

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Friday 19th June 2026

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

Well done to all the children in Year 3 and 4 for their efforts during their Multi Sports competitions over recent weeks. I have had some wonderful comments back from other schools as well some positive feedback from the children themselves. Thank you to all for your great team spirit, camaraderie and sportsmanship!

Following the sports theme, our Annual School Sports Days were a resounding success! The children, as ever, were wonderful. My thanks to Miss Armstrong and Coach Grant for their efforts. Thank you to all parents who came to support, carry equipment and not forgetting your wonderful participation during the parent's races. Our Gold Sports Mark has (rightfully) been awarded again this year. Well done to all. Our Nursery Sports Morning was a wonderful opportunity for our youngest children to display their skills! Together with our Open Day last Saturday, for new families, I hope your initial thoughts of St Joseph's are positive.

As we hope for better weather, please ensure children have sun cream applied before school. This is especially important for our Nursery and Reception Children because their curriculum is both indoor and outdoor focused. Children should wear their summer school uniform. Sun hats and water bottles are essential. Water fountains are always available should children forget their water bottles.

The Summer Fair, our final fund-raising event of this academic year, will take place on Sunday 5th July from 12 noon until 4pm. CVCs will be in touch, as will Florence, Liz and Camila. As always, thank you for your continued support. Please do look out for the own clothes days.

I am grateful to Mr Saturno who has brought this forum to my attention. This group is for the parents at St Joseph's to share information, learn about the risks of Smartphones for our kids, and receive notifications from the large NW London Smartphone Free Childhood Community. No pressure. It's a place to learn, share, and support each other.

The current schools CVCs are admin, so they can invite and approve parents from the school that wish to join. Given the recent news, it's a place to have relevant discussions and keep the noise down in the other school groups. Enjoy!

Here is the invite link to join the group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ht9ZwwZMedu8FJqn3zNEGc?s=cl&p=i&ilr=2>. → or if you prefer a shortened version: <https://tinyurl.com/SJ-smartphone>

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RESOURCES:

1. Resources for Teachers — <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/schools-network>
2. Resources for Parents — <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/resources-for-parent>
3. Smartphone Free Childhood Website: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

As this school year progresses to its end in July, it is always incumbent upon me, as Headteacher, to make plans for year groups, classes and staffing for the next academic year. Looking at the current school roll overall, we will therefore follow our current model, which includes a mixed year 1 and 2 class for September 2026. This would mean children in our current Reception Class and Year 1 will be taught, as this year, in either a Year 1, Year 1 and 2 mixed year group class or a Year 2 Class.

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.

Dr Fernandes-Viana & Mr Bowles

Week ending 23rd January 2026

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Scott	Soraya
PINK2 Miss Jackson & Mr Starbuck	Sofia	Emma
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Karrel	Federico
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Giulia & Matthew	Simon
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Gael	Valery
VIOLET 1 Mrs Pini	Jacopo	Antonella
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Lars	Aimee

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	97.1%	1.9%

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RECEPTION 2	100.0%	0.0%
Y1 PINK 1	99.6%	0.4%
Y1/2 PINK 2	97.6%	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	95.9%	0.7%
Y6 VIOLET 3	92.0%	1.6%
Totals	96.4%	0.8%