

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

The first paragraph of this newsletter is dedicated to our wonderfully supportive parents who worked tirelessly in the lead up to and indeed on the night of our **Annual School Auction**. From the marketing of the event to the teams of parents involved in securing promises; from the canvassing of sponsorship either in school or in the local community to those parents who selflessly donated their time; from those catering on the night to those involved in the beautiful art-work that enabled all of our children to be part of the event; from those teams of parents who were so incredibly generous in their bidding to our talented auctioneer who continues to preside over our **School Auction, year on year, because of the warm reception he receives; you raised a phenomenal £55,000!** Your dedication to your children's learning is awe inspiring and humbling and I feel blessed to be part of such a dynamic and supportive parent community. I must also thank all of my staff not only for their support in the set-up but also on the night as well as their ongoing contribution in the scheduling of experiences and trips. Without all of you working together, the Auction would not have been such a resounding success.

Our particular thanks to **Lindsay Lynch, Caroline Black, Liz Dionisio, Emma Ellis, Camilla Boniek, Florence Pasteur, Rob Smyth** for such wonderful help and support and wonderful organisation and execution of this year's Auction.

Please note the date of Sunday 6th July for our final fundraising event this academic year, our Annual Summer Fair. In other news, events this week include: The Crowning of Mary service which will take place in the school hall @2pm Tuesday 13th of May. Miss Armstrong and Year 4 will be visiting Lord's Cricket Ground on Thursday 15th May from 10 – 2pm

Last week, the Deputy Mayor of London, Joanne McCartney together with Councillor Aicha Less (Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection) and Councillor James Small-Edwards (Deputy Cabinet Member for Regeneration) visited our school and were impressed by our children's enthusiasm for learning about food, spices, herbs and how to combine healthy ingredients to create a taste sensation. **Huge thanks to Mr. Lambot for running such an amazing Food Workshop for KS1 and KS2.** The children enjoyed exploring the wonders of curly parsley, dill, basil and broccoli, creating their own Monster Pasta with meatballs. **Thank you also to all of the parents who helped to make this event such a memorable occasion for all.** Indeed, the proof was in the pudding with all of our children and our guests, enjoying the fruits of the children's labour, joining them for lunch! The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school not only delighting our visitors with their knowledge and understanding of healthy eating but also in their genuine interest in finding out more about the councilors who represent us in Westminster. **Eduard and Isabelle** asked some pertinent and insightful questions, becoming journalists for the day! Well done!

Year 5 will be returning from Sayers Croft this afternoon. Thank you to Year 5 for being such wonderful representatives of our school.

Next week sees the beginning of the **Year 6 SATs**. We wish all of our children the best of luck, please note that children in **Year 6 should arrive from 8:15 to the main school office entrance.**

Miss Ward and Year 6 would like to extend a **huge thank you for cake makers, sellers and buyers.** Money raised will go towards the Year 6 Trip.

Last week's **uniform sale** was a great success: **over £350 was raised in total.** Thank you to **Mrs Marsili and her team for their efforts.**

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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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MERITS AND AWARDS 9th MAY 2025

NAME	MERIT	AWARD
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	-	Ian & Sofia
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Manuel	Suzie
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Victor	Atia & Maxim
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan & Miss Jackson	Gene	Nina
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Ryone	Charlotte
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	-	-
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Hector	Oliver

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY 9th MAY 2025

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	97.1%	1.9%
Y1 PINK 1	91.7%	0.5%
Y1/2 PINK 2	97.8%	3.8%
Y2 PINK 3	94.6%	0.9%
Y3 BLUE 1	95.3%	1.6%
Y4 BLUE 3	93.5%	0.4%
Y5 VIOLET 1	96.4%	0.9%
Y6 VIOLET 3	100.0%	1.6%
Totals	95.8%	1.5%

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