



St Joseph's News

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And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.' *Luke 7:50*

Catholic Life of the School

In the Gospel reading this Sunday, we are reminded that God always gives us another chance if we say sorry for our sins and try to change our ways.

In Luke 7:36-50, Jesus shows us that he forgives those who are sorry for their behaviours, thoughts and actions. It is important that we too remember to forgive those who wish to apologise or if they want to make a positive change in their lives.

Pope Francis tells us: A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: May I? Thank You and I'm sorry

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to think about something on your mind for which you need to ask forgiveness. You may also want to pray for those who need to know that Jesus is ready to forgive them if they are ready to say sorry for their sins. It is also important to ask for the strength and wisdom to make right choices in future.



Many of our Year 3 and Year 4 children have made their **First Holy Communion** over the last few weeks. We have enjoyed celebrating this important stage in your child's faith with the whole school community via our newsletter and the school website.

If you have not yet sent photographs but would like to share these in our newsletter and on our website, please email these to Mrs Studd at info@stjo.brent.sch.uk

Merit of the Week Award

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

Kevin 2M, Liam 2W, Kaci 3C, Joene 3M, Arisia 4K, Irunna 4G,
Lara 4W, Jonathan 5L, Josie 5M, Sebastian 6M and Leah 6R

Student of the Week Award

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| 3M Kristina | For always working to the best of her ability |
| 5M Shylesha | For setting a positive example of behaviour on the Year 5 residential trip |
| 6R Michael | For always asking relevant questions to extend his learning |

Attendance

During week beginning 23 May, Classes 2M, 3M, and 5M had 100% attendance. The best class attendance for the year has a number of contenders so children must attend every day to ensure their class can go on the reward trip to Chessington World of Adventures!

Children must 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 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)

Learning About Other Faiths

On Tuesday of this week, we had a special visitor to the school to support our current learning about the Jewish faith.

Ms Ruth Jampal, from 'Judaism for Schools' worked with children in their classes and through assemblies to explain more about the faith of Jewish people. The children were also able to make links about the things which are common to Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Please see below the comments from the children following this exciting opportunity.

We learned about the Torah which is the Holy Book for the Jewish people. It has stories which we also find in the Old Testament of the Christian Bible.

The Torah is kept in a special place in the Synagogue. The parchment is made from Kosher animal skin and quills are still used to write the words in Hebrew.

The Torah is so special and holy to the Jewish people that it is buried if it becomes damaged.

Jewish people keep a small piece of the Torah in their homes which has the 'golden rules' or the Ten Commandments on it. This is called a mezuzah.

When children reach the age of twelve or thirteen, they can read parts of the Torah to the community.



Upcoming Dates and Events

Parents and children will know that this last half term of the academic year is always the busiest!

We have a number of educational trips and special events planned. Detailed information will be sent in separate letters, but here are some key dates to note:

Friday 17 June	St Joseph's celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday and children may come to school on this day wearing red, white and blue clothing
Monday 20 June	Year 4 trip to the Science Museum
Monday 27 June	Class photographs
Wednesday 29 June	KS2 children to attend St Peter and St Paul Mass at Our Lady of Willesden
Wednesday 6 July	Whole school celebration of Bastille Day
Monday 11 July	Year 6 depart for 5 day residential to Normandy
Wednesday 20 July	Year 6 Leavers Mass

A Virtuous Life - Year C

Linking School, Parish and Home

Religious Education

Key Idea:

This resource completes study of the Gospel of Luke by examining one of his most favoured texts, the Good Samaritan, and by relating the actions of the Samaritan to the cardinal virtues. The resource concludes with an investigation of St John Southworth and by asking the eternal question, who is my neighbour?

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

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

- A sense of a virtuous person
- An openness to the virtues that are presented
- A willingness to try and live these virtues

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.

- The virtues of prudence, justice, courage and restraint sound as if they have come from another era! However, the notion that we should think before we act, and consider before we speak is one that has real relevance in today's world. Talk to your children about the kind of people you want them to be: and the need to practice being thoughtful about, and perhaps even containing, our behaviours.

An idea for prayer at home

Prayer Activity



Lord Jesus, you challenged the lawyer to consider the Samaritan as someone who loved his neighbor, in a time when they were outcast and condemned. Help us to see those who we find hard to like as among those we are invited to love and care for. Help us to learn to think before we act or speak and to act with courage in living your words. We ask this in your name, Amen.