



St Joseph's News

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While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. **Luke 24:51-52**

Catholic Life of the School

This weekend, we will celebrate the feast of Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. As a school community we understand that following the Ascension, the apostles became Jesus' witnesses. Jesus walks with us today and we strive to be witnesses to God's call in the way in which we live our lives.

'Let us ask our Lord to help us bear shining witness to his mercy and his love in every area of our lives.' (Pope Francis)

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to reflect on how we can be witnesses of Christ. Jesus was very clear that we are to share the Gospel with others. Ask God to show you someone who needs to hear more about Jesus' love and mercy.



First Holy Communion

Many of our Year 3 and Year 4 children will be making their First Holy Communion over the next few weeks. We would be delighted to share this important stage in your child's faith with the whole school community. If you have any photographs which we can publish in our newsletter and on our website, please email these to Mrs Studd at info@stjo.brent.sch.uk

Key Dates and Events

The summer term is always full of exciting events including school trips and special visits.

Owing to the unpredictable weather, some events may be subject to change, so please check your child's bag regularly for any updates. We may also send updates by text message so please ensure the school office has your current mobile number.

The list below details the events we have planned to support the children's learning:

Wednesday 18 May	Class 4G trip to Welsh Harp
Friday 20 May	Class 4W trip to Welsh Harp
Week beginning 23 May	Year 5 residential trip to Gordon Brown Centre
Wednesday 25 May	Class 4K trip to Welsh Harp
Friday 27 May	Reception classes to Kidzania
Tuesday 7 June	London Fire Brigade visit to Year 2 classes
Thursday 9 June	Year 6 attending Good Shepherd's Mass at Westminster Cathedral
Friday 10 June	St Joseph's celebration for Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday

Attendance

During week beginning 25 April, Classes 5L and 5M achieved 100% attendance. This is a fantastic effort which will help children's learning and progress.

Children must also arrive on time every day to ensure they access the full curriculum. Poor punctuality affects your child's learning, the learning of others and is very inconsiderate.

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

St Joseph's Mission Statement

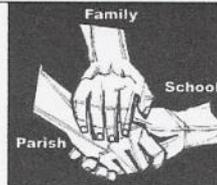
At St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School we strive to create a stimulating environment so that by learning, playing and working together, we openly follow Christ's teachings. We seek to offer every person the opportunity to be a unique and valued individual, sharing and developing belief in the teachings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

In order to achieve our mission:

- 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

From Easter to Pentecost *Year C*

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea:

This resource continues learning about Easter by exploring the Season of Easter, the period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. Belief in the resurrection is presented as one of the founding beliefs of Christians and, together with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as the rationale for 'caritas'; love of God that leads to acts of charity. This unit teaches from the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles, also written by Luke.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A strengthened sense of belief in the resurrection of Jesus
- A willingness to accept the obligation to care for those less fortunate than ourselves

- A sense of how the resurrection provides a way of living

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.

- Easter is a time of reflection, thanksgiving and celebration. Make a point of undertaking some charitable works: give time, money or your support to someone who needs it.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Loving God, In loving you we are called to love others in practical and real ways. May we have eyes to see the needs of those around us and the hearts and minds to do something about meeting them. Amen