



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 11th September 2025

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Go, shine in
the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

A quick reminder: **Academic Review Day** will take place tomorrow -Friday 12th September. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher, share any important information, and find out more about what to expect this year. In this meeting you will receive both a curriculum overview and our RE newsletter for the term. We encourage and expect all families to attend.

Do take a look at the 'important dates for your diary' overleaf as there is lots to look forward to this term including class prayer services and our annual family fancy dress disco!

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

Reading and coming to school every day...

The two habits of reading every day and coming to school every day are going to make the biggest difference to your child's education and life chances.



Reading is a necessity for learning and a lifelong skill. We know that children who struggle to learn to read have a much harder, steeper path with all other areas of learning. It affects their social skills, well-being, attainment and progress. This in turn means that a child who does not succeed with reading has poorer life chances and fewer opportunities as an adult. Listening to your child read and sharing a book daily is so important. That precious 20 to 30 minutes every day is time very well spent. The best research for years tells us that the children who do best in school practise reading the most. Please make sure that your child brings their reading books to school with them every day. Please also make sure that you sign your child's home reading record to show that they have practised their reading at home. Thank you for your help with this.

Year 2 Reading: A Visit to the Camden Reading Festival

This week, Year 2 children enjoyed a wonderful trip to the **Camden Reading Festival**, part of the borough's *Every Child a Reader* initiative.

During the visit, pupils met authors and discovered what inspired them to write their stories. They took part in creative workshops, designing their own bookmarks and inventing imaginative characters.



Healthy Heart Day Next Thursday

Next Thursday we are looking forward to Healthy Heart Day– a day of fun and fitness. You will have received a letter about this this week.

The day includes multi sports, skipping, dancing and skateboarding as well as making their own healthy snack.

Thank you for sponsoring your child-all funds raised go towards supporting **Plan International**



I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter on **11.09.25**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!



Below 90%
Serious Concern,
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%
Concern, Low
Attendance.

At least 96%
Expected
attendance.

Expected attendance means
having no more than seven
days off this school year!

Attendance...

Congratulations to Year 6 who 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.

Work of the Week...

Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (the office area). Do come and take a look :)

Oliver in Year 6 has been chosen for his maths work this week. He has been revising place value and has shown an excellent understanding of the topic. He confidently interpreted and represented numbers in different ways, applying his knowledge to reason and solve problems systematically.



We are so proud of you Oliver!

Important Dates for your Diary...

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









Healthy Snacks at our school



We can bring in a healthy snack to eat during break time. A healthy snack gives our brains fuel to help us concentrate in class.

Our healthy snacks **must not contain nuts**.



Things you can eat for your break-time snack	Things you cannot eat for your break-time snack
Fruit 	Fruit wafers 
A PLAIN biscuit 	Biscuits with jam, chocolate or any other extras 
Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks 	Crisps 

We put our healthy snacks in the snack box as soon as we come into school.



This week, we celebrated the birth of Mary, Mother of Jesus and our gentle guide in faith.

Loving God,

Help us to follow Mary's example—
To be kind, faithful, and open to
Your will.

Bless our school community,
And help us grow in love and
grace.

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.



