



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2026

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Go, shine in  
the world &  
live as Jesus  
lived



## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have so much to celebrate this half term. The children have shown real determination to improve their handwriting, which has been a key focus across the school. It has also been a pleasure welcoming so many of you into our writing lessons — your involvement makes such a difference.

After the half-term break, alongside enjoying the brighter, warmer days, we will begin our **Keeping Safe studies**. These sessions will explore a range of important topics, including online safety, personal safety, fire safety, road safety and basic first aid. We also have Word Aware Day, our Spring Music Concert, and several exciting visits and visitors planned. There is plenty to look forward to.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 23rd February at 8:40am** for morning practice.

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

## Internet Safety Day

This week we marked **Safer Internet Day**, a valuable opportunity to remind children how to make safe and sensible choices online. As part of the day, we held a **whole-school assembly** exploring how to stay safe when using technology, including how to recognise risks, think critically and speak up if something doesn't feel right.

Online safety, however, is not something we teach just once a year. Our carefully sequenced **Keeping Safe curriculum** and our **Computing curriculum** ensure that children learn, revisit and build on these essential skills throughout their time at St Joseph's. We also take every opportunity in daily school life to talk to children about staying safe online. To support families too, we hosted a **parent coffee morning on screen time** on Monday, giving parents a chance to explore practical ways to help children develop healthy digital habits at home.



## Handwriting Week – A Wonderful Success!

What an inspiring Handwriting Week we've had! Across the school, children took great care and pride in their writing. Clear, confident handwriting doesn't just help children communicate effectively—it also supports learning across every subject, boosts focus and encourages a real sense of achievement.



During today's **Celebration Assembly**, we were delighted to recognise children who showed exceptional effort throughout the week. Their progress was clear to see. Every child also received a special pencil or pen to take home, ready to continue practising and showing off the fantastic improvements they've made.

## 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.

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 **13.02.26**

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: Miguel**  
**Reception: Santino**  
**Year 1: Oscar**  
**Year 2: Hermela**  
**Year 3: Lavelle**  
**Year 4: Olivia**  
**Year 5: Bella**  
**Year 6: Oliver D**



## Work of the Week...

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

This week, **Lillie Maxwell in Year 3** has been chosen for her brilliant report on the Celtic Queen, **Boudicca**. Lillie has produced an informative and captivating piece of writing. She has used a range of fronted adverbials and super sentences. A huge well done to Lillie for her hard work and creativity– Do pop in to see it for yourselves!

## Well done Lillie!



## Important Dates for your Diary...

**Monday 16th February**  
Half term week

**Tuesday 24th February**  
9.05am: Parents Working Alongside Children in Year 3

**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-dress up



**On Saturday 14th February, Bishop Richard Moth will be installed at Westminster Cathedral as the new Archbishop of Westminster, leader of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. We welcome and pray for our new leader.**

**Lord God,**

Bless our new archbishop.

Humbly we pray for Archbishop Richard Moth. Just as you gave us your son Jesus to guide us, please guide him and look after him as he looks after us.

Give him strength to face challenges with integrity and with courage.

Give him a listening ear, to hear the voices of his people. **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:  
[referralsfamiliesinfocus@camden.gov.uk](mailto:referralsfamiliesinfocus@camden.gov.uk) or:

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# MHST Parents Coffee Morning

Presentation  
on Sleep



## Join Us for a Coffee Morning!

 **Monday 23rd February**  
9:00 AM

 **Location:** St Joseph's School

 **Hosted by:** MHST Staff

Come along to meet other parents, chat with MHST staff, and learn about sleep strategies for children and young people. Coffee and refreshments provided.

All parents  
welcome!



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