

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

**Thank you to all parents** who joined Y5 and Y6 for the Little Venice Ward's Christmas Light Switch On. This was certainly a wonderful start to our Advent Season and I was extremely proud of our children's exemplary behaviour. On Tuesday, Fr Alex will be giving our Early Years children a fitting teaching session on the Advent theme with a dedicated Advent Assembly especially for our younger pupils. Our KS2 children will also be attending Advent Masses at Our Lady's this week and we look forward to them sharing their Advent prayers and promises.

**Many thanks to Miss Donnellan, our RE lead,** and Fr. Alex who led us all in the values of St John Southworth during our Spirituality Day last Tuesday. All of us learnt so much about St John Southworth, our academy patron, and the three core values of dignity, perseverance and service. Last Wednesday, our Children's University membership enabled our Y6 to enjoy Winter Wonderland – it was such a fantastic day that even the inclement weather could not stop the dazzling smiles on everyone's faces.

**Our next fundraiser is the annual SJSA Christmas Ball on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** and tickets are now on sale. Please do contact the SJSA if you would like to support this amazing event.

**Thank you to those Y4, Y5 and Y6 parents who have already signed up their children for the auspicious carol singing service at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December. This is your last chance to sign up so please do not delay and see the attached letter.** Mr Bowles and I will be accompanying all of those children and parents attending, **leaving St. Joseph's at 12 on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, so that we can meet all of the participating schools outside Westminster Cathedral at 1pm. **Please do not hesitate to ask me or Mr Bowles or indeed Miss Murphy, if you would like any further information regarding this event.**

The first candle on an Advent wreath represents hope and the anticipation of Christ's coming. Let us join together in praying that we find hope,

***Heavenly Father, as we begin the road to Bethlehem, may your light fill our hearts with hope. Grant us the strength to hold on and the courage to move forward.***

***Amen***

May God bless you and keep you safe,

Dr. N. Fernandes-Viana

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MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Maximillian	Luna
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Christopher	Manuel
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Nancy	Atia
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan & Miss Jackson	Audrey & Nicholas	Olivia & Valery
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	James	Jacopo
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Harrison	Lars
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Gisella	Eduardo

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	96.2%	0.8%
Y1 PINK 1	97.6%	2.0%
Y1/2 PINK 2	97.4%	3.9%
Y2 PINK 3	97.5%	2.9%
Y3 BLUE 1	95.1%	1.5%
Y4 BLUE 3	98.7%	1.6%
Y5 VIOLET 1	95.5%	0.7%
Y6 VIOLET 3	91.3%	4.3%
Totals	96.2%	2.2%

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

Pink 3 visiting Forest School

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Spirituality Day

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Y6 visiting Winter Wonderland

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

Art Workshop Year 5 am

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

Last day for adult winter coat donation

## December

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## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Aim High Writing workshop Y5 & Y6 representatives

Last week of afterschool clubs

Y5 & Y6 attending Little Venice Ward's Christmas lights switch on @5:30pm

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

EYFS & KS1 Advent Assembly with Fr Alex @ 9am

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Art Workshop Year 5

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Nativity - school hall @2pm

Y6 attending Light up a Life service @ St. John's Wood Church

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Reception Nativity play to parents – school hall @ 10am

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Pink 1 visiting Forest School am

Pink 2 visiting Forest School pm

@ZSL London visiting Santa & the animals

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Y5 Art Workshop am

KS1 Nativity to parents – school hall @ 9:30am Y1 PARENTS ONLY

KS1 Nativity to parents – school hall & 2pm Y2 PARENTS ONLY

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 invited to sing Carols at Lord's Cricket Ground.

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

Westminster Cathedral Carol Singing service

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

The Greediest Elf production for Nursery and Pink classes only

KS2 carol service 2pm @ the Church of Our Lady's

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Science Day (potions workshop) Y4 & Y5 @ Middlesex University

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

School Christmas lunch

Class parties

Non uniform day

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

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School Ends @ 1:30pm