



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th September 2025

www.stjosephs.camden.sch.uk

Go, shine in
the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

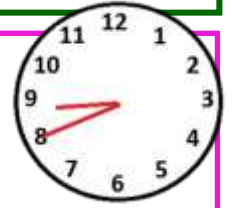
A very warm **welcome back** to all of our children and families! We hope that you had a restful Summer break. It has been lovely to see you all again. The children have settled in beautifully, and as I walk through the school, it's a joy to see smart uniforms, focused faces, and plenty of smiles. There's a genuine excitement for learning in the air—a fantastic way to begin the new school year!

We are delighted to introduce Ms O'Sullivan, who joins us as our new Year 3 class teacher, and Ms Charles-Merrifield, our new Assistant Head and SENDCO. Do take a moment to say hello at the end of the school day. Congratulations to Ms Smith who got married over the summer and is now Mrs Lewis!

A reminder that **Academic Review Day** is coming up next Friday. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and learn more about what to expect this year. We're looking forward to seeing you then!

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

Morning Practice Starts at 8:40am...



We are pleased to see so many children arriving bright and early, ready to make the most of their day. The school gates open at 8:40am (or 8am for those attending Breakfast Club), and we encourage all pupils to be in for morning practice. This quiet, focused time gives children a chance to revisit key learning and prepare for the day ahead—it's a really valuable part of our school routine.

Reading lessons begin promptly at 9am, so arriving by 8:40am ensures your child is settled and ready. **Thank you for helping us make mornings smooth, purposeful and positive for everyone.**

Academic Review Day...

Please confirm your appointments with the office to meet your child's teacher on Academic Review Day on **Friday 12th September**.

Appointment letters were sent home this week. Your child's teacher is looking forward to meeting you and sharing your child's targets for this academic year.

This day is an INSET day for nursery and Reception.

After School Enrichment Clubs...

We are very happy to be running after school enrichment clubs again this term. These will start on **Monday 8th September**. **Children in these clubs must be collected at 4.45pm.**



I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter on **05.09.25**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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



Attendance...

Congratulations to Year 3 who were celebrated in assembly and received our attendance trophy for having the **best attendance in the school this week**. This means that the class will enjoy some extra playtime next week. The class with the best attendance for the half-term also get to enjoy an additional visit.

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

Introducing our Pupil Chaplains Year 6: Niamh & Tommy

Year 5: Shea & Harry

Year 4: Olivia & Noah

Year 3: Stevie & John

Year 2: Sadie & Hector



Year 6 Secondary Transfer meeting for Year 6 parents...

Ms O'Donovan and Miss Matheson will be talking to parents on **Thursday 11th September** straight after school (3.35pm) in the school hall about the process of applying to secondary schools. If you are unable to attend this meeting, don't worry- we will send the information home with your child. Please do check their school bags!



Important Dates for your Diary...

Monday 8th September

Year 2 visit to Camden's Reading Festival
School Council elections this week

Friday 12th September

Academic Review Day for Years 1-6

Thursday 18th September

Healthy Heart Day

Thursday 25th September

2.30pm Year 6 Prayer Service- parents welcome

Friday 26th September

Non uniform day- bring in £1 for charity

Thursday 2nd October

Class photographs

Thursday 9th October

2.30pm Year 5 Prayer Service- parents welcome

Thursday 16th October

2.30pm Year 4 Prayer Service- parents welcome

Friday 17th October

Family Fancy Dress Disco



Charitable Giving at St Joseph's

One of the ways in which we demonstrate our Christian values of **compassion** and **community** as well as live our school motto, '**Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived**' is by supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Each half term, classes take it in turns to collect food for our local food bank in Camden. **This half term, Year 6 will be donating items - thank you for your generosity.**

Our Prayer for a New School Year

Dear God,

Thank you for a brand new school year.

Help us to learn with open minds and kind hearts.

Bless our teachers, friends and families

Help us to be patient, helpful and brave.

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, Ms Charles-Merrifield or Ms O'Donovan.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.





FREE YOUTH THEATRE CLASSES

**For Year 5 students studying in the
London Borough of Camden**

Join us at Seven Dials Playhouse to
learn valuable skills, make new friends
and have fun!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY*
4:15PM - 5:15PM**

*During term time