

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors

As end of year assessments continue, **the next fortnight will see Year 1 and Year 4 complete their Phonics Check and Multiplication Assessment respectively.**

Teachers will share assessments in Annual School Reports in the forthcoming weeks.

**Please note: Booster Classes have now finished and will resume in September.**

**Thank you to Fr. Alex for delivering Corpus Cristi Bible teaching sessions this week.** We are fortunate to have both Fr. Kevin and Fr. Alex visit our school so regularly.

**I have been asked by Westminster City Council and local residents** for more consideration when parking to collect children. Please bear in mind that local residents and neighbours are incredibly helpful to our school over the years. I would like to ask for parents to be extra vigilant and courteous when parking to ensure a safe environment for all.

Each week, we attach the attendance and punctuality for all classes to this newsletter. I must stress to parents the importance of punctuality this week in particular. Just in one class alone, one day this week there were nine children marked as late. 2/3 of these children were late more than 15 minutes. As in virtually all schools across the country, English and Mathematics are taught in the first session per day. Children who are continually late are naturally missing an essential part of their learning. As always, we continue to work with colleagues at Westminster City Council to find ways to improve and address concerns around attendance and punctuality across the school. National Government policies, rules and regulations focusing on attendance have become even more stringent from September 2024. In line with all of this guidance and indeed, in accordance with our firm conviction that poor attendance and poor academic performance go hand in hand, we have updated our 'Exceptional and Urgent Leave' form. Please see the link below for more details.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-regulations-for-schools-in-next-stage-of-attendance-drive>

Plans for the Summer Fair on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July are in full swing. **Please do see CVCs, Yvette and Florence for more information and how to help.**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June is School Auction Promise evening.** Children can stay with their friends and teachers until 5:30pm (Reception and Nursery) and 6:00pm for children in Years 1-6. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to the staff for giving up their time on a Friday evening.

**Thank you to Mrs Morrin for** organising money workshops in partnership with HSBC. Caroline from Year 5 has provided us with her account: 'On Thursday, we had a money workshop with HSBC bank. They taught us about being a critical consumer. We also learnt about budgeting and about value for money. Everyone had a great time

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and learnt lots of new things.' These were indeed invaluable workshops and our visitors were extremely impressed with all of our children, from Nursery to Y6, particularly because of the range of insightful questions they asked such as: "Who makes our coins and our notes?" and "When will we see the King on our coins?"

**Next week, our Year 6 children have their Residential Trip** starting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, I am sure you will join me in wishing for the sunniest of weeks, particularly because I will be joining them!

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, during the liturgical Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Pope Francis urged us all to "bring back to our world the good, fresh aroma of the bread of love, to continue tirelessly to hope and rebuild what hatred destroys." Focusing on the image of Jesus breaking and blessing the bread in the day's Gospel reading from Mark, which recounted the Last Supper, Pope Francis urged us to "forgive and support those who make mistakes and fall because of weakness or lapses, acknowledging that everything is a gift, and nothing should be lost, that no one should be left behind, and that everyone deserves a chance to get back on their feet". "We ought to perform our work with love, precision, and care, recognising it as a gift and mission, however humble it may be, and recalling that every good deed is sacred and unique in God's eyes," the Pope said, urging believers to give thanks at the end of each day for the good that happened. Pope Francis said it is small actions like this that allow one to appreciate the significance of the Mass, explaining: "God does not ask for grand gestures; he is pleased with the little we have to offer, if we do so with the joy and humility of those who give thanks."

"God does not abandon us but always seeks, waits for, and accompanies us, even to the point of placing Himself, helpless, into our hands."

Finally, I would ask that you all pray for the family of Ghislaine Mougin, a former St. Joseph's parent. May she rest in peace and may God give her children and her husband the strength and comfort that they need during this time.

With best wishes and blessings to all of you,

Dr Viana  
Mr K Bowles

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## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	94.3%	0.8%
RECEPTION 2	94.8%	0.8%
Y1 PINK 1	96.2%	0.7%
Y1/2 PINK 2	94.7%	2.4%
Y2 PINK 3	95.8%	1.1%
Y3 BLUE 1	95.1%	1.5%
Y4 BLUE 3	94.7%	1.3%
Y5 VIOLET 1	94.1%	1.2%
Y6 VIOLET 3	94.5%	1.2%
Totals	94.9%	1.2%

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

### June

#### 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>

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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

## 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 tbc

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

Rec 1 visiting Forest School am

Rec 2 visiting Forest School pm

## July

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year1 Multi skills @ Paddington Rec' 1–3pm

### 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>

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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)

**School closes at 1:30pm**