



St Joseph's News

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He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!" **Mark 2:16**

Catholic Life of the School

In the Gospel reading on Sunday, we heard about the time when Jesus drove people out of the Temple. Jesus had found the people treating this holy place like a "market-place". When the Jews questioned Jesus about his actions, he foretold his death and resurrection by stating "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

During Lent, we have an additional opportunity to focus on our relationship with God. We should take the time to think about the areas of our lives that are not God-filled and ask Jesus to help us be more like him.

Dear Lord Jesus, please fill us with enthusiasm to love you, to serve you, and to help others to know you too. Amen

If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!
(St Catherine of Siena)

Absence Reporting

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on **020 8965 5651** or email the school at admin@stjo.brent.sch.uk Please do this before 9.00am on every day of absence.

Parents are reminded that in addition to making a telephone call by 9.00am on every day of absence, this must be followed up in writing. Parents may complete a Reason For Absence form (available from school office or school website) or you may write a letter to confirm the reason for the absence.

When you know in advance that your child will be absent, please inform the school in advance and provide the appropriate documentation such as the medical appointment letter.

Please remember that all school policies are in place for a reason with the main purpose being to ensure the safety, well-being and secure development of your child.

Attendance

In week beginning 26 February 2018, Classes 2F and 3G had 100% attendance.

All children may arrive from 8.30am at their designated gates. Please take full advantage of this early arrival as it not only helps your child to prepare for their learning day but also eases congestion.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be referred to Brent Education Welfare and may be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date).

Please remember that if your child is absent from school, and we have not already been informed in advance, parents must telephone the school by 9.00am on every day of absence. This is a very important safeguarding measure to ensure we know the whereabouts of every child.

If a child's whereabouts are unknown or unclear, the school will contact Brent's Children Missing In Education team so they can carry out an investigation.

Pupil Achievement

Last week, some children from Years 3 to 6 have participated in the Watford Speech and Drama Festival at the Pump House Theatre.

Children competed in Verse Speaking, Solo Acting and Public Speaking classes against other children from across London. Congratulations to Bethel (Year 6D) who was placed 3rd in the Verse Speaking Class on Sunday and Julia K (Year 5) who was placed 4th in the Public Speaking Class on Tuesday.

Well done to all of the children who represented St Joseph's in the Festival and best of luck to the children who will compete in classes this coming week.

I was nervous before I went on stage and the lights made it difficult to see the audience. The adjudicator said that I was successful because I addressed everyone in the audience and my face reflected the words that I spoke. (Bethel 6D)

This is to express the family's gratitude to the school for encouraging the children to dream beyond their capacity of reasoning and to thank you for motivating Bethel to take such a step in Verse Speaking (Set Poems). Bethel did extremely well and it was a joy to see her perform at this level. Thank you St Joseph's! (Bethel's father)



Weather Closure

Thank you to all the parents and children for your understanding and support with the enforced school closure on Thursday and Friday of last week.

We are all of course now looking forward to some warmer and calmer days that truly reflect this season of spring!

Merit of the Week Award

The following children have received Merit Certificates in our whole school assembly for demonstrating excellent standards in their learning and behaviour:

Suliana 2F, Aiyana 2H, Carolina 2S, Stella 3K, Amani 3G, Kinga 3M,
Mari 4C, Dominik 4M, Julia 5K, Lukas 5S, Kaelon 6D, Jacob 6M and Daniel 6H

Student of the Week Award

Felicia 2F	For taking great care over her learning and having high expectations of herself
Abbisha 5K	For showing great enthusiasm with her work
Amanuel 6M	For displaying maturity, focus, perseverance and resilience with his work

St Joseph's Mission Statement

At St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School we strive to create a stimulating environment so that by learning, playing and working together, we openly follow Christ's teachings. We seek to offer every person the opportunity to be a unique and valued individual, sharing and developing our belief in the teachings of Jesus through everyday relationships and mutual respect in our dealings with one another.

Our School Mission is as follows:

- We stand on holy ground
- We will always open our doors in welcome
- We will always love and care for each other as Jesus taught us
- We will always place the Word of God at the heart of our school
- We will always be witnesses to our faith by following in the footsteps of Christ

Safeguarding

St Joseph's treats seriously its responsibility to ensure children are safe and well.

Where there is information causing a level of concern, the matter is discussed between the Headmistress and Education Support Manager to determine if other agencies, such as Social Services, should be informed of the matter.

Where appropriate, parents are informed if the school decides to make a referral to Social Services. In line with their own procedures, Social Services may instruct the school that parents should not be informed in particular cases.

The school follows Social Services guidance with regards to referrals and information sharing to ensure our approach is child-centred.

The school frequently reviews processes to ensure we are doing all we can to minimise risk and keep children safe.

Please be reminded of the following expectations to support safeguarding at St Joseph's:

- When you bring your child to school in the morning and when you collect your child in the afternoon, please move off the premises promptly to ease congestion and to support the staff in dismissing the children to other parents.
- While term time leave is banned, we know there will be emergencies when children need to travel with their parents. In these situations, regardless of whether the leave will be authorised, please provide the school with a copy of the outgoing and return travel documents. This is a very important safeguarding measure.

Early Help

The school works with a number of agencies including health and Social Services to ensure that our children and families receive all the help they need at the earliest opportunity.

We therefore encourage parents to approach the school if they are unsure where to access help and support with any issues relating to family life. Please make an appointment to see Mrs Studd, Education Support Manager, to discuss any worries and we will help directly or signpost you to the most appropriate service.

Child Sexual Exploitation

Unfortunately, there are uncomfortable issues that parents and school staff need to be aware of in order to protect our children from various types of abuse.

PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation) offers guidance and support for parents that would like to understand more about how to protect their children and how to respond to any concerns.

"Child sexual exploitation is a hugely distressing, but fairly rare form of sexual, emotional and physical abuse of children. Knowing the signs and being aware of the support available can help to equip parents and carers with the knowledge and tools to act." (PACE)

Online Safety

Schools, police, social services and other agencies are concerned at the ever-increasing volume of offences being committed against children through online devices.

Children are also being exposed to activities which are completely inappropriate for their age.

From class discussions, phase assemblies and e-safety learning, it seems that a significant number of children access the internet from their bedrooms without parental controls or monitoring.

Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their children are involved in age appropriate online activities and to keep their children safe when they are using mobile phones, tablets, laptops, games consoles etc.

Please visit St Joseph's [E-Safety webpage](#) for further information.

Lenten Quest

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Wednesday

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Today I will
learn about
Ava and pray
for her family

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Today I will
learn about
Luisa and pray
for her family

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Second
Sunday of
Lent

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Third
Sunday of
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Today I will
learn about
Luke and pray
for his family

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Easter Sunday



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Today I will learn about Sasha and pray for her family



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Holy Thursday

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Good Friday

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Holy Saturday

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Palm Sunday



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Today I will learn about Adenji and pray for his family

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Today I will learn about Omar and pray for his family

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

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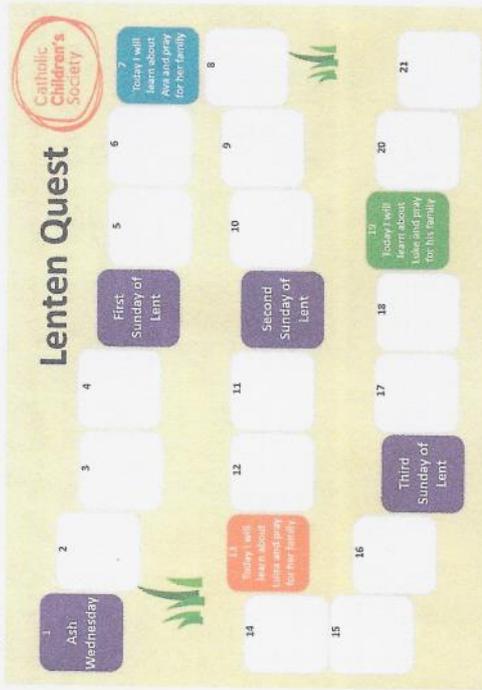
Catholic Children's Society





Lenten Appeal

We are asking your child to take part in the Catholic Children's Society's Lenten Appeal 'Lenten Quest.' On their quest your child will go on a journey, making Lenten promises and reflecting on how they can live out Catholic Social Teaching and work for the common good.



As part of their 'Lenten Quest' your child will learn about how the Catholic Children's Society helps local disadvantaged children and families through their mental health services, family centres and emergency grants. We would be so grateful if you could support your child in fundraising for the Catholic Children's Society this Lent.

All schools have been given cash collection boxes but if you would prefer to donate by card or cheque, please complete the form overleaf. You can also donate through our website:

www.cathchild.org.uk

Thank you!

Thank you so much for supporting the Catholic Children's Society.
With your help we are able to make a difference to the lives of disadvantaged families.

"You have helped my child and family situation when we had nowhere else to turn and provided wonderful support."

Quote from a parent

"We are completely overwhelmed by the help our families have received. One of the mum's broke down in tears with happiness and relief. Thank you so much."

Quote from a Headteacher

MAKE A SINGLE DONATION

Gift Aid- Increase the value of your gift by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years, to the Catholic Children's Society. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax, and/or Capital Gains Tax, than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Please inform us if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income.

I enclose a cheque/PO/CAF voucher made payable to the **Catholic Children's Society**

I would like to donate by debit/credit card

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Please send your donation to: The Catholic Children's Society, 73 St Charles Square, London, W10 6E.

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Lent to Easter - Year B

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea: Lent to Easter

This topic is intended for the Spring Term and as the conclusion to the previous resource. Having been presented with the story of the Exodus and within it, the Passover, pupils are now taught how it acts as foundation for our own Eucharist. As this is the Year of Mark, pupils will focus on Mark's account of the Last Supper of Jesus. This resources also teaches the Examen, the Jesuit prayer form, as part of preparation during Lent.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes:

It is hoped that pupils will develop:

- A sense of the sacred presence of God in life
- An appreciation of/for Jewish ancestry
- An openness to learning from other faiths
- A willingness to pray

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.

- Make mealtimes a time of celebration and ritual. Be more conscious of sitting at the table, of saying grace and of talking together about your shared, family story.
- Ask your children to talk to you about the class Drawer of Life!

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Pray at bedtime with your children:

God of our day. Thank you for all those who have brought us your love, kindness and care. May tomorrow be filled with a sense of your presence and may we be for others the God you are for us!
Amen.