



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th April 2026

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Go, shine in
the world &
live as Jesus
lived



Dear Parents and Carers,

A special **thank you to Fr John** who met with children from Year 4 this week and talked them through the **Stations of the Cross** at St Anselm and St Cecilia's Church. The children were invited to pray after learning about the purpose and meaning of each station of the cross.

After school enrichment clubs begin again next week. Do call the office if you have any questions about this.

A reminder that **Breakfast Club** is running as usual from 8:00am, and there is no need to book—just pop in if you need it.

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

Curriculum Overviews...

Our Curriculum Overviews for the new term have been sent home with children today. These give you a clear picture of the learning taking place in each class over the coming weeks. You can also find all overviews on the school website at any time.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to look through your child's overview and chat with them about what they will be learning this term — it's a great way to support their learning and spark their curiosity.

Screening Guidance...

The government has released new advice to support parents of children under five with managing screen use. Key points include:

Avoid screen time for under 2s; for 2–5s, aim for no more than one hour a day.

Choose slow-paced, predictable content rather than fast, highly stimulating videos (no reels!)

Try not to let young children use screens alone. Shared use supports play and helps protect them.

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.

I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter on **17.04.26**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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



Attendance...

Congratulations to **Reception** who received our attendance trophy for having the **best attendance for this week.**

This means that the class will enjoy some extra playtime and have an additional visit next term. Well done Reception!

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: Lillia

Reception: Leon

Year 1: Rosa

Year 2: Myles

Year 3: Stevie

Year 4: Rodrigo

Year 5: Betsy

Year 6: Niamh



Important Dates for your Diary...

Monday 20th April
After School enrichment clubs begin again this week

Fri 26th April
Non uniform day-bring in £1 for charity

Tuesday 28th April
Camden Music Festival-Year 4 and Year 5 Choir

Wednesday 29th April
Partnership Football Tournament

Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday

Week beginning Monday 11th May
KS2 SATS week

Monday 1st June (2 week window)
Multiplication tables check for Year 4 pupils



Work of the Week...

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

Freddie has been chosen this week for his outstanding maths work. He has been working with great care and accuracy, using a protractor to measure angles and showing real confidence in applying his skills.

Well done Freddie!



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

Our Prayer...

Risen Lord Jesus,

Thank You for the joy of Easter.

Help us to be kind, to make good choices, and to see Your love in our day.

Fill our school with peace and friendship.

Stay close to us in our learning and play.

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.

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



CAMDEN Parent Carer Forum

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2026

Wed
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New schools white paper
information session *IN-PERSON*
10:30-11:30am Kilburn Grange, 1
Palmerston Road,
NW6 2JL

Mon
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ONLINE; New schools white
paper information session
12:30-2pm Online via TEAMS (Please
register for the link)

ONLINE

Tue
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ASD Girls Reflective Space
11-12:30pm In-person @ Kentish Town
Congregational Church, Kelly Street,
NW1 8PH

Wed
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Sleep Workshop
12:30-2:30pm Online (Please register for
the link)

ONLINE

Mon
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CAMHS Reflective Space
12:30-2pm In-person @ Kentish Town
Congregational Church, Kelly Street,
NW1 8PH

Tue
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Forum meeting- 'HYBRID'
10:30-12:30pm Online & in-person @ The
Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town
NW5 1LB

Wed
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Virtual Coffee & Catch up
11:30-12:30pm Online (Please register for
the link)

ONLINE

To register for any of these events please email:
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