



# St Joseph's News

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*They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Saviour.  
Psalm 24:5*

## All Saints Mass

On Tuesday 1 November, all children and staff from Year 3 to Year 6 attended the All Saints Mass at Our Lady Of Willesden.

Father Stephen introduced the service by reminding us to think about all the people we know in Heaven as they are all saints as everyone who has died belongs to God.

Father Stephen also spoke about the traditions of All Hallows Eve which is now more commonly known as Hallow'een. Did you know that the roots of dressing up as ghosts or spirits can be traced back to the Celts of Ireland?

We would like to thank Father Stephen for a very interesting service where we learned about past and current traditions regarding All Saints Day.

Also, a big thank you to Mr McCourt and the choir of St Joseph's for leading the music at the mass. We are all very proud to have such talented musicians and singers at our school and we look forward to hearing them at future events.

## Year 4 Visit To Tower Of London

Last week, the Year 4 classes had a fantastic trip to the Tower Of London which was arranged to complement their learning on the topic of 'The Gunpowder Plot'.

A Tower Of London guide told Year 4 all about the plot led by Guy Fawkes to blow up Parliament in the year 1605. They also learned what happened to those who were involved in the plot and who were tried for treason against the king. Year 4 also got to view the Crown Jewels, were able to talk to the Ravenmaster and also saw the ravens who guard the Tower.

The children asked lots of questions to help their understanding and they all displayed exemplary behaviour.

When they returned to school, James, Aailie and Kaliyl carried out some investigative journalism about the trip and obtained these quotes from their classmates:

The last royal beast left the Tower in 1832

We heard about how people were tortured

We took photos and had lots of fun

The trip was cool, exciting, fantastic!!

We had a great time and hopefully we didn't commit any acts of treason!!!

## School Dinner and After School Club Payments

The school office would like to remind parents that the current cost of school dinners is £10.25 per week.

Please also be reminded that from 31 October, the cost of the After School Club is £42.00 per week.

All payments should be placed in a secure envelope, marked with your child's name, class, payment amount and reason for payment.

## Attendance

Last week, 311 children from Years 1 to 6 came to school every day and the whole school attendance for the week was 96.6%. The best class attendance is awarded to Class 4O with 99% attendance all week but they were very closely followed by Classes 3F and 5NW .

Congratulations to the classes who did not receive an official late mark all week - 1C, 1G, 3F, 3M, 4O and 6F.