

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Monday 30th September 2024

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

As our first term progresses, **I am so pleased to report that all the children have settled into their respective classes and new routines. Thank you to parents and families for their continued support.** I hope our Curriculum Meetings have proven helpful and given an overview of the year.

Teachers will be updating class website pages over the next few weeks: please do look there for further information. **Our Nursery class will have their Curriculum Meeting in the last week of this term.** Additionally, please see below for Parent Teacher Consultation on Thursday 17th October from. As usual, Mrs Dunphy will send booking information via parentmail to parents in plenty time for these meetings.

Fr. Alex opened our school year with a special Welcome Mass this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us on the day. Our strong connection with Our Lady's is bolstered by many masses, teaching sessions and visits to our school. As some of you may be aware, **Sr. Brigid and Mrs Moulinet (Lay Chaplain for the Trust and parent at St Joseph's)** help to lead our Pupil Chaplaincy Team in school. **Thank you to FR. Kevin, Fr. Alex and Sr. Brigid for their continued and dedicated support, this year and indeed every year.**

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a wonderful success. There are too many parents to thank individually here, but thank you for helping us to organise the day. Notwithstanding the rainy morning, early indications show the final figure raised was over £2000. Thank you to all parents who joined us and donated prizes for the raffle. **Thank you to Winkworth, Maida Vale for their generous sponsorship also. Special thanks to the children for their Silly Sock Day** - your contributions helped us to raise such an impressive figure. My thanks indeed to **Aimee and Lars in year 5 for their judging skills!**

Our pre-loved uniform sale was as busy as ever. **Thank you to Mrs Marsili and the parents who helped sell.** On the topic of school uniform, I have been asked by several parents if the school logo badge can be purchased separately and applied at home, to generic school uniform. I shall investigate further and update parents when I have more information. **Please note, many school uniform items which the children can wear unbranded are noted on the school's website, uniform page.** A gentle reminder that children should wear trainers for PE, on PE days only. **Please can I ask that children wear the green school coat. This item means teachers can identify children from St Joseph's on school trips and when travelling around in central London. Thank you for your understanding.**

This week sees the return of our annual Poetry Week. Children across the school have been rehearsing and will be performing on **Friday, 4th October, from 9:10 in the school hall.** Children in years 1-6 will be performing in our special Poetry Week Assembly. **Please note, this assembly will not be a usual certificate assembly. As in previous years, children across the school have the opportunity to design Christmas cards and other accessories for parents to purchase.** Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will complete these during their Art lessons at school. **Children in Years 4,5 and 6 will bring home the templates this week and should return to school by next Monday, 7th October at the latest.** **Colleagues from Westminster City Council, Local Councillors and members of our Governing Body** have been discussing the parking situation during school drop

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off and collection. Options are currently being explored to alleviate the some of the traffic congestion and hazardous parking which, in turn, impacts negatively on the safety of our children. I must therefore reiterate my request, please show consideration when dropping off and picking up and do not block our neighbours and the road - Randolph Avenue. An increased traffic warden presence will be in operation in the next fortnight to try and alleviate this situation and fines may be issued if parking infractions occur. **Please do not park, even briefly, adjacent to the school gates: this is very dangerous because so many of the children use these entrances. On Saturday, 9th November between 10:00 and 12:00 there will be an Open Morning for prospective Nursery and Reception parents for September 2025 entry.** Please do share with parents who may not be in our school at present.

With best wishes,

Dr N. Viana and Mr. K Bowles

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
REC Miss Chani	-	-
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Mateo	Karrel
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Tilly	Risara
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Victor	Kieran
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan & Miss Jackson	-	-
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	-	-
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Elisa	Sophia-Lynne
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Lara	Harvey

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	89.4%	0.5%
Y1 PINK 1	97.2%	0.0%
Y1/2 PINK 2	91.4%	1.4%
Y2 PINK 3	99.3%	0.7%
Y3 BLUE 1	95.6%	1.2%
Y4 BLUE 3	93.5%	0.4%
Y5 VIOLET 1	98.7%	0.3%
Y6 VIOLET 3	97.8%	2.2%
Totals	95.4%	0.8%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

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October

Tuesday 1st

Feast of St Therese de Lisieux

Climate Workshop Y4

Children's lunchtime Rosary club begins

Thursday 3rd

Climate workshop Y5 pm

Rugby competition teams from KS2 @ Regent's Park

Friday 4th

Poet Idol Assembly

Feast of St. Francis (classroom sessions Y5&Y6)

Monday 7th

Phonics Workshop Y1 9:10am

Y5 Violet 1 local area visit (geography) pm

Tuesday 8th

SJSA AGM

Climate Workshop Y4

Friday 11th

Cross Country competition, teams from KS2 @ Regent's Park

Climate workshop Y5 pm

Monday 14th

Rec visiting Forest School am (half class)

Rec visiting Forest School pm (half class)

Tuesday 15th

Bible session talk KS1

Climate Workshop Y4

Wednesday 16th

Pink 1 visiting Forest School am (half class)

Pink 2 visiting Forest School pm (half class)

Thursday 17th

Climate workshop Y5 pm

Tuesday 22nd

9am KS1 & KS2 Harvest celebrations

Climate Workshop Y4

Wednesday 23rd

Parent Teacher Consultation 2 – 5:30pm

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Thursday 24th

Climate Workshop Y5

Parent Teacher Consultation 3 – 6:30pm

Term ends 3:30pm

Friday 25th

Inset day (staff professional training day school closed)

Half term

November

Friday 1st

Feast of All Saints

Monday 4th

Term begins

Tuesday 5th

Flu immunization team Rec – Y6 (nasal spray)

Thursday 7th

Y3 Blue 1 visiting Forest School am

Y4 Blue 3 visiting Forest School pm

Saturday 9th

Open day – drop in session from 10am-12pm (for prospective parents Rec and Nursery 2025)