



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024

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the world



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Invitations to parents of Year 6 pupils to join us for a Geography lesson next term have already been sent out this week. Do keep an eye on the important dates overleaf to see when your next 'Parents Working Alongside Children' event is coming up.

The **Key Stage Two Carol Concert** at Corpus Christi Church in Covent Garden on Wednesday was a truly beautiful service. The pupils' voices filled the church with festive cheer and left everyone in the holiday spirit. Fr. Alan remarked that it was the best concert yet, making it a memorable morning for all who attended and bringing the community together in the spirit of Christmas.

**From all of the staff here at St Joseph's, wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Do check out the Winter Reading Challenge at your local library! We look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Monday 6th January– doors open at 8:40am.**

Enjoy your break, Ms O'Donovan (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Head of School)

## Science at St Josephs: A Visit from The Crick Institute

The NHS and The Crick Institute are on our doorstep and offer future employment to our children. We take every opportunity to show children how what they do in the classroom relates to the world of work. Scientists from The Crick are regular visitors here & this week they conducted workshops on topics including sound and light.



THE FRANCIS CRICK INSTITUTE

## Christmas Assembly: Performances & Books for Every Pupil



I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter on **20.12.24**

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

## Applications for Nursery and Reception class for September 2025...

Do you have a child looking for a place in Nursery or Reception class for September 2025 or do you know anyone that has?

Applications for both classes need to be completed by **15th January 2025**. An application form can be picked up from the school office or downloaded from our website.

Parents applying for Reception need to also apply online via [eadmissions.org.uk](http://eadmissions.org.uk) and should select 6 schools in order of preference.

Do phone the school office on 020 7242 7712 if you have any questions or would like a tour of the school.



## Important Dates for your Diary...

**Monday 6th January**

Pupils return to school by 9am the latest. Learning happens from 8:40am

**Thursday 9th January**

Parents Working Alongside Children– Year 6

**Friday 10th January**

Parents receive curriculum overviews for the Spring term

**Monday 13th January**

After School Enrichment Clubs and Booster Sessions start this week

**Thursday 16th January**

Parents Working Alongside Children– Year 5

**Thursday 23rd January**

Parents Working Alongside Children– Year 4

**Thursday 30th January**

Parents Working Alongside Children– Year 1

**Friday 31st January**

Non-uniform day. Bring in £1 for charity

**Thursday 6th February**

Parents Working Alongside Children– Year 2

**Thursday 13th February**

Parents Working Alongside Children– Year 4

**Friday 16th February**

Half-term



The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is Elena in Year 2  
Elena has won a £10 gift voucher to spend at Waterstones.



## Attendance...

Congratulations to Nursery who were celebrated in assembly and received our attendance trophy



for having the **best attendance in the school this week. The class attendance was 94%**  
**Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are very unwell.**

## Work of the Week...

Every week a brilliant piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). This week's brilliant piece of work is by Sophia Smith in Reception.

Sophia has completed a retell of the first Christmas – the birth of Jesus Christ. It's an impressive piece of work and we are all incredibly proud of her.

Please do pop into school to see this piece of work for yourselves.



## Well done Sophia!



## Our Prayer for Fr David

**Lord God**, We ask that You surround Fr David with Your comforting presence. Grant him peace and strength. May he feel Your love and the love of those around him, knowing that he has made a profound impact on our community.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

**Amen**



## Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Mrs Stewart or Ms O'Donovan.



# Join the Winter Reading Challenge

at your local library

9 December 2024 - 10 February 2025



Browse our children's collection  
in person or online!



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## Reading with your child at home... Top Tips!

Children use their phonics to help them sound out and read words in their Read Write Inc books.

Here is a helpful video for parents on how to say the sounds  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUbrJPA65g>. This can also be found  
by typing: *Ruth Miskin how to say the sounds* into YouTube.



### Top tips for reading with your child:

- Make a **regular time** to read with your child with no interruptions
- Make reading a **pleasurable time**. Get excited about books and reading - children will feed off your excitement and want to read more!
- **Read to your child** as well as **listening to them read** to you
- Give your child some **thinking time** when they get stuck
- Prompt your child to use their **phonics** (Fred Fingers) to sound out words



FENCING. DODGEBALL. KAYAKING. SWIMMING. LASERTAG. TRAMPOLINING. DJ WORKSHOP. TABLE TENNIS. CHESS

OUTDOOR COOKING. FOOTBALL. CODING. LEGO. BAKING. COMICS. ART.

DRAMA. BOXING. LONDON ZOO. ICE-SKATING. GAMES. COOKING. GO KARTING. GO APE. MUSEUMS. GARDENING

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**HAF PROGRAMME**  
21st Dec 24 to 5th Jan 25

Free for children aged 5-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and live in the borough of Camden.



**4 HOURS A DAY  
ACTIVITIES AND MEAL INCLUDED!**



**SCAN TO VIEW VENUES  
& BOOK A PLACE!**



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