

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

**I must begin by thanking all of you for your incredible support this term** – your participation during Book Week, your attendance during our prayerful Lenten liturgies and your generosity towards our chosen charities including Winston's Wish, St. John's Hospice, and The Passage. I am always heartened by the way in which our community comes together to promote Love in Action – for our children, for our school and for those in need.

**Our Annual School Auction, held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> was a resounding success.** Thank you to all who donated their time, money, efforts, flowers and food to make the event such a success. I shall update parents after the Easter break with totals of amounts raised. Every penny is spent on the children in this school, helping us to provide the best education we can to the children in our care.

***Huge congratulations to Year 6 pupils Edouard, Lara, Harvey, and Caroline for making it through to the finals of the General Knowledge National Quiz Championships! What an incredible achievement! The team demonstrated excellent knowledge and impressive teamwork while tackling questions across a wide range of topics—from history to science, and even pop culture! Their ability to think quickly on their feet really stood out, as they navigated challenging questions with ease and confidence. The finals will take place at the prestigious Oxford University in July, and I can't wait to see them shine! Let's rally behind our amazing quiz team and show them our support as they prepare for this fantastic opportunity.***

***Good luck, Team St Joseph's! From Miss Ward***

**Thank you to all of our KS2 children who enabled us to journey with Jesus on the Way to the Cross:** Year 3 demonstrated the joy and celebration of Palm Sunday; Year 4 encapsulated the meaning of The Last Supper with their reverential Maundy Thursday Liturgy; Y5 embodied the sadness and promise of Good Friday; Y6 finished the Prayerful Liturgies with the jubilation and hope of The Resurrection. **Thank you to all of the children and staff for their dedication and reverence during these prayerful liturgies. Thank you to parents for joining us on these important days.**

Our **Annual Easter Bonnet Parade** will take place on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** and, given that this falls on St. George's Day - patron saint for England, Portugal, Germany and Greece, amongst others - our Easter Bonnet Theme is St George. **As per our School Council Meeting, the Bonnets or Head-dress competition and parade is for all classes Nursery-Y4.** However, **Y5&6 will produce a 2D/3D piece of Easter Art work reflecting the St. George theme.** Entries must arrive at school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and they will be displayed in the hall to enhance the parade. School Council representatives have also asked for a novelty Egg and Spoon Race on the afternoon of the parades.

9:15am                      Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2  
10:30am                    Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

As we approach our final, full term, we naturally start to make plans for the next academic year, starting September 2025. Our community is such that many families have international links, whether that be employment or other ties. **I would like to politely ask parents (except for our current Nursery, Reception and Year 6 classes) to chat to Mr. Bowles or myself if their child will not be returning to us in September. This will help us to plan (as much as reasonably possible) for the next academic year. Your understanding is greatly appreciated here.**

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**Abbe from BWW Mind** will be based in Miss S. Ward's Classroom on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 from 3:45pm. Please do pop in after your child's Parent Teacher Consultation to speak to Abbe. Abbe will be able to aid you in supporting your child's Mental Health.

**Please note, school finishes on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 13:30.** There will be no Junior Adventures Group extended day on this day. However, there will be a Junior Adventures Group Holiday Camp here at St Joseph's. Please see their website for booking details. [www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk](http://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk)

**Children return to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Children can wear their summer uniform upon our return in April.**

We wish you a happy and joyful Easter in the company of all of your loved ones and leave you with Pope Francis's words in last year's Easter message – words that are still relevant and meaningful today: **Today throughout the world there resounds the message proclaimed two thousand years ago from Jerusalem: "Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has been raised!" (Mk 16:6).** The Church relives the amazement of the women who went to the tomb at dawn on the first day of the week. The tomb of Jesus had been sealed with a great stone. Today too, great stones, heavy stones, block the hopes of humanity: the stone of war, the stone of humanitarian crises, the stone of human rights violations, and the stone of human trafficking, and other stones as well. **Like the women disciples of Jesus, we ask one another: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" (cf. Mk 16:3).**

This is the amazing discovery of that Easter morning: the stone, the immense stone, was rolled away. The astonishment of the women is our astonishment as well: the tomb of Jesus is open and it is empty! From this, everything begins anew! A new path leads through that empty tomb: the path that none of us, but God alone, could open: the path of life in the midst of death, the path of peace in the midst of war, the path of reconciliation in the midst of hatred, the path of fraternity in the midst of hostility.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen! He alone has the power to roll away the stones that block the path to life. He, the living One, is himself that path. He is the Way: the way that leads to life, the way of peace, reconciliation and fraternity. He opens that path, humanly impossible, because he alone takes away the sin of the world and forgives us our sins. For without God's forgiveness, that stone cannot be removed. Without the forgiveness of sins, there is no overcoming the barriers of prejudice, mutual recrimination, the presumption that we are always right and others wrong. **Only the risen Christ, by granting us the forgiveness of our sins, opens the way for a renewed world."**

A Blessed and Happy Easter to you all,

Dr N. Viana  
Mr K Bowles

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MERITS AND AWARDS 21 <sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025		
NAME	MERIT	AWARD
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Karrel	Mariana
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Ada	Alistair
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Atia	Flossy
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan & Miss Jackson	Henri	Taisiia
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Jacopo	Nathan
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Loic	Platon
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Jacob	Gael

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	98.2%	0.3%
Y1 PINK 1	97.9%	0.8%
Y1/2 PINK 2	90.0%	2.2%
Y2 PINK 3	98.6%	1.1%
Y3 BLUE 1	96.0%	1.5%
Y4 BLUE 3	98.6%	0.4%
Y5 VIOLET 1	97.3%	1.1%
Y6 VIOLET 3	93.9%	1.3%
Totals	96.3%	1.1%

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YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	94.2%	13.6%
Y1 PINK 1	95.2%	12.8%
Y1/2 PINK 2	96.9%	12.5%
Y2 PINK 3	94.6%	8.7%
Y3 BLUE 1	91.5%	17.9%
Y4 BLUE 3	97.5%	7.5%
Y5 VIOLET 1	91.9%	16.1%
Y6 VIOLET 3	96.4%	10.7%
Totals	91.8%	17.4%

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