



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th February 2026

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Go, shine in  
the world &  
live as Jesus  
lived



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Coffee Mornings will be running every **Monday morning at 9am throughout the Spring term** in the school hall. Feedback from parents has been very positive so please do pop in if you are able to.

Thank you to the **School Council** who have helped to organise our very successful **Movie Afternoon** and thank you to parents for all of your donations to St Vincent de Paul's charity.



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

## Art: Sculpture in Year 4

Year 4 have been busy exploring sculpture this term and had a fantastic time working with papier maché earlier today. As part of their topic, the children are creating **Ramayana-inspired masks**, drawing on characters and stories from the ancient Indian epic. They've shown wonderful creativity and teamwork, and we can't wait to see their colourful finished designs on display later in the term!



## Spanish: Ms Mercedes

At St Joseph's, we are fortunate to have specialist teachers for Music, PE and Spanish. **Ms Mercedes is our specialist Spanish teacher.** Here she is teaching the Year 3 class new vocabulary for items of clothing, engaging the children through lively activities and plenty of speaking practice. ¡**Qué bien lo están haciendo!** (They're doing so well!)



## Handwriting Week Next Week...

We're looking forward to a wonderful Handwriting Week next week. We will be celebrating the care and pride our children put into their writing. We know that strong handwriting skills are an important foundation for clear communication and help build confidence across all areas of learning.



**During next Friday's Celebration Assembly, children will be recognised for their effort and focus throughout the week.** Every child will also receive a pencil or pen to take home, ready to show you the fantastic progress they've made in their handwriting.

## Academic Review Day- Friday 27th February

This is an important meeting for all parents to attend. It provides a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements.

**Appointment letters have been sent home this week.** Please do call the school office if you have any questions about this day or your appointment time.

I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter on **06.02.26**

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

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



## Attendance...

Congratulations to Year 5 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. The class with the best attendance for the half-term also get to enjoy an additional trip.

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



## Person of the Week...

Each week, one student from every class is selected as our *Person of the Week*. These students are recognised for being outstanding role models and for consistently demonstrating our school values.

**Nursery: Ayla**

**Reception: Cody**

**Year 1: Ivan**

**Year 2: Lionel**

**Year 3: Arthur**

**Year 4: Loza**

**Year 5: Charlotte**

**Year 6: Oscar O**



## Important Dates for your Diary...

**Monday 9th February**  
Handwriting Week

**Monday 16th February**  
Half term week

**Monday 23rd February**  
Keeping Safe Studies all week

**Tuesday 24th February**  
10am Mass for Years 3-6 at St Anselm and St Cecilia

**Wednesday 11th February**  
Reception visit the London Aquarium

**Friday 27th February**  
Academic Review Day

**Thursday 5th March**  
Word Aware Day

**Tuesday 17th March**  
Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Music Concert

## Work of the Week...

Each week, we proudly showcase an outstanding piece of children's work in our school lobby.

This week, **Dina in Year 4** has been chosen for her outstanding work in Maths.

Year 4 have been learning how to convert improper fractions into mixed numbers and vice versa. Dina has shown great focus and determination, working carefully through a range of fraction challenges. She has also produced some impressive problem solving and reasoning throughout the week.



**Fantastic  
achievement -  
well done  
Dina!**

## Our Prayer for St Vincent de Paul

**Loving God,**

We thank You for the example of St Vincent de Paul, who showed Your love through kindness, generosity, and service. Bless all those who support the St Vincent de Paul charity today. Fill them with compassion as they help families in need, and guide us to follow their example by sharing what we have and caring for others with open hearts.

**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.**





**Family Hubs  
Camden**



**Early Help**

**Parenting Lead Team**  
Strengthening Families,  
Strengthening Communities  
(SFSC)

Venue:

**1a Family Hub  
1a Rosebery  
Avenue, EC1R  
4SR**

**Free  
childcare  
and travel  
available**

Dates:

**26/02 – 04/06/26  
10am – 1pm  
including  
lunch**

**SFSC parenting programme  
for parents with children  
aged 4 - 17 years**

**Do you have a good relationship with your children?  
Do you enjoy spending time together?**

After completing the SFSC the answers to the questions  
will be YES.

Sign up now and you can expect to:

- Meet other parents and carers
- Share your views & experiences of parenting in a confidential space
- Understand why you parent the way you do and how to make improvements
- Set boundaries for your children which they will enjoy and respect
- Build a better relationship with your child
- Motivate your child to do their best at home and school
- Address concerns about drinking, drugs, antisocial behavior or truanting
- Make connections with your wider community and services in Camden
- Develop your confidence as a parent

SFSC makes co-parenting / parallel parenting so much easier for the family.  
Try it and see for yourself 😊

For more info and to book a place, please contact:  
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