

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

It was a pleasure to welcome **Father Alex to our school this week and to receive his spiritual guidance during this, our first 10 days of Lent.** During this time of prayer, alms-giving and reflection, we would like to share our Lay Chaplain's reflection with you all:

In your prayers, please entrust St. Joseph's Chelsea Jubilee pilgrimage, which will take place on March 18th. May the Holy Spirit pour His blessings upon the pilgrims who will walk that day. Let us also entrust to God's care all the giving days around the Trust: may Lent bring a spirit of almsgiving to all to support our mission. And let us entrust all our private intentions as well.

And God bless you! St. John Southworth, pray for us!

With a focus on our **Love in Action and Catholic Life, we were also delighted to welcome Mal Hurdidge from The Passage, Homeless Charity Action Group.** Our children were respectful and compassionate during this presentation which highlighted some of the difficulties faced by those who find themselves living on the streets of London. We will continue to support this worthy charity during Lent.

Huge thanks and appreciation to all of our parents who strongly supported our World Book Week fundraising events. I am pleased to announce that we were able to raise £1874 which, in turn, means that we have earned £1124 in Scholastic Rewards for our school. This will certainly continue to contribute to our literary enrichment throughout the school. **Thank you to all for your support.**

On Tuesday, we welcomed over 40 teachers from across the Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust including School Leaders. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to work together as members of the SJSCAT and to showcase our children's excellent work as well as to welcome others to our beautiful school. **Teachers from all of the schools were incredibly impressed by our children's work, displays and warmth displayed upon their arrival.**

Our children delighted in all things **Scientific and Design Technology based on Wednesday** with thoroughly engaging investigations including Slime Fairies in Early Years, Rocket-Making in KS1 and Armoured Vehicle design and construction in KS2. **Thank you to our two Miss Wards for organising such a fact-filled, fun and engaging day.** Our children will treasure these memories throughout their learning journeys.

I would also like to remind you that applications for the **11th series of Junior Bake Off** are now open. Interested bakers (between 9 and 15 years old only) can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk (see attached flyer for further details). **Filming**

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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

Mrs Morrin has a message in preparation for **Mathletics World Maths Day, Wednesday 26th March 2025.**

We will be encouraging the children (at home and at school) to complete as many Mathletics online tasks over the next two weeks.

There will be a KS1 and KS2 class prize for the top score and participation rate so lets get practising.

St Joseph's School Auction - Doors Open 6:30 Saturday 29th March 2025

Thank you all for your generous donations and auction promises - we have had 54 families donate over 80 items. The deadline for accepting auction items has now closed.

Online Auction - Goes Live Monday March 17th 8:00 pm

There are many amazing items up for grabs on the online auction, both donated by local businesses and parents. Bidding will close on Saturday March 29th (the evening of the auction) Remember, to bid on an online auction item you must register for an Auctria account.

Check out the auction website here: [Auction Website](#)

Tickets are now available on the 'Ticket' page of our Auction Website. The items you will be bidding for on March 29th - you can see all of the items going under the hammer for bidding on the Auctria website.

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

Art Preview - Friday March 28th 3:15 School Hall

Come and view the amazing work the art team have put together with the children over the past few weeks. View all the class artwork that will be available to bid on at the auction, straight after school pick up.

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

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1. Register your team and entry donation on the PayPal link: [HERE](#)
2. Record a 30-60 second clip of your favourite 80s jam
3. 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!

Food Donations!

It wouldn't be a St. Joseph's Auction without food brought in by our parents. Please sign up to bring a dish to share, or some nibbles. Please ensure the food you bring is nut free.

You can sign up to donate a dish here: [Food Sign Up](#)

Thank you to our amazing team of volunteers, from Art to soliciting local businesses, to get the hall auction ready, we couldn't do it without you.

Many thanks!

SJSA Auction Team 2025

During this, our Jubilee Year, let us come together as Pilgrims of Hope and join in the following prayer and reflection:

Jubilee Prayer for Schools

God, our Loving Father

In this Jubilee Year,

You remind us of our call to love Creation

Help us to work together

To replant, repair and renew

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of Hope

Jesus, our Light

In this Jubilee Year,

You remind us of our call to love our neighbours

And to set free those who suffer

Help us to treat everyone with dignity

To be fair, forgiving and kind

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of Hope

Holy Spirit, our Inspiration

In this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our call to grow in faith and love

Help us to hear you in scripture, to see Jesus in others

And to be united as God's global family

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope

Amen

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Reflection

Hoping that our problems will resolve themselves isn't Hope; it's an illusion.

Hoping that everything will work out because "I feel it will" isn't Hope; it's just optimism.

Hoping for things to improve without taking action isn't Hope; it's passivity.

True Hope is something else.

It's an inner strength, a gift from God, that doesn't depend on circumstances or our emotions.

True Hope is believing, even in trials, that God is there—faithful and active.

True Hope is a choice and a practice.

Hope may fade, optimism may waver sooner or later, but Hope rooted in faith in God remains solid as a rock.

Choose Hope, and let Christ illuminate your path.

Dr. N. Viana

Mr. K. Bowles

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MERITS AND AWARDS 7 th MARCH 2025		
NAME	MERIT	AWARD
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Sybil	Mateo
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Alexander	Elizabeth
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Pink 3	Nancy
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan & Miss Jackson	Lucas	Amerlia
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Alexi	Danny
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Louis	Teddy
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Louis	Lara

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY 24th January 2025

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	91.5%	0.3%
Y1 PINK 1	92.5%	0.4%
Y1/2 PINK 2	93.5%	3.0%
Y2 PINK 3	97.1%	1.1%
Y3 BLUE 1	98.3%	1.0%
Y4 BLUE 3	98.1%	1.3%
Y5 VIOLET 1	92.1%	1.0%
Y6 VIOLET 3	89.1%	0.9%
Totals	94.0%	1.1%

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PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Philip	Diego

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PINK3 Miss S Ward	Keira	Lukas
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan & Miss Jackson	Joshua	I an
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Alex	Agathe, Emily & Ryon
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Kiel	Riyu & Loic
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Georgina	Isabelle

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

March

Monday 17th

St Patrick's Day Assembly

Tuesday 18th

Sacrament of Reconciliation service for 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

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Friday 21st

Y6 visiting the Floating Classroom 10- 2pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation service for Y5 @ 11am
Y3 visiting 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
Veolia orchard planting visiting Reception pm

Wednesday 26th

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

Friday 28th

No Celebration Assembly
Mother's Day Assembly @ 2:30pm

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

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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

Monday 28th

BWW Mind Sessions 9:30- 2pm
Aim High Writing Day group (selected group Y3 & Y4)
Pink 3 visiting Forest School 1pm

Tuesday 29th

Reception visiting Pizza Express

MAY

Thursday 1st

Y6 team Maths Quiz Championships (online)

Friday 2nd

Street Party VE Day (dress up day)
Y6 Cake Sale @ 3:15pm

Wednesday 7th

Y5 residential trip – Sayers Croft

Thursday 8th

Y4 educational visit to Lord's Cricket Ground.

Friday 9th

Y5 return from Sayers Croft

Monday 12th

KS2 SATs begin
Y3 visiting Wallace Collection

Wednesday 14th

Neighbour Care visiting for Coffee @ 2pm

Friday 16th

Y6 & Rec buddy picnic @ school 2 – 3pm