

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Headteacher: Dr. Ninette Fernandes-Viana, Deputy Headteacher: Mr Kevin Bowles
Lanark Road, Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale, London W9 1DF 020 7286 3518
Email: office@stjosephsschool.org.uk Website www.stjosephsschool.org.uk



25th April 2025

Dear Pupils, Staff, Parents and Governors,

Naturally, this week has been one of remembrance and reflection with the passing of Pope Francis. With such sad news, I feel we can draw comfort from part of the message of condolence **from King Charles.**

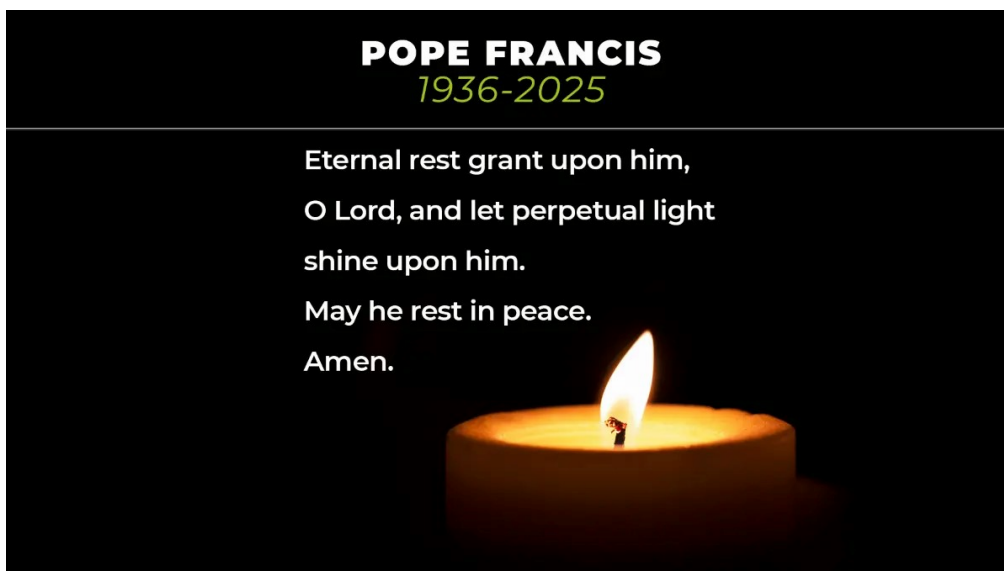
‘Our heavy hearts have been somewhat eased, however, to know that His Holiness was able to share an Easter Greeting with the Church and the world he served with such devotion throughout his life and ministry.’ Indeed, how special that Pope Francis was able to share the day that Christ rose from the dead before his own passing.

In school, we have been remembering in our own special assemblies where children recalled some of the initiatives Pope Francis advocated during his Papacy. **Our Pupil Chaplaincy Team** will be thinking of ways in which we can remember the Papacy of Pope Francis. The team will visit classes tomorrow to discuss ways in which we can keep honour the memory Pope Francis. **Please note, there will be no Celebration Assembly tomorrow, Friday 25th April.**

Many organizations which support and advise catholic schools have produced some reflective, child friendly and appropriate resources.

CAFOD in particular have produced some thoughtful materials. I have added the link below to some information which you may wish to share with your child at this time.

<https://cafod.org.uk/>



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Headteacher: Dr. Ninette Fernandes-Viana, Deputy Headteacher: Mr Kevin Bowles

Lanark Road, Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale, London W9 1DF 020 7286 3518

Email: office@stjosephsschool.org.uk Website www.stjosephsschool.org.uk



Our Easter Bonnet Parade was another triumphant success! This year's creations were simply fantastic! **A special thank you also to Mrs Deacy** for orchestrating a spectacular show with commentary fit for any catwalk! Well done to all who participated and were a wonderful audience. The judges were amazed by so many entrants! Winners were very difficult to decide upon this year, but after much deliberation, names are below.

Nursery: Harry

Reception: Mattias and Soraya

Year 1: Antonella

Year 1/2: Elizabeth

Year 2: Didi

Year 3: Eva

Year 4: Michael

Year 5: Augustin

Year 6: Annie

I hope you found this week's **Parent Teacher Consultations** informative. Thank you to all who managed to meet with class teachers. Please note that the next and final progress update for children will be the annual school report: these will be sent to parents in July.

Westminster City Council have asked us to share a new initiative where children living in Westminster can use public swimming pools with no charge. **Please follow the link for more details.** <https://active.westminster.gov.uk/swim-for-free/>

As the UK prepares to celebrate 80 years since VE Day, we will be celebrating with a non-school uniform day on **Friday 2nd May**. **Children are invited to wear red, white and blue for the occasion.** Additionally, celebrations are planned around the UK for the week 5-8th May. Please see the link for Westminster events below.

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/news/celebrate-ve-day-westminster>

Also on Friday 2nd May, our **School Association** will be holding a second hand uniform sale. Donations are gratefully received to the school office in preparation. The sale will take place under the Year 3 canopy from 8:15-9:30.

Year 6 will also be holding a cake sale on the afternoon of 2nd May, again under the canopy of the Year 3 classroom.

Please note, after school clubs resume for the Summer Term starting **Monday 28th April**.