



St Joseph's News

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He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two,
and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. **Mark 6:7**

Catholic Life of the School

In the Gospel reading on Sunday, we are reminded about Jesus instructing the disciples to "go out two by two and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits."

This helps us understand that Jesus intended for the sharing of the Gospel to be done in companionship so we can support and encourage each other.

As we read more of the passage, Jesus informs the disciples how to respond on the occasions when they (and the Gospel) will be rejected.

It is great to have opportunities to share the message of Jesus with others but we can also show this message through our day to day lives and in our ordinary encounters with others. Simple acts of kindness, thinking of the needs of others, and responding through acts of service all demonstrate the love, mercy and grace of Christ.

As we start the summer holiday period and look forward to creating new memories with our loved ones, let us not forget the mission of Jesus and his disciples. Through their faithfulness and commitment to share the Gospel, we can enjoy life today and look forward to life eternal.

We will be moving back to the main building over the summer holidays, almost three years after the devastating fire. We remain thankful to God for keeping all of us safe that day and for keeping us together as a school community. I am particularly grateful for all the prayerful and practical support families have shown during some challenging circumstances. As it was with the disciples, we are in this together, living as followers of Christ, to carry out our mission to educate and look after our children.

I wish our pupil and staff leavers every success in their new ventures and I look forward to everyone else returning safe and refreshed in September.

God Bless,

Mrs Titus

Attendance

The class with the best attendance for 2017-18 is:

CLASS 2F!

Congratulations to Class 2F and to the other 80 children from current Reception to Year 5 classes that will be attending the 100% Attendance Reward trip to Chessington on Friday 7 September.

All children with 100% for the whole academic year will have received a letter regarding the Chessington trip. Please read the letter carefully and complete all instructions on Thursday 6 September.

When children return to school on Thursday 6 September, please remember that they may arrive from 8.30am and must be in school by 8.55am at the latest. It is also important that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day as parents arriving late causes anxiety for the children left behind.

Please support your child's education by ensuring they aim for 100% attendance and that they are always on time for school.

**Please remember that the last day of the Summer Term will be Friday 13 July
Children return to school on Thursday 6 September**

Year 6 Trip To France

At the end of June, the Year 6 children enjoyed a week on a memorable residential trip to Normandy in northern France.

The children enjoyed various excursions such as a traditional market, The Mont St Michel (the 'Eighth Wonder of the World'), The Fougères Castle (the biggest medieval castle in Europe), Saint James American Cemetery and even a goat cheese farm!

The children enjoyed soaking up the French atmosphere and trying out their French on the locals.

The children were also given the opportunity to take part in different workshops such as climbing, archery, zip wire and fencing.

What a wonderful way for Year 6 children to end their time at St Joseph's!



French Morning

On Monday 9 July, children and teachers enjoyed taking part in a French morning!

After an assembly, the theme was French speaking countries around the world. The children took part in different workshops such as French speaking countries' flags and ID cards, quizzes, games and geography. The children found out there are an estimated 274 million French speakers worldwide, French is the 5th most widely spoken language on the planet and the only one, together with English, to be spoken on all five continents. Moreover, French is the 2nd business language of the European Area and the 3rd global business language in the world. Finally, French is the 4th most widely used language on the Web.

Bravo to everyone for your efforts and achievements on French morning!



Celebrations at St Joseph's

At St Joseph's we enjoy celebrating achievements and showcasing the talents of our children - and staff!

During Mass on Thursday at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, we took the opportunity to present the end of year awards to a number of our Year 6 children in order to recognise their achievements. If you were not able to join us at the Mass, we do hope that you enjoy the photos below.

We want to give a very special mention to two Year 6 children - Xavier and Bethel - who received special achievement awards for 100% attendance throughout all their time at St Joseph's!

We have also published photographs from two recent musical showcases involving St Joseph's children. The photos are from the event at the Barbican and the extravaganza at Wembley Arena.



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.

Positive Parenting

The NSPCC has published a document to support parents with the challenges and demands of family life.

The document includes useful information and guidance about setting boundaries, rewards, sanctions and building relationships.

Please [click here](#) to view the NSPCC Positive Parenting document which is available to download from the Safeguarding page on the school website.



Net Aware

Net Aware is a very useful resource for parents that wish to find out more about the different platforms and apps that children use to communicate and socialise online.

This website offers advice and guidance relating to the most popular apps including SnapChat, YouTube, Minecraft, Instagram, Musical.ly, FIFA, WhatsApp and Fortnite which is the latest online game aimed at children.



Please visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> for information and parental support on all aspects of online safety.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please see Mrs Studd by making a request through the school office.

Urgent matters can be discussed with Brent Social Services on 020 8937 4300