

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Pupils, Parents, Staff and Governors,

**Another busy week at St. Joseph's with a wonderfully interactive visit from The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Robert Rigby** to discuss his passion for the Daily Mile. The Lord Mayor has asked me to pass on his thanks for his wonderful welcome and insightful questions as well as his huge appreciation and support for the healthy initiatives St. Joseph's have undertaken. Robert Rigby wanted to pay particular thanks to our exemplary Year 6 children who joined the Mayor himself in completing the Daily Mile around the AstroTurf.

A warm invite is extended to all for our Welcome Mass to KS1 and KS2 parents and children on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September here at school, in the hall at 9:00. We look forward to seeing you all then.**

This week we were also visited by Mrs Moulinet, Lay Chaplain for the SJSCAT who has asked me to pass on this message:

**In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024** has been designated a 'Year of Prayer' by Pope Francis. A year dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer", as the Pope said. Indeed, prayer is the breath of faith!

**If 2024 has gone so fast that you haven't seen real changes in your prayer, it is not too late!** Let September and October be the time to bring a fresh start to choose or renew your attachment to God. As a family, as an academy, the SJSCAT will offer opportunities to pray together and to pray for one another. I wish you a fruitful academic year, sure of the power of prayer!

Thank you once again to all parents in KS1 and KS2 for your support during our Curriculum Meetings last week. Please note, the Reception class meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30 in the Reception classroom. Nursery will have their meeting at the beginning of October once all of the children have settled.

## Healthy Eating

**Children in Nursery, Reception Year 1 and 2 do not need to bring fruit.** The Government provides a selection of fruit for EYFS and KS1, which is distributed accordingly. **Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 must bring a piece of fruit or vegetable. This should only be a small snack because we would want to encourage children to enjoy break-time and not spoil their appetite for lunch.**

Please see the list of possible options available to KS2 children: **cucumber, carrot sticks, apples, tangerines, celery, raisins, pears, bananas, oranges, grapes, dried seaweed, cherry tomatoes, dried mango slices, fresh mango, pineapple etc.** This is not an exhaustive list but we are a Healthy Eating School which means that **we will not** permit snacks that are unhealthy. Any child bringing in crisps, biscuits, sweets, chocolate bars or granola bars will have these confiscated until the end of the school day. Children may not share their snacks with other children because of

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possible adverse allergic reactions. Finally, we are a **NO NUT** school and therefore cannot accept cereal bars for fear of cross contamination. All children should bring a **labelled water bottle**.

Our new blue PE T-Shirt will be available in the next few weeks. Please do not worry if your child is still using the former white PE T-shirt. **This will be a transition year and the new blue version will be available soon from Ace Clothing as usual.**

**Our SJSA have an exciting array of fund-raising events for us all to look forward to. Please note that the AGM is now on October 8<sup>th</sup> and all parents are invited.** More details to follow.

**Our ever successful partnership with Forest School in Paddington Rec** will continue for Children in Reception Class to Year 4 for this academic year. Mrs Harrington will be emailing with the small contribution we ask parents to make so this activity can take place.

**Next Friday sees the return of our MacMillan Coffee Morning.** Over the years, St Joseph's has raised over £20,000 for this wonderful and worthwhile cause. We will be holding our usual Coffee Morning on Friday between 8:15 and 9:45 in the school hall. Please join us. If you are unable to attend but would still like to donate please use this link <https://cm24.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm24022347>

## Introducing SJSA's "Odd Socks Day"

**The first Odd Socks Day will be on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September IN AID OF Macmillan.** Encourage the kids to enjoy wearing their brightest mismatched socks, and please support the cause by bringing a cake (NUT FREE, labelled with ingredients), a raffle prize, and/or £1 to help raise funds for Macmillan. Thank you all in advance for your continued support as we get ready for this exciting event! Your donations are so valued and well appreciated. **Please pass donations to the school office before Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September.**

Please do visit the school website and find useful information on our Kapow Curriculum Overview for Science and for Foundation Subjects. Please use this link: <https://www.stjosephsschool.org.uk/academic-subjects> or visit the website and go to Curriculum, Academic Subjects and then scroll down to Foundation Subjects and follow the links.

Our School Association will also be holding a **Second Hand Uniform sale under the canopy outside the Year 3 Classroom.**

As many prospective parents are looking at primary schools for the next academic year, we will be holding an Open Morning on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10:00-12:00. **This morning is for prospective Nursery and Reception Parents only.** Please do share with families who may not be at St Joseph's already.

May God bless you and keep you safe,

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 Mr K Bowles

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
REC Miss Chani	-	-
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Federico	Gabriella
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Alistair	Manu
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Maxim	Xavier
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan & Miss Jackson	Nina	Giulia
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Nahla	Ryon
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Fernando	Teddy
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Isabelle	Jacob

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	94.3%	0.3%
Y1 PINK 1	97.9%	0.6%
Y1/2 PINK 2	94.4%	0.7%
Y2 PINK 3	98.2%	0.3%
Y3 BLUE 1	96.3%	0.3%
Y4 BLUE 3	97.0%	0.5%
Y5 VIOLET 1	93.8%	0.4%
Y6 VIOLET 3	87.6%	1.1%
Totals	94.9%	0.5%

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

### September

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Visiting students from St. Ursula's Hanover

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Welcome Mass for KS1 & KS2 @9am school hall  
Climate Workshop Y4

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Curriculum meetings Reception class @ 9:10am

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Macmillan Coffee Morning  
Secondhand uniform sale  
Feast of St Vincent de Paul (classroom sessions)

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

Poetry week begins  
Y2 Pink 3 visiting Forest School pm

### October

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

Feast of St Therese de Lisieux  
Climate Workshop Y4  
Children's lunchtime Rosary club begins

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Poet Idol Assembly  
Climate workshop Y5 pm

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

No celebration assembly  
Feast of St. Francis (classroom sessions Y5&Y6)

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

Phonics Workshop Y1 9:10am  
Y5 Violet 1 local area visit (geography)pm

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

SJSA AGM  
Climate Workshop Y4

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Climate workshop Y5 pm

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Rec visiting Forest School am (half class)  
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## Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Bible session talk KS1  
Climate Workshop Y4

## Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Pink 1 visiting Forest School am (half class)  
Pink 2 visiting Forest School pm (half class)

## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Climate workshop Y5 pm

## Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9am KS1 & KS2 Harvest celebrations  
Climate Workshop Y4

## Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Parent Teacher Consultation 2 – 5:30pm

## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

Climate Workshop Y5  
Parent Teacher Consultation 3 – 6:30pm  
Term ends 3:30pm

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

**Inset day (staff professional training day)**

## Half term

## November

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

Term begins  
Feast of All Saints

## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Flu immunization team Rec – Y6 (nasal spray)

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Y3 Blue 1 visiting Forest School am  
Y4 Blue 3 visiting Forest School pm

## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

Open day for prospective parents Rec and Nursery 2025