

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Pupils, Parents, Staff and Governors,

Thank you to all parents who managed to join us today for our Open Afternoon. I hope this gave you an opportunity to see how your child's school year has started. Please note Parent Teacher Consultation Schedule and other pertinent dates below. Booking details will be sent by ParentMail in the forthcoming weeks.

Years 1- 6 Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th October

Reception Class: Wednesday 5th November

An update from Mrs Deacy:

Term has got off to a busy start for our new School Council. On Wednesday, councillors attended a *Living Streets We Walk* assembly online. *Living Streets We Walk* assemblies inspire pupils to make active travel part of their everyday life and we hope that classes will be informed and enthused by their representatives to make good health and environmental choices when travelling to and from school.

On Tuesday 21st October 2025, all elected school councillors and Y6 officials are invited to visit the Houses of Parliament for an educational workshop and tour of the Palace of Westminster. Just as our school teams have wonderful sporting fixtures throughout the year, it is marvellous that councillors will have the opportunity to experience the political arena first hand.

Details to follow.

An update from our MacMillian Coffee Morning last week: Over £2400 was raised - an amazing figure indeed and an increase on last year. Thank you to all who helped and donated. Special thanks to Natalia for coordinating the event.

As we have done in previous years, we will be holding an Open Morning for prospective families interested in Nursery and Reception on Saturday 18th October from 10-12:00. Our Early Years staff, myself and Mr Bowles will also be here.

Please do pass on this information to relatives and neighbours who may be interested in applying to our school for September 2026 entry to our Nursery and Reception Classes.

As we celebrated the children's achievements this week, we also celebrated one of our catering staff. Julie has diligently catered for the children and staff of St Joseph's for 30 years! I am sure you will join me in thanking Julie for her years of service.

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Preparing, cooking and serving countless meals to hundreds and hundreds of children including my own 2 sons, Julie has been tireless in her dedication to the well-being of our pupils and our staff. Her patience, attention to detail and genuine care for all our children must be acknowledged. Thank you Julie, from the bottom of our hearts.

Our wonderful School Association, headed by Rob, Florence, Shane and Natalia will be hosting their AGM, here in school on Tuesday 7th October from 6-8:00pm. Mr Stubbings, CEO of the Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust and Suzanne Wheeler, Development Director will also be present for questions around fundraising.

An update from Caroline Moulinet, Lay Chaplain to the Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust: On Monday 29th September, we celebrated the 175th birthday of the Diocese of Westminster and, we also celebrate *your* anniversary, the anniversary of your faith, your dedication and your mission in Catholic Education.

Please find attached [Cardinal Nichols' pastoral letter](#) should you wish to share his moving and encouraging words, or to mention them in assembly.

[Pastoral Letter on the 175th Anniversary of the Diocese of Westminster - Diocese of Westminster - rcdow.org.uk](#)

My dear brothers and sisters, Monday, 29th September, is an important birthday. It is the birthday of our Diocese of Westminster, established on that day 175 years ago. The first Archbishop of Westminster, Nicholas Wiseman, was appointed by Pope...

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Our patron saint, invoked at the end of this letter, and our shared mission in Catholic Education are treasures we carry together, and I am sure you will find the Cardinal's message a source of strength and joy as we continue this journey.

For more details about the history of our Diocese, please read [Fr Nicholas Schofield's words](#).

Now in the month of October, the month of the Rosary, our Pupil Chaplaincy Team here at St. Joseph's are looking forward to carrying out their role in leading the Rosary throughout the school. Please see a wonderful resource prepared by our Lay Chaplain

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to further support us in praying the Rosary. [https://
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EQpaqV4kkFpCk0LIhRus7PUBLU8I4NcxOq7mbgjVu-w8LQ?e=Bp9FEe](https://cardinalvaughan.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/EQpaqV4kkFpCk0LIhRus7PUBLU8I4NcxOq7mbgjVu-w8LQ?e=Bp9FEe)

We would also like to remind you of the SJSCAT Monthly Prayer.
Please see details below.

Dear all,

You are warmly invited to join our SJSCAT monthly prayer session this Friday.

On the first Friday of every month, parents and carers are welcome to pray together for our children, school staff and SJSCAT staff. The St. John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust (SJSCAT) is a family of schools to which you belong, modelling unity in diversity – together but unique – and working for the formation and achievement of all pupils.

I look forward to meeting you at 2.45pm using this link:

Microsoft Teams Need help

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 372 905 578 739

Passcode: noFQnG

With my prayers and best wishes to each one of you,

Caroline Moulinet

Dates of the SJSCAT prayer:

5 September, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December, 9 January, 6 February, 6 March
(April: Easter break)

1 May, 5 June, 3 July,

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Dr. N Viana and Mr K Bowles

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MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Ava & Kinshasa	Catalina & Lorenzo
PINK2 Miss Jackson & Mr Starbuck	Elijah	Maliha
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Christopher & Ian	Hannah & Oliver
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Santi & Adeyah	Amran & Didi
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Eva & Lawrence	Alba & Louie
VIOLET 1 Mrs Pini	Mia & Noah	Charlotte
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Aimee & Emilia	Sophia-Lynne & Suraiya

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	97.1%	1.0%
RECEPTION 2	97.7%	0.5%
Y1 PINK 1	95.7%	1.3%
Y1/2 PINK 2	99.6%	0.4%
Y2 PINK 3	99.3%	0.0%
Y3 BLUE 1	99.7%	0.8%
Y4 BLUE 3	96.8%	0.8%
Y5 VIOLET 1	97.4%	1.0%
Y6 VIOLET 3	96.0%	6.0%
Totals	97.7%	1.3%

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