



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we said goodbye to Father David, who has been a cherished member of our community. His faith, dedication and kindness have touched many lives, and he will be deeply missed. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and parishioners during this difficult time. Mass on Wednesday evening and his funeral Mass on Thursday were both well attended by members of our school community. It was lovely to see so many parents there.

Please keep Father David and his family in your prayers.

Best wishes, Ms O'Donovan (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Head of School)

## Celebrating Reading Progress and the Importance of Punctuality

Thank-you very much for continuing to support your child's reading. We have seen some excellent progress with many children's reading since the end of October last term. This can only be sustained with your ongoing support at home and your continued vigilance with getting your child to school on time every day, as our daily reading sessions start at 9am.

**We know that children who read well have the best chances of success in life.**



## Charitable Giving

This half term, pupils in Year 5 are generously donating food to our local **food bank**, embodying our Christian values of compassion and community. Thank you, Year 5, for your incredible compassion!

In addition to this, our School Council has begun arranging our annual **Movie Night** to raise funds for homeless teenagers. This event provides essential money for one of the charities that we support, **St Vincent De Paul**. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, enjoy a fun evening, and contribute to a meaningful cause. More details on the upcoming Movie Night to follow.

## Top Tips for Reading at Home

- ◆ **Create a Routine:** Set a regular reading time each day to build consistency.
- ◆ **Make it Fun:** Choose a cosy spot and let your child pick books that interest them.
- ◆ **Read Together:** Take turns reading aloud to make it a shared experience.
- ◆ **Discuss the Story:** Talk about the book to enhance comprehension.
- ◆ **Model Good Habits:** Let your child see you reading to inspire them.

**Remember to keep checking out the Oxford Owl website for guidance on how to say all of the sounds.**

I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter on **17.01.25**

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

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



## ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS!



Regular attendance at school is crucial for your child's academic success and overall development.

This week every parent received a letter about their child's individual attendance record.

Individual attendance will be monitored closely over the coming weeks and Camden's Inclusion Officer will be meeting with parents in February.

### 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 100%. This means that the class will enjoy some extra playtime next week. The class with the best attendance for the half-term get to go on an additional visit.**

**Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are very unwell.**

### Important Dates for your Diary...



Thursday 23rd January  
Parents Working Alongside Children- Year 3

Thursday 30th January  
Parents Working Alongside Children- Year 1

Friday 31st January  
Non-uniform day. Bring in £1 for charity

Tuesday 4th February  
Governor Visit Day

Thursday 6th February  
Parents Working Alongside Children- Year 2

Friday 7th February  
Movie Night- raising money for charity

Thursday 13th February  
Parents Working Alongside Children- Year 4

Monday 17th February- Half-term

Friday 28th February

Academic Review Day

The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Ayesha in Year 4. She has won a £10 gift voucher to spend at Waterstones.**



### 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 **Lottie in Year 4.**

This week, Lottie has demonstrated a strong understanding of related multiplication and division facts. She has shown great skill in recognising the connection between multiplication facts and applied this to division worded problems.

Lottie set out her work neatly and thoughtfully, answering problem-solving and reasoning questions with full, clear sentences that clearly showed her answer. She should be proud of her efforts and success this week!

**Well done!**



### Prayers for Father David



#### Heavenly Father,

We come before You with heavy hearts as we remember Father David.  
We thank You for his life, his dedication, and the love he shared with our community.  
May he find eternal peace in Your loving embrace.  
Comfort his family and friends during this time of sorrow,  
And grant them strength and solace.

**Help us to honour his memory by living out the values he taught us.**

**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.



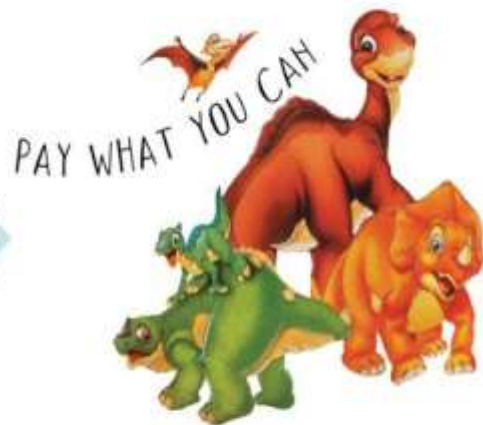
The Garden Cinema hosts family film screenings every Saturday & Sunday morning + on weekdays during the school holidays. The screenings are 'Pay What You Can' and on Sundays there is also a free post-film activity. Upcoming films include: The Wild Robot, Moana 2, The Red Balloon, Wicked and The Tales of Beatrix Potter.

The full programme can be found here:

<https://www.thegardencinema.co.uk/season/films-for-the-family>

## films for the family

Join us on Sat & Sun mornings and in the school holidays for our favourite family films + free activity on Sundays.



**THE LAND BEFORE TIME (1988)**  
SAT 18 JAN / SUN 19 JAN

**THE WILD ROBOT (2024)**  
SAT 25 JAN / SUN 26 JAN

**ECHOES AND HORIZONS:  
BOMBA ANIMATED SHORTS (2023)**  
SAT 8 FEB / SUN 9 FEB

**THE TALES OF BEATRIX POTTER (1971)**  
SAT 15 FEB / SUN 16 FEB

**THE RED BALLOON (1956)**  
MON 17 FEB / TUE 18 FEB

**WICKED (2024)**  
SAT 22 FEB / SUN 23 FEB

The London International Animation Festival presents:  
**SPECTACULAR ANIMATED SHORTS (2020)**  
SAT 1 MAR / SUN 2 MAR

**THE GOONIES (1985)**  
SAT 8 MAR / SUN 9 MAR

**MOANA 2 (2016)**  
SAT 15 MAR / SUN 16 MAR



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