

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

My thanks and congratulations to our Year 5 class. Their fantastic performance at the Folk Singing Festival at Temple Church in the City was wonderful! Together with adult choristers, pupils from Temple Church Choir School and other local schools near Temple Church, our children exceeded all expectations. The children sang beautifully and were wonderful representatives of our school, complimented on their dedicated professionalism and courtesy to all present. My sincere thanks to parents for the late collection. **Thank you also to Yvette Murphy for the invitation and her expertise in upskilling the children in the weeks prior to the event.**

Mrs Deacy and the Misses Ward were overwhelmed by all the wonderful entries for the Climate Club Logo and Slogan competition. Across the school, independently and collaboratively there was a huge response and it was incredibly difficult to pick a winner...so, we chose three! Y5 Nahla and Lucia's design will be combined with Y5 Charlotte T's slogan to rebrand Climate Club for Autumn 2026. Posters will be on display around the school.

Our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion week has been a great success. Many thanks to Miss Ward for her meticulous planning. Our food festival was a multicultural celebration of our vibrant school community - so many tasty and cultural dishes for us all to try.

Our guest speaker – Jamie Clarke, Captain of the England and Great Britain Deaf Football Teams – launched our EDI week perfectly. Profoundly deaf and a British Sign Language (BSL) user, Jamie shared his inspiring journey, encouraging our pupils to embrace inclusion, resilience and determination. We were joined by Year 6 from St Saviours School in Warwick Avenue and we were all enlightened by Jamie's message. Many thanks to all who took part. This Friday, children across the school have made some beautiful artwork for this cause, children can bring in small change to raise awareness and funds. <https://www.ndcs.org.uk/>



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On Tuesday 9th June 2026 Year 5 were honoured to be invited to Lord's to meet London Spirit cricketers Lucy Higham and Josie Groves and McFly Drummer Harry Judd.

They all enjoyed a fun and energetic grassroots cricket session on the Nursery Ground and afterwards were given a very special tour which included a trip to the Away Players' Dressing Room and the Long Room at the MCC. It was a very exclusive visit and we are most grateful to everyone at Lord's for affording us so many extraordinary opportunities.



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. As well as supporting our school generally, we will be renewing our PE equipment from the funds raised this year. We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Caroline Moulinet, Lay Chaplain for the Trist has asked me to share the following message:

Dear all,

You are warmly invited to join our last SJSCAT Monthly Prayer of this academic year.

Every first Friday of the month, parents and carers come together to pray for our children and SJSCAT staff and governors. The Saint 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

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 372 905 578 739

Passcode: noFQnG

With my prayers and best wishes,

Caroline Moulinet

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Coach Grant has asked me to share the following information for a Summer Multi Sports Club. Coach Grant's Club (CGC) is back with a fun Summer Club at North Paddington Youth Club! Just like our very successful term-time club here in school, this 2-hour programme offers a variety of sports for children to enjoy.

When: Every Thursday, 11am – 1pm for 5 weeks starting, Thursday July 23rd!

Age: Y1 - Y6

Where: North Paddington Youth Club, 229 Lanark Rd, London W9 1EA

Only 40 spaces available – sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

You can pay it via: <https://checkout.revolut.com/pay/e1e597c1-d816-4ac6-8b61-e5d169dbed53>

Please feel free to share this link with other local interested families.

We shall be sadly bidding a farewell to some members of staff. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their contributions to our school over their years of service.

Miss Thornicroft, one of our Learning Support Assistants who joined us in September this year is relocating back to Manchester. **Miss Karaitiana, who has been one of our Reception Teachers this year and has worked as one of our valued staff members for over 3 years**, leaves us to explore new opportunities, sharing her wonderful teaching expertise with others. **Mr. Starbuck, one of our Pink Class Teachers who has worked across KS2 and KS1 here at St Joseph's for over 5 years** has decided to take some time away from teaching to pursue other interests. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their dedication to the school and to our children as well as wishing them all the very best in their future endeavours.

And finally, we bid farewell to one of our most cherished and loved members of staff, **Mrs Katarzyna Haggard (known to all our children as the wonderful Miss Kasia)**. Having shared her wealth of experience, child-focused nurturing and incredible teaching knowledge across Nursery and Reception, we know that she will be missed and we also know that you will join me in wishing Katarzyna the very best as she embarks on new adventures. Indeed, she has asked me to share this message after eighteen, yes 18 years of service to St Joseph's: **"It has been an absolute delight and pleasure to work at St Joseph's. The school has been a second family to me and, even though I am leaving, I know that all the friendships I have made here will last forever. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to parents and children, there have been many over the years. While it feels like the end of one chapter, I will always cherish my time at St Joseph's."**

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. Please note, our grouping of children in Year 1 and 2 is arranged, with rare exceptions by age.

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Children have met their new class teachers this week and have spent some time in their new classrooms. **Annual school reports** for children in Reception Class and Years 1-6 will be sent home, with children on **Monday 13th July**.

School Staff for September

Nursery: Miss Diriyé Mrs. Ferla

Reception Class: Miss Chani and Mr. Bowles, Miss Braga and Mrs Enca Jeronimo Sanchez

Year 1 Pink 1 Miss Wegrzynowicz, Mrs. Crossey

Year 1 and 2, Pink 2, Miss Jackson, Miss Lawson and Miss Morgan

Year 2 Pink 3, Miss S Ward

Year 3 Miss Donnellan and Mrs. Procaccini

Year 4 Miss Armstrong and Mr Anthony Poku Junior

Year 5 Miss Eason and Miss Brennan

Year 6 Miss A Ward and Mrs. Procaccini

As always, Mrs. Deacy will continue to support children across the school and I, as Head will continue to support Year 6 and Y4 with their Writing.

Coach Grant will continue in his role as PE Coach. Our Music Teacher, Mr. Foster also returns in September, we look forward to a revival of our Orchestra club. Mrs Dunphy, Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Harrington and Mr Ward continue in their roles, supporting our school in administration and caretaking respectively.

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.

Junior Adventures Group has asked me to share their booking link for their upcoming Holiday Club here at St Joseph's. This year's summer club will run for four weeks from **Monday 20th July- Friday 14th July**.

Please note that school finishes on **Wednesday 15th July at 1:30**, there will be **no After School Club provision**.

Children going into years 1-6 return to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**.

Please note, there will be **no Celebration Assembly on Friday 10th July**. Our final assemblies are listed below.

Monday 13th Years 1-5 School Hall, 9:00

Tuesday 14th Nursery and Reception Class, School Hall 14:00

Wednesday 15th Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 10:00.

With best wishes

Dr N. Viana and Mr K Bowles

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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	Present R/C: Marks (%)	Late R/C: Marks (%)
RECEPTION 2	91.7%	0.6%
Y1 PINK 1	100.0%	2.0%
Y1/2 PINK 2	97.7%	0.9%
Y2 PINK 3	95.2%	0.0%
Y3 BLUE 1	94.8%	2.6%
Y4 BLUE 3	94.4%	1.1%
Y5 VIOLET 1	97.7%	1.4%
Y6 VIOLET 3	94.1%	0.8%
Totals	99.7%	1.4%