

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Pupils, Staff, Parents and Governors,

**This week, our Reception children visited The London Transport Museum delighting passersby with their excellent behaviour** while also showing excellent listening and learning skills during their visit. **Our Y3 and Y4 children visited the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, the Hindu temple in Neasden, and thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Hindu Faith.** Many congratulations to you all for your reverence and respectful engagement with the guides and teachers at the temple. Emily and Magdalena presented a summary of their experience to the whole school at our assembly – we all learnt something new. Thank you children.

**Also this week, Georgina, Hector, Oliver and Filip took part in a Pupil Chaplaincy Retreat Day at Westminster Cathedral.** Filip explained that this special day was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about Saint John Southworth given that we are now part of the Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust. Filip also gave an insightful talk to the whole school in which he highlighted the principles of Saint John Southworth – Dignity, Service and Perseverance. We look forward to more of these opportunities for our children to share their ideas across the primary and secondary schools within the SJSCAT.

**I know there are many children in Year 3 who have made their First Holy Communion.** Congratulations to all on such a momentous occasion. We look forward to celebrating with Year 3 children and parents **on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June in the School Hall at 9:00. Fr. Alex will be here to give our children a special celebration Mass followed by tea and cakes with parents. All Y3 parents are most welcome.**

This week our pupils also enjoyed **Virtual Reality Space Workshops**, presented by the Education Group to mark International Astronomy Day on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Together, each class embarked on a “virtual” space journey, navigating their research vessels among planets and moons while discovering the mysteries of the solar system. This immersive learning experience will no doubt inspire some of our children to pursue a career in CGI, Space Exploration or even Computer Engineering.

Looking ahead to the week we return from half-term, we will be hosting **HSBC Money Workshops** and we will also be having an **Environment Themed week** – more information to follow.

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 2024. As such, 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.** I would ask parents of children across all year groups to inform us as soon as possible if their child will **not** be returning to St Josephs in September 2024. Children and parents will be informed of their child's next class teacher in due course.

This paragraph for current nursery, Year 2, 3 4 5.



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## I am pleased to share the following message from SJSA in preparation for our Summer Fair on 7<sup>th</sup> July:

Support our Summer Fair by becoming a sponsor and help us create an unforgettable event for our community as well as a bright future for all the children of St. Joseph's. Sponsorship is not just a generous act—it's a fantastic opportunity for your company. Whether you run or work for a small business or a large corporation, sponsoring our fair is a great way to network, boost your visibility, and engage with potential customers. Plus, it's tax-deductible! Join us in giving back to our **OUTSTANDING** St. Joseph's School and make a positive impact. Remember, it's free to ask. Rob (Year 1 parent) offers to do the pitching for you. Many companies have budgets allocated for community support. Please find all the details in the enclosed letter.

It has been a very busy half term indeed! **I would like to pay my thanks to the all of the children and parents who support our school wonderfully. Additionally, I would like to say a special thank you to the staff. I am incredibly proud of their work in supporting, caring and educating our children.** On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, class and whole school photographs will take place. There will be no celebration assembly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. **Please ensure all children wear full school uniform on this day. Children who would usually have PE on this day are welcome to bring trainers to change into.**

**We are pleased to welcome Ms Jackson back after her maternity leave.** She will be teaching in our Nursery class with Miss Chani and the rest of the Early Years Team. Miss Karaitiana has managed to find a teaching position closer to her home, she will return and join us in July for the Foundation Stage Certificate Assembly.

**Please note, children return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

Wishing you all a healthy and happy half term.

Dr N Viana and Mr K Bowles

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
REC1 Miss Chani	Mariana	Max
REC2 Miss Diriye	Maria	Thomas
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Risara	Max
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Whole Class	Olivia
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Alba & Lawrence	-
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan		
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Alex	Emilia
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	-	-

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VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward

Lola

Malena

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	93.4%	0.8%
RECEPTION 2	94.7%	0.7%
Y1 PINK 1	95.8%	0.9%
Y1/2 PINK 2	95.0%	2.4%
Y2 PINK 3	95.9%	1.4%
Y3 BLUE 1	95.0%	1.5%
Y4 BLUE 3	95.0%	1.6%
Y5 VIOLET 1	94.1%	1.1%
Y6 VIOLET 3	94.3%	1.2%
Totals	94.8%	1.3%

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

### June

#### Monday 3rd

Term begins  
Catch up dental screening for Reception class.  
Nursery & Reception – library visit  
Money workshops Rec – Y6

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 multi skills competition in Paddington Rec'

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Money workshops Rec – Y6

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Class photographs (no celebration assembly)

#### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

Meeting for new parents starting in Reception and Nursery 2024 (invitation only)

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Y1 Phonics week  
Y6 residential trip to Osmington Bay  
Y3 visiting library pm

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Y5 visiting Science Museum  
Y6 return from Osmington Bay

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

KS1 & Year 3 Dance workshop  
Blue 3 visiting Forest School am  
Blue 1 visiting Forest School pm

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Pink 3 visiting Forest School pm

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Pink 1 visiting Forest School am  
Pink 2 visiting Forest School pm  
Auction Class promises.

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

Alex Haswell Education psychologist - Q+A session for parents @9am

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## Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

9am Mass to celebrate Y3 children's recent First Holy Communion  
(Refreshments for families)

## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Sports Morning 9am – 11am

## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Sports Day Rec, KS1 & KS2 times

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Rec 1 visiting Forest School am  
Rec 2 visiting Forest School pm

## July

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

Y6 Disco  
5pm – 7pm

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Summer Fair 12- 4pm

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Pink1 visiting the Royal Mews

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

10am Year 6 Leavers Mass @ Church of Our Lady.

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Pink 3 visiting Royal Mews

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Pink 2 visiting Royal Mews

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Y6 dress rehearsal to rest of school

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

End of year certificate assembly for Nursery and Reception @10am  
Year 6 Performance to parents @ 5pm

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

End of year certificate assembly Year 1 – 5 @10am

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Y4 & Y5 included)

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**School closes at 1:30pm**