



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026

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Go, shine in
the world &
live as Jesus
lived



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 enjoyed an exciting **Crime and Punishment workshop** on Tuesday, learning more about the weird, wild and sometimes shocking punishments used throughout history. They explored how laws have changed over time - from gruesome medieval consequences to the fairer justice systems we know today - and were fascinated by how society's ideas of right and wrong have evolved. It was a brilliant, hands on way to bring their History learning to life.

Today is the last day of this half term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 1st June. Doors open at 8:40am** and children start reading lessons at 9am promptly.

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

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – Practise Over Half Term

After half term, Year 4 children will take the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** — a quick online assessment to see how confidently they can recall all tables up to 12×12 . Questions appear with only six seconds to answer, so **speed and fluency are important**.

Please support your child by practising regularly over the break, especially the **tables they do not yet know securely**. Short, frequent practice makes the biggest difference.

Children can use **Times Tables Rock Stars** (Soundcheck mode) and the practice test on timestables.co.uk.



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – Practise Over Half Term

After half term, Year 1 children will take the **Phonics Screening Check**, a short one-to-one assessment that shows how confidently they can use their phonics to read real and pseudo (nonsense) words.

We have sent home **practice tests** for you to use over the break. Please spend some time each day helping your child sound out and blend the words. Short, regular practice makes the biggest difference to confidence and fluency. Children can also use phonics practice games such as the free activities on **PhonicsPlay** (Buried Treasure, Dragon's Den), which mirror the style of the check. A little daily practice will help your child feel prepared and ready to do their best.

Year 6 History: Crime & Punishment



I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter on **22.05.26**

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 1 who received our attendance trophy for having the **best attendance for this week**
This means that the class will enjoy some extra playtime next week.
Well done Year 1!

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 consistently demonstrating our school values.

Nursery: Sophia
Reception: Leon
Year 1: Jie Xi
Year 2: Theodore
Year 3: Majella
Year 4: Maya
Year 5: Sebastian
Year 6: Sianna



What are our school values?

Excellence

Determination

Inspiration

Compassion

Integrity

Friendship

Community

Work of the Week...



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

This week, we are delighted to celebrate **Cody in Reception**, who has produced a fantastic retell of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Cody has taken great care with his letter formation and has confidently used capital letters, full stops, and clear finger spaces throughout his writing.

Do pop in to see his wonderful work for yourselves.



The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is Jing-wen in Year 4
He has won a £10 gift voucher to spend at Waterstones.

Important Dates for your Diary...

Monday 25th May -
Friday 29th May
HALF TERM

Monday 1st June (2 week window)

Multiplication tables check for Year 4 pupils

Monday 22nd June-Wednesday 24th June

Year 6 at PGL



Wednesday 18th June

Partnership Football Tournament

Tuesday 23rd June at 2.45pm

Year 3 Presentation to Parents

Wednesday 24th June at 2.45pm

Year 1 and Year 2 Presentation to Parents

Friday 26th June

Family Summer BBQ

Thursday 2nd July at 2.45pm

Year 4 and Year 5 Presentation to Parents

Our Prayer for Compassion...

Loving Jesus,

You showed compassion to everyone you met. Help us to notice when someone needs a smile, a kind word or a helping hand.

Fill our hearts with gentleness, so we can bring comfort to those who are sad and friendship to those who feel alone.

Teach us to love others the way you love us. **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.



ADHD Parenting Programme



FREE 6-week parent support group for Camden and Islington residents

Parents and Carers of children aged 5-12 with an ADHD diagnosis are welcome!

Learn more about the diagnosis and gain parenting skills and strategies from the 1-2-3 Magic model to help you manage your child's behaviour

Parents awaiting an assessment can join from Session 2

Start date: Friday 5th June 2026

Time: 10am-11:30am

Venue: Online (Microsoft Teams)

Group runs at the same time weekly for 6 weeks

We accept referrals from professionals and parents. Please use the QR code to access the referral form. Or please email familyservice@brandoncentre.org.uk to request for a referral form



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Thursday 18th June 2026

Out of School Club: Free Taster Day



Does your child attend one of these schools?

- St George the Martyr - Christopher Hatton - Argyle
- St Joseph's

Come and join us for a FREE taster session!

- We'll collect your child directly from school
- Safe, stimulating environment with childcare and fun enrichment activities
- Parents welcome from 4.30pm to meet the team and join a Q&A with our Manager
- Closing time 6pm



Scan me

Places are limited - register your interest by Monday 8th June 2026 to secure the space

Scan QR code or contact oscb bookings@coramsfields.org.uk



Films for the family

Join us on Sat & Sun mornings and in the school holidays for our favourite family films + free activity on Sundays.



Clermont-Ferrand 2026: Short Films for the Family (Various Years)
SAT 9 MAY / SUN 10 MAY

Honey I Shrunk The Kids (1989)
SAT 16 MAY / SUN 17 MAY

Brave (2012)
SAT 23 MAY / SUN 24 MAY / MON 25 MAY

Ernest and Celestine (2012)
FRI 29 MAY / SAT 30 MAY / SUN 31 MAY

WALL-E (2008)
SAT 6 JUN / SUN 7 JUN

Brilliant Animated Shorts for 3-12 year-olds (Various Years)
SAT 13 JUN / SUN 14 JUN

Brother Bear (2003)
SAT 20 JUN / SUN 21 JUN

How To Train Your Dragon (2010)
SAT 27 JUN / SUN 28 JUN

Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! (2008)
SAT 4 JUL / SUN 5 JUL

James and the Giant Peach (1996)
SAT 11 JUL / SUN 12 JUL

