



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th October 2024

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Go, shine in
the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those Reception parents who met with Ms Curtis on Tuesday for the 'Settling in Meetings'. As you can see below, the reception class have settled in brilliantly and are thriving.

As you know, here at St Joseph's we very much use London as our classroom and have a rich programme of visits and visitors throughout the year. This week, Year 2 visited one of our local art galleries – **The October Gallery**. The gallery promotes the very best in contemporary art from around the planet. Here, pupils looked at the different art work and chose their favourite piece. They then moved on to sketching a portrait before creating a portrait with recyclable materials.

Enjoy the half-term and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 4th November**—doors open at 8.40am and lessons have started by 9am.

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

Reception Success: Our New Starters are Thriving



Year 2 Art: A Visit to the October Gallery



I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter on **25.10.24**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Reading: Parents Joining Lessons in Year 3 this Week...

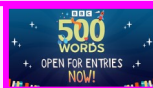


A Perfect Half Term Activity...

BBC 500 words competition

"Write a story you would love to read".

The BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11. The competition is now open and the closing date for entries is **Friday 8th November**. For details go to: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>



Important Dates for your Diary...

Monday 4th November

The start of 'Equality Studies' week

Thursday 7th November

Year 2 Parents Working Alongside Children

Friday 8th November

Flu vaccines for those who have signed up for this with the nursing team

Family Fancy Dress Disco: 6.00-7.30pm— tickets go on sale on Monday 4th November

Thursday 14th November

Parents Working Alongside Children in Year 1

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Nursery** who were celebrated in assembly and received our attendance trophy for having the **best attendance in the school this week**. The class attendance was **98%**

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



We are keeping Fr David in our hearts and in our prayers



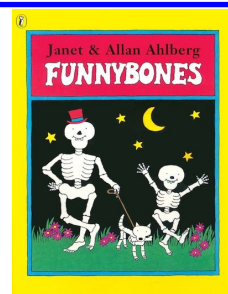
Heavenly Father,

We humbly come before You, asking for your healing touch upon our beloved priest. Please grant him strength in his time of illness, comfort in his pain and peace in his heart. Surround him with Your love and care and guide the hands of those who tend to him.

Amen

Work of the Week...

Every week a brilliant piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). This week's brilliant piece of work is by Lewis in Reception.



Lewis has written a fantastic retelling of the classic story **Funnybones**. He has included plenty of detail, carefully forming his letters and using finger spaces. Capital letters and full stops are in the correct place too!

Please do come and see this excellent piece of writing for yourselves.

Well done Lewis!



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.





Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to let you know that we are extending our service to include collection from St Joseph's primary school starting after October half term.

Our staff will collect children from school at the end of the day and bring them back to Coram's fields.

Once on-site children will have a light snack, then there will be opportunities to play and socialise with friends and make new ones! Activities include arts/crafts, sports, access to the park, face painting, cooking, homework club and much more!

The cost for this service is £13 per child per day, a subsidy rate is available for Camden residents who are working with a household income lower than 35K or full-time students. Applications need to be made directly to Camden please get in touch for more information.

Working parents are also able to take advantage of the tax free credit scheme and working parents/carers may be eligible to claim up to 85% of their fees back via universal credit.

If you wish to book a space, please follow steps below:

Register an account and complete child registration details - <https://coramsfieldsosc.ipalbookings.com/>

1. Select Book sessions and choose after school club
2. On the payment page select voucher/other payment and complete the details.

Booking should be created.

All fees are payable at least two weeks in advance inline with our cancellation policy. Visits to our centre are welcome, if you wish to visit please do pop by any time after 4PM, Monday – Friday or contact oscbookings@coramsfields.org.uk to arrange a more convenient time.

Yours sincerely

Kate Humphrey
OSC & under 5's drop in Manger

Camden Family Learning
FREE STORY SESSIONS for Children Aged 3 Years Plus



Half Term Story Sacks For All The Family

A free fun and creative storytelling and prop making session.

Come along and find out how to bring storytelling to life.

Pick a workshop and call Alison to book a family place 07876 651950.

You must book to join in
(due to health and safety rules)

Tuesday 29 October

Jack and the Beanstalk.

West Hampstead Library 11:15am - 1:00pm

NW6 1AU

Kilburn Library 1:30pm - 3:15pm

NW6 5UH



*A Story Book and Bag to take home
for each family that attends*



Wednesday 30 October

Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Camden Town Library 11:30am - 1:00pm

NW1 1BN

Queens Crescent Library 1:30pm - 3:15pm

NW5 4HH

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