



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026

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Go, shine in
the world &
live as Jesus
lived



Dear Parents and Carers,



Coming Soon: Library Cards for All Children!

We are excited to share that Camden Council is automatically enrolling all primary-aged children in Camden libraries as part of the **National Year of Reading**. This means your child will soon receive their very own free library card, giving them access to thousands of books, digital resources, and fun reading activities.

Please see the information on the back page for full details about how this will work and the many benefits for your child.

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

Whole School Project Week: Looking After Our World Studies



Year 6 Product Design Project...

This week, our Year 6 pupils began the exciting **Mighty Motors** project, a hands-on exploration of engineering and product design taking place over the next six weeks. Working in small **project groups**, the children will design, build and decorate their own fully motorised vehicle from scratch. This project gives pupils the chance to develop teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills through practical STEM learning. At the end of the project, each child will bring their completed vehicle back to school to share in a special assembly and then they can keep their vehicles as a lasting reminder of their hard work.



I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter on **05.06.26**

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 2 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 2 !

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: Maddie
Reception: Skylar
Year 1: Oscar
Year 2: Phoebe
Year 3: Matisse
Year 4: Lottie
Year 5: Bella
Year 6: Oscar O

What are our school values?

Excellence
Determination
Inspiration
Compassion
Integrity
Friendship
Community

Important Dates for your Diary...

Monday 8th June
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

Wednesday 8th July
Sports Day

Friday 10th July
Academic Review Day

Tuesday 14th July at 2.00pm
Year 6 Production

Thursday 16th July at 2.30pm
Year 6 Leavers' Service

Friday 17th July
Last day of the Summer term

Thursday 3rd September
Pupils return to school

PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!



Work of the Week...



Each week, we proudly showcase an outstanding piece of children's work in our school lobby. This week Lionel In Year 2 has been chosen for his fantastic work on how we can all play our part in looking after our world.

Lionel has been busy designing and creating his own reusable bag, exploring different types of pollution, and writing thoughtfully about the actions we can take to protect our planet. Do pop in to see his wonderful work for yourselves.

Well done Lionel!



The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is Lola in Year 6
He has won a £10 gift voucher to spend at Waterstones.

Our Prayer for Our First Holy Communion Children...



Loving Jesus,

We pray for our Year 3 children who will receive **First Holy Communion** for the very first time this weekend.

Fill their hearts with Your peace and joy as they come to Your table and meet You in a special way.

May this celebration help them grow in faith, kindness and love. **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.





EMOTION COACHING

This is a two-part workshop; both sessions need to be attended

The workshop is interactive, a mixture of discussion, reflection & presentation

The workshop aims to support parent/carers to understand and validate their child's emotions, respond more helpfully during moments of heightened emotions, and implement appropriate boundary setting

Sign up with the QR code below:



Tuesday 7th & 14th July,
12.00 to 2.00pm,
Harmood Children's Centre,
Forge Pl, Ferdinand St, NW1 8DQ



NHS
North London
NHS Foundation Trust

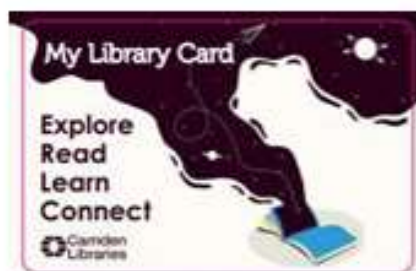


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Dear Parent / Carer,

Your child, if they are not already, will soon be a member of Camden libraries! Camden Council is working with all local state schools to auto-enrol primary-age children to the public library service if they don't already have a library card. The library card will be delivered to your child through their school during the summer and autumn terms.

This year is the National Year of Reading, and Camden wants every child to discover the joy of reading, because we know the benefits it has for wellbeing and education. The library card can be used to borrow up to 20 books. There are thousands to choose from in our nine libraries, including picture books, talking books, stories and information books, books in other languages and graphic novels.



Why are we auto-enrolling children to the library service?

Reading for pleasure helps a child's development in language and understanding. It supports academic success and aids problem-solving.

We've made it easier for parents and carers to support children to use the library by introducing this auto-enrolment. By becoming a member of Camden libraries, your child will have access to thousands of books they can borrow and will support reading at each stage of their life, as well as free events and activities that help to foster a love of reading and learning. Membership is free and borrowing books is free - and there are no charges if you return books late.

Every year, Camden libraries run the Summer Reading Challenge to encourage reading over the summer holidays. As a member, your child can take part and join free activities.

We hope you will come and visit our libraries with your child and their new library card, to help them find and borrow books. You do not need to bring any further information or proof of address for your child's membership of the library.



How will it work?

All children at a Camden state school, from Reception to Year 6, will be automatically joined to Camden libraries. Camden Council will securely transfer the data the library service needs to create a library membership. Schools are supporting this because of the clear benefits reading for pleasure has on your child's education. All data will be handled securely and confidentially, according to GDPR guidelines. It is the data you shared when you enrolled your child for a primary school place. The auto-enrolments data will be transferred this week and, during the summer and autumn terms 2026, your child will receive their library card at school when it is ready. You are invited to come to the library and see what we have to offer.

What do I need to do?

You do not need to bring any further information or proof of address for your child's membership of the library. We hope you will come and visit our libraries to help your child find and borrow books. There are nine Camden libraries, and you can visit any of them. A member can also use our free 24/7 digital library, that can help with homework - this can be found online at camden.gov.uk/digital-library.

How do I find my local library?

Please check on the website to find your local library and opening times at camden.gov.uk/library-information.

What data do you hold about my child and what if I don't want my child to be part of this?

We will hold some of your child's personal data on the Library Management System. This includes their name, address, school, school year and date of birth. You shared the data with the Council when you enrolled them at primary school.

You have the right to opt out of library membership. To do so, please contact your local library or email libraries@camden.gov.uk. We will then delete your child's information from the library management system. If you want more information about how we use your personal data please see the [library privacy notice](#) and our main privacy notice at camden.gov.uk/privacy or scan our QR code:



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabrina Francis".

Councillor Sabrina Francis
Cabinet Member for Jobs, Young People and Culture
Camden Council

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fiona Tarn".

Fiona Tarn
Head of Libraries
Camden Council