

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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13th October 2023

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

**On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** we will be celebrating Harvest Festival with Fr. Kevin in school. Thank you to all of you for your kind donations of dried food, packets, tins, toiletries etc. to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. **Children can continue to bring in their donations up until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**This week** our children have fully immersed themselves in our annual Readathon with shared story time across the school, milk and cookies while we read and, of course, our wonderful Poetry Extravaganza. Congratulations to all of our young poets across the school. I was delighted with the animated performances from our pupils in Y1 and in Y2 who recited their poems with such confidence and enjoyment. Well done! Furthermore, I was hugely impressed by our KS2 finalists who added their own flair and creativity to their performances – a special mention to all those children who not only recited but also composed their own poems. Please see our overall winner's contribution below:

Dinosaurs by Caroline and Hector in Y5.  
Performed by Caroline.

65 million years ago  
Dinosaurs ruled the land.  
Roar, roar.  
Stamp, stamp,  
As they danced to the groovy beat of the Band!

Tall, small, quiet, loud,  
The dinosaurs were one big crowd.  
But then they died  
Only the bones survived.  
Some-time later, humans arrived,  
To take their place, and we're still ALIVE!

**We ask you to please continue to support our annual Readathon.** This event not only raises vital funds for our school but really energises the children to get reading at the beginning of the school year. Thank you to the SJSA who organised a wonderful AGM on Tuesday this week and thank you also to all those parents who were able to attend. I must say that the positive responses we received and the genuine expression of support for school fundraising efforts was overwhelming. I am confident that with your continued drive, the pupils in St. Joseph's will thrive. I know that the committee members are busy preparing some information regarding events for the year, which will be shared next week.

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**Parent Teacher Consultations take place on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October from 3:40pm to 7pm and 3:40 to 6pm respectively.**

Bookings are made by Parent Mail and are now open but will close 24 hours before first date. Please also note that representatives from **BWW Mind will be attending Wednesday's Parent Teacher Meetings from 3 until 4 pm.**

**Please try and avoid bringing children with you on these days, we are limited on space and do not have staff to supervise children when talking with the teacher.**

**Next Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October is a training day for staff only. Children return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

May God bless you and keep you safe,

Dr N Viana

Mr K Bowles

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERIT	AWARDS
REC1 Miss Chani	-	-
REC2 Miss Diriye	-	-
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	All	Julian
PINK2 Mr Starbuck	Benjamin	Atia
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Nicolas	All
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Ryon	Charlotte
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Poppy	Filip
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Olivia	Caroline
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Hendrik	Alessandra

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## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
Nursery	89.6	0.0
RECEPTION 1	96.7	0.0
RECEPTION 2	94.7	0.0
Y1 PINK 1	88.8	2.1
Y1/2 PINK 2	91.0	0.3
Y2 PINK 3	99.6	1.1
Y3 BLUE 1	95.8	1.0
Y4 BLUE 3	97.4	1.3
Y5 VIOLET 1	96.1	1.7
Y6 VIOLET 3	94.2	0.3
Totals	94.4	0.8

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

### October

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Harvest Festival service 9am parents welcome

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

BWW parent drop in from 3 – 4pm (hall)

Parent Teacher Consultations 3:40pm – 7pm

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Parent Teacher Consultations 3:40pm – 6pm

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

**INSET – staff professional training day school closed.**

#### Half term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

School opens

Readathon Ends

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## November

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

All Saints Day Mass for KS1 & KS2 in school hall @2pm parents welcome

Open afternoon for existing parents of Rec and KS1 children @ 2:45pm

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Souls Day

Open afternoon for existing parents of and KS2 children @ 2:45pm

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Y6 Violet 3 Remembrance Assembly 10:55am

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

Open morning for prospective parents 10am – 12:30pm

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Audio & Visual checks for Reception children

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

Pink 3 Year 2 visiting Forest School

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Year 5 Violet 1 visiting the Tower of London

Blue 1 Year 3 visiting Forest School am

Blue 3 Year 4 visiting Forest School pm

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Spirituality Day KS1 & KS2

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Feast of St. Cecilia

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Pink 1 Year 1 visiting Forest School am

Pink 2 Year 1/2 visiting Forest School pm

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

Pink 1 Year 1 Library visit

## December

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

Rec 1 visiting Forest School am

Rec 2 visiting Forest School pm

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

SJSA WINTER GALA

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## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

EYFS & KS1 Advent Assembly with Fr Alex (pupils only)

Advent Mass – Y3 Blue 1 & Y4 Blue 3 10am @Church of Our Lady

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Advent Mass – Y5 Violet 1 & Year 6 Violet 3 10am @Church of Our Lady

## **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

EYFS Nativity @ 9:30am

KS2 Carol Service 6pm @ Church of Our Lady's

## **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

KS1 Nativity @ 9:30am

KS1 Nativity @ 2pm

## **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

School Christmas Dinner

## **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Class Christmas parties

## **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

School ends 1:30pm