



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

9th May 2025



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### May, the Month of Mary

In the Catholic tradition, May is dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. This custom goes back many centuries and is rooted in the idea of May as a month of new life and beauty in nature; a fitting time to honour Mary, who brought new life into the world through her "yes" to God. This week the children have marked this by leading May Processions and crowning our statue of Mary. Each Phase held their own dedications.



Sunday 11th May 2025

Gospel: John 10:27-30



*Christ is the true Shepherd, who knows each one personally*

And Jesus said to his disciples: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

### Habemus Papam - We have a Pope!

On Wednesday, the College of Cardinals began the Conclave to select our next Pope. They requested that we pray for them, so that they may listen to the Holy Spirit as they discerned whom to elect as the next Pope. Their prayers were clearly answered as yesterday, white smoke floated over the Vatican signifying the election of a new Pope - Cardinal Robert Prevost has been elected as Pope Leo XIV. We will keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers for his work with the Church.



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### Father Julio

On Tuesday, Father Julio came to visit the children in the Early Years to talk about our church. He showed the children the oils used in Baptism and the host and chalice used during mass. He explained the importance of candles, which represents the light of Jesus. The children were beautifully behaved and were eager to ask Father Julio questions.



### Parent Questionnaire/Survey

Thank you to all the respondents of our parent survey back in March. I have had time to analyse the results and I thank the parent body for its candid responses. In total we received 141 parent replies which was enough to give us a fair idea of the 'temperature' of thoughts and feelings, although it would have been better if they were more filled in. Overall, I am very pleased with the survey responses, but recognise that there are some 'disagree' and 'strongly disagree' answers which we need to address. If you are a parent who gave either of those two answers to any of the questions, I would very much appreciate it if you would contact me so that I can understand your feelings. Please look at the back of the newsletter for the table of results.

### Year 4 Trip to Hampton Court Palace

On Thursday, Year 4 visited Hampton Court Palace as part of their Tudor topic in History. The children experienced several workshops. Some started outside with an in-depth explanation of Base Court and Clock Court. The workshops continued inside the palace including a visit to the Great Hall and other various rooms. Another workshop focused on trade and the children had to guess where items on show were from in the world. The children very much enjoyed Hampton Court Palace and many said that they would come back. Below is a picture of the free Open Days events so might be worth a visit. Thank you to Miss Smith, Mrs. Garcia and Ms. Safeer for leading the trip and to Mrs Dziedzic Korzen, Miss Barry, Mrs Corcoran, Ms Bone, Miss Hundel and parent helpers for making the trip the success that it was.





## Year 4 Hampton Court continued..



## Book Fair

The Book Fair arrives next week. It is a **half price** fair, so lots of bargains available. There will be a card reader to take payments.



## Free Online Workshops or help

Please look at the back of the newsletter for workshops and help on all manner of topics including:  
Overcoming Guilt and Fear in Fatherhood 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Different Strokes for Fathers 1<sup>st</sup> July

Previously, I have emailed you a flyer with links and QR codes for summer term workshops for parents from the Ealing Mental Health Support Team.

## St Joseph's Toddler Group

At the back of this newsletter please find the session dates and times for the summer term taking place in the Community Classroom at school.



## 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	Jolene	For talking about Mary, mother of Jesus.
RB	Hayk	For being a kind and thoughtful friend. Well done!
RL	Abesalat	For always helping others.
1AP	Luca	For understanding and explaining why all workers deserve to be treated fairly.
1EB	Filip	For good work when we were learning about the Dignity of Workers.
1SR	Liliana	For displaying a good understanding of all of the scripture covered so far in our Being Sorry topic.
2AF	Lily	For her beautiful drawing of a Hindu shrine.
2CF	Hayden	For sharing his knowledge on Hinduism with the class.
2JB	Zuzanna	For her excellent engagement and effort during her learning about Islam.
3AR	Kornelia	For her contributions when talking about the importance of Dignity for Workers during our Catholic Social Teaching lesson.
3DB	Freddie	For displaying a great understanding of how buying 'Fair Trade' products helps towards The Common Good.
3SM	Elly	For showing a fantastic understanding of the importance of dignity for workers.
4AS	All of 4AS	For excellently demonstrating our school values whilst on our trip to Hampton Court Palace!
4GS	Joseph	For clearly reading at the Crowning of Mary ceremony. Well done!
4S	Chipso	For an excellent understanding of how the Holy Spirit shapes the lives of Christians.
5AL	Isabelle	For her amazing contribution in lesson on the topic of Islam.
5AS	Anyah	For producing an excellent comic strip to retell the 'Road to Emmaus'.
5CR	Samuel	For a brilliant start to his comic strip explaining The Road to Emmaus story.
6LI	Olivier	For showing good knowledge about the Apostles and the early Christian Church.
6WL	Maddy	For creating a very detailed fact file about St Stephen.

## 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	Aaron	For being kind and helpful.
RB	Molly-Mae	For always learning with a smile!
RL	Alondra	For her wonderful improvement in her reading. Well done!
1AP	Arabella	For creating an amazing non-fiction report on a Panda.
1EB	Emilie	For her super efforts and progress in her reading.
1SR	Adam	For working hard to ensure he understood mass and volume.
2AF	All of 2AF	For all their hard work and wonderful Collective Worship Assembly!
2CF	Ola	For her wonderful independent work on fractions.
2JB	Elliot	For using conjunctions to link ideas.
3AR	Akanksha	For her positive attitude when approaching all aspects of her learning.
3DB	Angelo	For creating a fantastic 'Mind Map' to describe an Egyptian tomb.
3SM	Henry	For solving challenging problems in maths, involving non-unit fractions of a quantity.
4AS	Leon	For showing off his fantastic historical and botanical knowledge on our trip to Hampton Court Palace!
4GS	Thalia	For writing a convincing advert in English, using comparative and superlative adjectives as well as persuasive language. Well done!
4S	All of 4S	For representing St Joseph's beautifully on our trip to Hampton Court Palace!
5AL	Elijah	For always demonstrating the correct behaviour.
5AS	Sophie	For displaying excellent behaviour at all times.
5CR	Isla	For tracking the ball and working well as a fielder in PE lessons (Rounders)!
6LI	Olivia	For making thoughtful contributions to class discussions on VE Day.
6MS	Leo	For making a real effort to improve the presentation of his work. Keep it up.
6WL	Resa	For giving his best effort in all subjects.

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	Yonathan 1SR	For being a wonderful example of how children should work and behave at St Joseph's.
Middle	Joshua 3SM	For always being thoughtful and polite to both children and adults he encounters.
Upper	Melania 5AS	For showing compassion to those who are in need and allowing God's love to be a guide in her life.

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## Parent Questionnaire

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Faith is at the heart of our school, with all faiths valued and respected.	76.98% (107)	23.02% (32)	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)
The school provides opportunities for spiritual growth and development.	69.78% (97)	30.22% (42)	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)
Parents are welcomed to events in the school's 'Catholic life' – class assemblies, liturgies, services.	70.50% (98)	29.50% (41)	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)
My child is happy at St. Joseph's.	78.57% (110)	20.00% (28)	1.43% (2)	0.00% (0)
My child feels safe at St. Joseph's.	77.14% (108)	22.86% (32)	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)
Our school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	59.71% (83)	37.41% (52)	2.88% (4)	0.00% (0)
The school deals with cases of bullying (including persistent name calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying) effectively.	46.72% (64)	49.64% (68)	3.65% (5)	0.00% (0)
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	66.91% (93)	31.65% (44)	0.72% (1)	0.72% (1)
When I have raised concerns with staff, they have been dealt with in an effective and timely manner.	57.97% (80)	41.30% (57)	0.72% (1)	0.00% (0)
My child has Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND), and the school gives them the support they need. *	5.19% (7)	8.89% (12)	1.48% (2)	3.70% (5)
St. Joseph's has high expectations for my child.	54.29% (76)	44.29% (62)	1.43% (2)	0.00% (0)
My child does well at St. Joseph's	64.75% (90)	35.25% (49)	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)
The school lets me know if my child is falling behind.**	48.92% (68)	44.60% (62)	1.44% (2)	0.72% (1)
My child can take part in clubs and activities at St. Joseph's.	59.71% (83)	35.97% (50)	0.72% (1)	3.60% (5)
I am able to access news and celebrations about our community - Social Media, newsletter.	62.14% (87)	37.14% (52)	0.00% (0)	0.71% (1)
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	53.90% (76)	43.26% (61)	2.84% (4)	0.00% (0)

\*This question gave respondents the opportunity to answer 'not applicable' which made up 80.74% (109) of responses

\*\*This question gave respondents the opportunity to answer 'not applicable' which made up 4.32% (6) of responses



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**online parenting workshop**



## **Different Strokes for fathers: How men prioritise fatherhood**

Every dad approaches fatherhood differently, balancing priorities, responsibilities, and personal values in their own way.

This workshop celebrates the diverse ways men handle fatherhood and provides tools to help you navigate your unique path.

Gain insights, share experiences, and build a fatherhood approach that aligns with who you are.

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



Delivered by:  
Derek Willis & Chris  
Kolade  
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**



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# Overcoming Guilt & Fear in Fatherhood

## Navigating the Emotional Challenges

Fatherhood often brings feelings of guilt and fear—am I doing enough? Am I doing it right?

This workshop helps dads unpack these common emotions and provides tools to overcome them. Learn how to embrace your imperfections, build confidence, and focus on what truly matters: being present and intentional with your family.

**Please note:**

**This is a targeted workshop for men only.**

Tuesday, 3rd  
June 2025  
10am-12pm  
via MS Teams

Delivered by:  
Derek Willis &  
Chris Kolade  
Ealing Parenting  
Service

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### MENTAL HEALTH FOR DADS: PRIORITISING WELL-BEING AMIDST TABOOS

Fatherhood comes with unique mental health challenges, often compounded by societal taboos and assumptions.

Delivered by:  
Derek Willis &  
Chris Kolade  
Ealing Parenting Team

Tuesday, 6th  
May 2025  
10am-12pm  
via MS Teams

This workshop empowers dads to prioritise their mental health, break down stigmas, and build a supportive approach to well-being. Explore practical strategies to manage stress, boost resilience, and foster emotional strength—because a healthy dad makes for a thriving family.

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

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# Understanding Domestic Abuse and Toxic Relationships - a workshop for women

This session is open to women who would like to more knowledge of domestic abuse, and how this can impact on all aspects of life

This session will cover:

- Identifying what domestic abuse may look like
- How to recognise risk factors / red flags
- How to create a safety plan
- The importance of support networks
- How to rebuild confidence and self-esteem
- Where you can find support

Tuesday 29th  
April 2025  
10am-12pm

Delivered by Pat Chapman  
- SAFE Plus

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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**
- ☐ **Literacy**
- ☐ **Creativity**
- ☐ **Numeracy**
- ☐ **Independence**
- ☐ **Confidence**
- ☐ **Teamwork**
- ☐ **Problem Solving**



**Book online!**



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# ST JOSEPH'S TODDLER GROUP

## SUMMER TERM DATES

**29TH APRIL**

**13TH MAY**

**3RD JUNE**

**17TH JUNE**

**1ST JULY**

**15TH 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

# Children's Multi-Activity **HALF TERM & SUMMER** Holiday Camps

**Acton • Chiswick • Ealing  
Hanwell • Hammersmith  
Kensington • Shepherds Bush  
Uxbridge**

**27 May - 30 May**  
**w/c 21 July - 29 Aug\***  
*\*Start dates alter for all camps*  
**CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS**  
**7.45am-6pm  
& 9am-5pm**



May Half Term and Summer dates  
are now open on our website to book  
**[www.aktivacamps.com](http://www.aktivacamps.com)**

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Belmont Primary  
Mount Carmel Primary  
West Acton Primary  
John Locke Academy  
Brackenbury Primary  
St Mark's Primary  
Ark Brunel Primary**



**FULL WEEK SESSIONS**  
Short Day: 9am to 5pm - £176  
Full day: 7.45am to 6pm - £200  
**DAY SESSION**  
Short day - £44 Full day - £50  
**Childcare vouchers accepted**

**OUR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**  
Sports: Football, Netball, Hockey,  
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# MAY HALF-TERM CAMP



## VENUE

SWAKELEYS SCHOOL, CLIFTON GARDENS,  
UXBRIDGE, UB10 0EJ

## DATES

TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

## TIME

9AM-3PM

## AGE

4-13 YEARS

## PRICES

£80 FOR THE WEEK  
£50 ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS  
£25 FOR DAY RATES

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