



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Go, shine in
the world &
live as Jesus
lived



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome all our children and families back to school. We hope you enjoyed a restful summer break. The children have returned with great enthusiasm, settling quickly into their new routines. As I walk through the corridors, I see smart uniforms, focused learners, and plenty of happy faces—such a positive start to the year.

We are pleased to welcome **Ms De Kretser**, who joins us as our new Year 3 class teacher. Please do say hello if you see her at the end of the day.

A reminder that **Academic Review Day takes place tomorrow** for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6. This is a valuable chance to meet your child's teacher and hear more about the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you

With best wishes. **Ms O'Donovan (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)**

Morning Practice Starts at 8:40am...

We are pleased to see so many children arriving bright and early, ready to make the most of their day. The school gates open at 8:40am (or 8am for those attending our free Breakfast Club), and we encourage all pupils to be in for morning practice. This quiet, focused time gives children a chance to revisit key learning and prepare for the day ahead—it's a really valuable part of our school routine.

Reading lessons begin promptly at 9am, so arriving by 8:40am ensures your child is settled and ready. **Thank you for helping us make mornings smooth, purposeful and positive for everyone.**

Year 6 Secondary Transfer meeting for Year 6 parents...

Ms O'Donovan and Mrs Hall will be talking to parents on **Tuesday 15th September** straight after school (3.35pm) in the school hall about the process of applying to secondary schools.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, don't worry- we will send the information home with your child. Please do check their school bags!

After School Enrichment Clubs...

We are very happy to be running after school enrichment clubs again this term. These will start on **Monday 14th September**. Please do give the office a call if you have any questions about this. **Children in these clubs must be collected at 4.45pm.**



I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter of **11.09.26**

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 this week**. This means that the class will enjoy some extra playtime next week. **Well done!**

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

Charitable Giving at St Joseph's

One of the ways in which we demonstrate our Christian values of **compassion** and **community** as well as live our school motto, 'Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived' is by supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Each half term, classes take it in turns to collect food for our local food bank in Camden. **This half term, Year 5 & 6 will be donating items – thank you for your generosity.**

Important Dates for your Diary...

Friday 11th September

Academic Review Day for Y1-6

INSET day for Nursery and Reception pupils.

Monday 14th September

After School Enrichment Clubs start

Tuesday 15th September

Secondary Transfer Meeting in the hall at 3.35pm

Thursday 17th September

Year 3 begin swimming lessons

Friday 18th September

New School Councillors are announced to school

Friday 25th September

Non Uniform Day- bring in £1 for charity

Tuesday 13th October

Governor Visit Day

Wednesday 14th October

Year 5 and Year 6 Parents Working Alongside Children at 9.05



Work of the Week...



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

This week, Kash has been chosen for his fantastic work on place value. In this particular lesson, Year 6 were learning to understand place value to 7 digits and identify the value of each digit. They have also been learning the tricky skill of writing numbers up to 10 million in words.

Kash has shown an excellent understanding of place value, and used this knowledge to solve calculations and reasoning problems. He has also taken great care to ensure that his presentation is of the highest standard throughout. **Well done Kash!**

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Our Prayer for a New School Year

Dear God,

Thank you for a brand new school year.

Help us to learn with open minds and kind hearts.

Bless our teachers, friends and families.

Help us to be patient, helpful and kind.

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.

