

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

We have had a wonderfully busy fortnight since our last newsletter. Our Y2 and our Y6 children have impressed us with their dedication, resilience and determination to do their very best in their SATS. Well done to all! You should all be incredibly proud of your efforts, hard work and embodiment of our **School Mission Statement** of living life to the full and taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.

On Thursday 15th May, Miss Ward organised a special afternoon of hymns, prayers and joy for our guests from Neighbourcare and I was exceptionally proud of all of our children's warm welcome to our guests. **Please see our Lay Chaplain's letter of thanks on their behalf:**

Dear Miss Ward,

What a truly wonderful afternoon it was! From the many thoughtful details you organised — the individual bouquets, the beautifully decorated tables, the delicious food, and the lovely drawings by the younger children — everything reflected such care and kindness.

I was deeply moved to witness so much joy on everyone's faces, and quite a few teary eyes too, all touched by the love that shines so brightly from the St Joseph's community. It was, without doubt, an afternoon that captured the spirit of *living life to the full*.

The children's singing was pitch-perfect — joyful, lively, and full of that warm, welcoming energy that makes every guest feel at home. Your words were perfectly chosen, and the Year 6 pupils were simply exemplary: respectful, gracious, and full of heart.

All I can do is thank you wholeheartedly. It was a beautiful work of love, and I saw that the elderly guests left feeling uplifted and cherished.

With warmest thanks and admiration,

Caroline Moulinet

Our Y4 children also delighted both the visitors and cricket coaches in Lord's Cricket Ground during their fun-filled celebration of cricket last week. Nathan and Elvis have written a detailed account of their amazing experience:

On Thursday, we went to Lord's Cricket ground. We met John and went to a room next to the museum. We were separated into two groups. One group went upstairs where we saw the Guinness trophy as well as the Ashes Urn trophy. We went downstairs and saw a signed cricket Jersey and cricket bat. After the museum, we had the best view of the stadium. We saw some professional cricket players because they

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were training for the India vs England cricket match. Finally, we went into an indoor miniature cricket ground. During the match, our team were successful in the batting. In fielding, our teammates got people out by throwing lovely balls to the wicketkeeper and there were some incredible catches. After, we exited the miniature cricket centre. We said goodbye and thank you to the staff at Lord's. We are very lucky to have had this privilege and to have enjoyed such a wonderful experience!

By Nathan and Elvis!

This week, our Y3 children were impeccably behaved during their trip to Kew Gardens – a huge thank you to all of the parents who accompanied myself and Mr Bowles. Notable moments for me were the children's wondrous appreciation of plants and flowers from around the world – their colours, their scents and their size - their quest to determine the age and origin of the specimens growing in the glasshouses and their collective awed response to the perfumed air around the roses. It was certainly a memorable day for all.

Members of our Pupil Chaplaincy Team enjoyed a reverential and purposeful day during their Pupil Chaplaincy Retreat Day, joining children from all of the schools in the Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust. The children enjoyed reflecting on the Jubilee of Hope as they entered the Cathedral, meeting new friends from across our SJSCAT family, learning about the inspiring life of Saint John Southworth, and exploring how the patron saints of our schools connect with our core values and with our great patron, Saint John Southworth himself. I am certain that they will return enthusiastic and ready to share their experiences with their peers.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our members of staff who have given up their afternoons or evenings to fulfil the Auction Promises. We had such a successful event this year and I know that this is because the whole of the St. Joseph's community – children, parents and staff – are all committed to enriching and supporting our wonderful school as well as giving all of our children the best possible learning experience. **Thank you.**

The Summer Fair, our final fund-raising event of this academic year, will take place on Sunday **6th July from 12 noon until 4pm**. CVCs will be sharing details in the next few weeks on how you can help.

Finally, as we approach our final term, there are many events and school trips planned. Please do check our school calendar for dates. <https://www.stjosephsschool.org.uk/school-calendar>

We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 2nd June** for our final school term.

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MERITS AND AWARDS 16 th MAY 2025		
NAME	MERIT	AWARD
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Loukas	Ambrose
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Risara	Luz
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Matthew	Noah
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan & Miss Jackson	Nevaeh	Daria
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Nahla	Rafael
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Fernando	Suraiya
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	WHOLE CLASS	

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY 16th MAY 2025

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	90.7%	0.0%
Y1 PINK 1	97.4%	1.3%
Y1/2 PINK 2	95.8%	2.1%
Y2 PINK 3	82.6%	4.3%
Y3 BLUE 1	96.4%	0.0%
Y4 BLUE 3	92.5%	1.3%
Y5 VIOLET 1	91.9%	0.0%
Y6 VIOLET 3	89.3%	1.8%
Totals	100.0%	0.0%

MERITS AND AWARDS 14 th MARCH 2025		
NAME	MERIT	AWARD
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Gabriella	Ava

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PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Hannah & Victor	Leonardo
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Pink 3	Nancy
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan & Miss Jackson	Valery & Giulia	Lawrence
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Lucia	James
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Agustin & Daniel	Matias
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Jacob & Chloe	Georgina

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY 24th January 2025

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	91.3%	1.0%
Y1 PINK 1	93.3%	1.7%
Y1/2 PINK 2	94.8%	2.6%
Y2 PINK 3	97.1%	1.8%
Y3 BLUE 1	96.3%	2.5%
Y4 BLUE 3	90.3%	0.6%
Y5 VIOLET 1	90.4%	1.4%
Y6 VIOLET 3	93.9%	2.2%
Totals	93.4%	1.7%

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