

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Pupils, Parents, Staff and Governors,

**This has been a fun-filled and energy fuelled few weeks with some of the highlights including Y6's fantastic visit to Winter Wonderland last Wednesday and Paul Stubbings joining our Reception children for a morning of data collection and mathematical ingenuity. Benefiting from our collaboration with Children's University – a foundation dedicated to furthering children's enhanced learning experiences – our Y6 children enjoyed the full plethora of thrilling rides ranging from the indoor rollercoaster of Ice Mountain to the dizzying heights of Aeronaut Starflyer – 80m of fun! Many thanks to Stella Wilson from Queens Park Community School for making this possible. Paul Stubbings (CEO of the Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust) also visited our school and was delighted with our Reception children's love for learning, inventive use of language and problem solving skills. Indeed, Paul Stubbings will undoubtedly wish to visit again, this time to sample some of the impressive teaching and learning in KS2.**

**Last week, we were also amazed by the wonderful athletic performance from our Netball Team** consisting of players Fernando, Victor, Harrison, Emilia, Eloise, Sophia, Lucia, Charlotte and Ryon from Y5 and Y6. Competing against a range of schools and reaching the final for a nail-biting finish, the **St. Joseph's Netball Team came first overall** and indeed, **their efforts were so remarkable that we have now qualified to represent Westminster at the London Youth Games.**

**This week, James Stacey, RE lead for the whole** Trust was incredibly proud of our children's reverence, understanding of Prayer and Liturgy and the way in which St. Joseph's is a welcoming school where our faith is celebrated throughout the school. Meeting with our Pupil Chaplaincy Team, engaging in Learning Walks in all Key Stages and examining a range of books, James was delighted with his visit. **Many thanks to Miss Donnellan for all her hard work and dedication as RE Lead.**

Important upcoming dates:

- 01/12/25 Y6 Carols @ Little Venice 5:30pm
- 02/12/25 Nursery Theatre trip to The Gruffalo
- 05/12/25 Winter Fun Afternoon Y3 – Y6
- 05/12/25 Christmas Fair 3 – 6pm
- 08/12/25 Y5 Carols @ Lords
- 08/12/25 Drama Club performance to parents @ 9:30am
- 09/12/25 Year 1 Nativity performance @ 9:30am Year 2 @2:15pm
- 11/12/25 Rec Nativity performance @10am Nursery @ 2pm
- 12/12/25 NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
- 12/12/25 Y5 Carols @ Leonora House pm
- 15/12/25 KS2 Carol Service @ 2pm Church of Our Lady's Lisson Grove
- 17/12/25 School Christmas Lunch
- 18/12/25 Class Christmas Party and Christmas Jumper Day
- 19/12/25 School ends **1:30pm**

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**I know that the Winter Gala Team** are busy preparing and organising events for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please see CVCs for more details. Our School Association have also organised a wonderful **Winter Fair afternoon on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, here in school from 3:00-6:00.** We look forward to welcoming you all then!

**Please note, absences during term-time, other than sickness should be requested in advance, from myself or Mr Bowles, using the form attached. There are very few circumstances where leave can be authorised. Children's attendance is mandatory and we discuss cases with our colleagues at Westminster City Council, often deliberating upon the merit of each one and apportioning unauthorised absence if this is deemed appropriate or even issuing penalty fines.**

More information can be found here:

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/children-and-families/education/school-attendance>

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Please find attached dates for the remaining three weeks of the term.

Dr. N Viana and Mr K Bowles

MERITS AND AWARDS 21/11/2025		
NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Leanne	Erika
PINK2 Miss Jackson & Mr Starbuck	Maraki	Annabella
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Alistair	Luna
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Keira	Nancy
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Livia	Amelia
VIOLET 1 Mrs Pini	Rafael	Clara
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Harrison	Fernando

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## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY 21/11 /2025

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	97.1%	1.9%
RECEPTION 2	100.0%	0.0%
Y1 PINK 1	99.6%	0.4%
Y1/2 PINK 2	97.7%	0.4%
Y2 PINK 3	91.1%	0.0%
Y3 BLUE 1	98.3%	1.4%
Y4 BLUE 3	96.1%	0.8%
Y5 VIOLET 1	96.3%	0.7%
Y6 VIOLET 3	92.0%	1.6%
Totals	96.5%	0.8%

## MERITS AND AWARDS /2025

NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Matthias	Sophia
PINK2 Miss Jackson & Mr Starbuck	Valentina	Mateo
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Luz	Gabriella
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	-	-
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Nina	Ariana
VIOLET 1 Mrs Pini	Joaquina	James
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Elisa	Riyu

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY 10/10/2025

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	92.2%	0.6%
RECEPTION 2	98.2%	2.7%
Y1 PINK 1	97.4%	0.0%
Y1/2 PINK 2	97.8%	0.4%
Y2 PINK 3	97.4%	0.0%
Y3 BLUE 1	97.7%	0.7%
Y4 BLUE 3	95.2%	0.0%
Y5 VIOLET 1	96.5%	0.6%
Y6 VIOLET 3	92.2%	0.6%
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