

Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

It was a pleasure to welcome **Georgia Gould OBE**, Member of Parliament for Queen's Park and Maida Vale, to our Celebration Assembly today. Having met with the Head Boy and Head Girl, Student Council, and Pupil Chaplaincy Group, Georgia Gould was impressed by our children's enthusiasm for learning, confidence and love for their school. It was always a delight for us to see our children shine.

I am also pleased to share some exciting news with you concerning the visit of the **Deputy Mayor of London in April**. The latter will be sharing a lunchtime experience with our KS2 children. I must thank our fantastic Kitchen Team and Mr Lambot, who will bring his catering talents to this event to showcase our healthy school initiative. Indeed, we are immensely proud to say that our Kitchen Team have received top marks for their cleanliness and hygiene standards. These rigorous and lengthy checks are carried out by representatives from the Local Authority without any prior warning. **Our team scored 5 out of 5 in all areas. Many thanks for their continued dedication and commitment to our children.**

Celebrating World Book Week, which commences on Monday 3rd of March, we would love to welcome any parents or family members who would like to share a favourite book with their child's class. **Please approach your child's class teacher to arrange an afternoon slot, over the next week.**

Thursday 6th March will be the culmination of our celebrations of all things literary. We ask that children come to school dressed as their favourite character with an accompanying book, if possible. Many thanks, as always for your support.

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Westminster Primary Schools Swimming Gala this week. The children's efforts were rewarded by a very close second place. Well done to all who took part and thank you for representing our school with such wonderful sportsmanship.

I am also delighted to announce that we have been contacted by the Series Producer at Love Productions; the production company behind **The Great British Bake Off**. Applications for the **11th series of Junior Bake Off** - a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain – are now open. With this in mind, we have been contacted in the hope that we can share this exciting opportunity with our KS2 children. Interested bakers (between 9 and 15 years old only) can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk (see attached flyer for further details). **Filming would take place from July 2025, but applications close on Sunday 23rd March 2025.**

Please do feel free to use the contact details below should you have any questions or queries:

Junior Bake Off Team 0207 067 4833

applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

Miss Ward has asked me to share the following message from the charity drive for St John's Hospice.

Love and appreciation filled the air at St. Joseph's on Friday 14th February. Compliments were flowing and the donation tins were filling up quickly. The children and staff at St. Joseph's dressed up in pink and red to raise money for St. John's Hospice. St. John's Hospice does an incredible job looking after those who are in need. Thank you for your kindness and generosity, not just on that particular day, but always. We look forward to telling you how much we raised - the donation tins were heavy!

Additionally, funds have been tallied for Winston's Wish from our charity collection in December. **I am pleased to say we raised over £300 for this worthwhile cause.** **Winston's Wish supports** bereaved children and their families in times of need. Thank you to all for helping us to show our support.

In other news, our KS2 children have been invited to take part in the **Diocese of Westminster Schools Singing Programme's Official Jubilee Hymn Video**. As you will be aware, the theme of this Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and, Yvette Murphy – Westminster Choral Director and singing teacher for our KS2 children – has been teaching our children the Official Jubilee Hymn:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/inno-giubileo-2025.html>

We are therefore very pleased to have been considered to take part in this project which will include as many of the WSSP schools as possible. I am certain that this will be a prayerful and rewarding experience for our children, allowing them to showcase their learning of the Official Jubilee Year and encouraging them to reflect on how Catholics across the Diocese, and the world, come together in song and celebration, raising their voices in unison to God. If you would like a sense of what this will look like, Miss Murphy has kindly sent us this example from the Diocese of Salford: <https://fb.watch/xpV63zJljU/>.

During this time in which our beloved Pope Francis is so unwell, suffering from respiratory and kidney problems, all of the schools in the SJSCAT have come together to pray for him. We have begun a special novena for the Holy Father – nine days of prayer to obtain special graces or make special petitions. This time for reflection and spiritual healing started on Wednesday 26th February and will conclude on Thursday 6th March, with the prayer being said in the morning and the afternoon. Please do share this prayer with your children and your families.

Repeat this Novena daily for 9 days

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Christ Crucified, we humbly ask that You pour out Your grace on Pope Francis. May his suffering be united with Your Holy Cross for Your people.

Please heal and strengthen him in faith, hope and love.

Lord, we ask that You assist Pope Francis in doing Your Divine Will each day for the benefit of Your Holy Church. May this time of suffering for the Holy Father bring him closer to You.

May the suffering of the Pope remind us that there is meaning and power in our own suffering when it is united with the suffering of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Lord, help us to place our trust in You in all matters. Give us all the grace to grow in holiness, virtue and faith every day of our lives. We especially ask in this novena for (mention your intentions here). Mary, Un-doer of Knots, pray for the knot of illness to be undone for Pope Francis and all others who are sick and suffering today. All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

In the spirit of encouraging a prayerful community, we would also like to share our **Lay Chaplain's invitation** to come together in prayer. Please see below:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly invite you to take a moment to rest in God's hands by joining our monthly prayer session on Teams, held on the **first Friday of each month from 2:45 to 3:00 pm**. Find below the dates and link.

Together, we will gather in prayer, share a Gospel reading, and offer our prayer intentions. This is a time to pause, give thanks, pray for one another and our community, and entrust our families to God's care, especially as Lent begins.

We hope you can join us for this peaceful and grounding moment of Faith, a time to renew the Hope given during this year of Jubilee.

God bless,

Caroline Moulinet

March 7th

May 2nd

June 6th

July 4th

[Join the prayer on Teams here](#)

Meeting ID: **372 905 578 739**

Passcode: **noFQnG**

Junior Adventures Group will be hosting their **Holiday Club** here at St Joseph's. Please see their website for booking details.

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-maida-vale/>

Ace Clothing has asked me to share their special offer. Please see below for details.

The offer details are as follows:

- **Discount:** 15% off
- **Minimum Spend:** £50
- **Dates:** 23.01.2025 - 28.02.2025
- **How to Avail:** Enter Code **15OFF50** at checkout
- **Website:** www.aceclothing.co.uk

DEADLINE TO UPLOAD PROMISES - Friday March 7th

The Auction - Saturday 29th March 2025

Thank you all - many items are now starting to come in but we need MANY MORE! Parents & Friends please ensure you have uploaded your promises by next Friday March 7th.

THANK YOU!

[Auction Donation Link](#)

Not sure what to donate? Want to brainstorm some ideas? Come stop by our table Friday after school on 28th February and 7th March to discuss. We already have promises of holiday homes, authentic Italian dinners, MMA lessons, a signed Arsenal jersey and more!

The auction team will be in touch with you to coordinate pick up of your item if needed.

Tickets are now available on the 'Ticket' page of our Auction Website. The items you will be bidding for on March 29th will begin to be uploaded and on display on the Auctria website the week commencing March 10th.

You can get your tickets here: [Ticket Link](#)

We are also still taking submissions for St. Joseph's First Annual Carpool Karaoke!

Register your team and entry donation on the PayPal link: [HERE](#)

Record a 30-60 second clip of your favourite 80s jam

Upload your video and team details on this form: [HERE](#)

Start building your bidding teams and plan your budgets! You don't want to miss out!

We are still looking for a few volunteers for the day of the auction. Please let us know if you can help out with setting up in the afternoon or can come an hour or two early before the event.

Many thanks!

SJSA Auction Team 2025

MERITS AND AWARDS 28th FEBRUARY 2025		
NAME		
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Eli	Gabi
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Oliver	Alicia
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Melina	Mia
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan & Miss Jackson	Cecilia	Giovanni
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Antonella	Mia
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Agustin	Vlad
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Eduardo	Hector

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY 24th January 2025

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	85.6%	0.3%
Y1 PINK 1	83.8%	0.0%
Y1/2 PINK 2	90.4%	0.9%
Y2 PINK 3	96.1%	1.1%
Y3 BLUE 1	94.3%	0.5%
Y4 BLUE 3	91.9%	0.3%
Y5 VIOLET 1	95.2%	1.0%
Y6 VIOLET 3	91.3%	0.4%
Totals	91.1%	0.6%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

March

Monday 3rd

Arrival of Living Eggs in EYFS
 Writing Workshop Pink classes am
 Pink 3 visiting Forest School pm

Wednesday 5th

Ash Wednesday services at school for KS1 & 2 @ 2:30pm in hall

Thursday 6th

World Book Day
 Y2 Pink 3 visiting the Floating Classroom 10 – 2pm
 Pink 2 visiting the Library

Friday 7th

Y1 Pink 1 visiting the Floating Classroom 10 – 2pm
Y6 – Junior Citizenship Scheme @ Transport Museum

Monday 10th

Individual and sibling photographs am

Friday 11th

Lent assembly KS1 & 2

Wednesday 12th

Science & DT day Year 1 – 5
Great Invention Exhibition for Y6
Pink 2 visiting the Floating Classroom 10 – 2pm
Pink 3 visiting the Library

Thursday 13th

Science Workshop Assembly

Friday 14th

Living Eggs leave

Monday 17th

St Patrick's Day Assembly led by Y3 Blue 1

Tuesday 18th

Sacrament of Reconciliation service for Y5 & Y6 @ 9 am
Y5 visiting Floating Classroom 10 – 2pm

Wednesday 19th

Feast Day of St Joseph the husband of Mary
Y4 visiting the Floating Classroom 10 – 2pm

Friday 21st

Y6 visiting the Floating Classroom 10- 2pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation service for Y6 @ 11am
Year 3 visiting the library pm

Monday 24th

Reception visiting Forest School am
Reception visiting Forest School pm

Tuesday 25th

Sacrament of Reconciliation service for 4 @ 9am
Year 5 visiting the library pm

Wednesday 26th

Pink 1 visiting Forest school am
Pink 2 visiting Forest school pm

Friday 28th

Mother's Day Assembly @ 2:20pm

Saturday 29th

SJSA Annual Auction

APRIL

Tuesday 1st

Y3 Palm Sunday Liturgy @ 9:30am

Nursery visiting the Floating Classroom 10 – 2pm

Wednesday 2nd

Y4 Last Supper Liturgy @ 9:30am

Rec visiting the Floating Classroom 10 – 2pm

Thursday 3rd

Y5 Good Friday Liturgy @ 9:30am

Rec visiting the Floating Classroom 10 – 2pm

Friday 4th

Y6 Resurrection Liturgy @ 9:30am

School ends 1:30pm

Easter Break Monday 7th April – 21st April

Tuesday 22nd

Term begins

Y6 Police Transition Workshop part 1

Wednesday 23rd

Y6 Police Transition Workshop part 2

Parent Teacher Consultations day 1 years 1 – 6

Thursday 24th

Y3 visiting Forest School am

Y4 visiting Forest School pm

Parent Teacher Consultations day 2 years 1 – 6