets at drop-offs and pick-ups starting from Wednesday 26th March.

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# COOKING CLUB

**Summer Term 2025  
w/c 28th Apr - 14th July**

**Tuesdays and Fridays  
3:20pm – 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



## Developing Life Skills:

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



**Our website**

[www.mylittlechefathome.co.uk](http://www.mylittlechefathome.co.uk)

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# HAYES & HANWELL FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE

**WHERE: GURU NANAK SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD ROAD, HAYES, UB4 0LT**

**WHEN: EVERY MONDAY (EXCLUDING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)**

**STARTING: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Group 1 - School Years Reception & Year 1 .....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 1)  
Group 2 - School Years 2 and 3.....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 2)  
Group 3 - School Years 4 and 5.....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 1)  
Group 4 - School Years 6 and 7.....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 2)

**WHERE: BRENTSIDE HIHG SCHOOL, GREENFORD AVENUE, LONDON, W7 1JJ**

**WHEN: EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**STARTING: WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025**

Group 1 - School Years Reception & Year 1 .....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 1)  
Group 2 - School Years 2 and 3.....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 2)  
Group 3 - School Years 4 and 5.....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 1)  
Group 4 - School Years 6 and 7.....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 2)

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last 25 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in April 2025. The course will run for 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

#### About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A qualified coaches**, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn **ESSENTIAL FOOTBALL TECHNIQUES**, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice.
- It is an **INDOOR** course held in Sports Halls, therefore trainers must be worn.
- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'American shoot out' and 'Penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation.
- The cost of the course is £8.50 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £34 due on week 1. **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

[www.prosoccercoaching.org](http://www.prosoccercoaching.org)

#### **TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE WHATSAPP:**

**HAYES OR HANWELL + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2, 3 or 4)**

and receive confirmation by text to: **07947 638 205** or **07880 798 762**

### **EASTER CAMPS**

We are also holding our very popular Easter camps @ Swakeleys School (Hillingdon, UB10 0EJ)

When: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April-Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April (Week 1) £100 per child, Siblings £60, Daily Rate £25

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April-Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April (Week 2) £80 per child, Siblings £50, Daily Rate £25

9.00am – 3.00pm for boys and girls aged 4 – 13.

**Each child will receive an engraved trophy.**

To Book please **Whatsapp:** SWAKELEYS EASTER CAMP + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE TO:

**07947 638 205** or **07880 798 762** to obtain confirmation and further details.