



# St Joseph's News

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But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. **John 14:26**

## Catholic Life of the School

This Sunday, we will celebrate Pentecost which is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. The Holy Spirit is our guide and our helper; to teach us and to be with us always.

*'The Holy Spirit is the supreme gift of the risen Christ to his apostles. God wants this gift to reach everyone' (Pope Francis)*

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to think about how we can all help each other. Perhaps we can all do something to help at home or we may be able to find ways to help our teachers and friends at school.



### 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](mailto: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:

<b>Wednesday 18 May</b>	Class 4G trip to Welsh Harp
<b>Friday 20 May</b>	Class 4W trip to Welsh Harp
<b>Week beginning 23 May</b>	Year 5 residential trip to Gordon Brown Centre
<b>Wednesday 25 May</b>	Class 4K trip to Welsh Harp
<b>Friday 27 May</b>	Reception classes to Kidzania
<b>Tuesday 7 June</b>	London Fire Brigade visit to Year 2 classes
<b>Thursday 9 June</b>	Year 6 attending Good Shepherd's Mass at Westminster Cathedral
<b>Friday 17 June</b>	St Joseph's celebration for Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday

## Attendance

During week beginning 02 May, Class 5L 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

## Phonics

The Reception class teachers held a 'Phonics Workshop' at the school on Thursday 5 May.

The workshop was designed for parents to support their children with reading and writing. The session helped the parents understand the expectations for the end of the Reception Year. Parents were given practical advice and also had the opportunity to ask questions regarding reading and writing.

### **Feedback from parents**

"I now understand how to help my child at home. Thank you."

"I am very happy with the workshop as it helped a lot."

"This was very helpful! Could you do a similar session on maths please?"

"This was fantastic , it really helped!"

"Could you do this more often to keep helping us?"

## 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:

Dikembe 2M, Alex 2W, Simona 3C, Arissa 3M, Marcin 4K, Nina 4G,  
Oliver L 4W, Grace 5L, Jack 5M, Rafaela 6M and Dominis 6R

## Student of the Week Award

<b>2W</b>	<b>Maria</b>	For making a big improvement in her writing
<b>3C</b>	<b>Taegan</b>	For a huge improvement in all subjects
<b>5L</b>	<b>Shayne</b>	For consistently producing high quality work in every subject

## Parental Contact Information

It is really important that parents ensure the school always has their latest contact details. We have had a number of occasions recently when we needed to speak urgently to a parent but the information held by the school had not been updated by the parents. This is of particular concern if a child is very unwell or has had an accident.

Next week, the Data Collection sheets will be sent home with your child. Please ensure you check the information on the sheet and make any necessary amendments.

It is also important that parents check their children's bags every evening as we do send information home via letters too. Additionally, if your child has had an accident during the day, this is also recorded in the Accident Book with a note placed in your child's bag.

## After School Club

St Joseph's After School Club runs Monday to Friday from 3.15pm to 5.30pm during term time.

Children are supervised doing their homework and during their play activities. They are also given a light meal which they enjoy with their peers and the staff.

Another focus for the After School provision is providing extra-curricular opportunities, extended learning and time for playing games! This term, the children have been able to spend more time outdoors and have enjoyed the additional opportunities this brings.

The activities planned for this term at After School Club include:

*Arts & Crafts, Cooking, Focus on Key Dates (e.g. Saint Days, Father's Day, Bastille Day), Sewing, Creative Stories/Role Play, Sports Activities, Keep Fit Sessions, Prayer & Reflection on the Year of Mercy*

### Here are some comments from the After School Club children:

**Chloe:** *The staff care about us. We play so many games - hockey, tennis and volleyball - but it is important we get our homework done too! We eat lovely hot meals with our friends.*

**Nia:** *We make creative things like cards for Christmas and Easter. Before we eat our lovely meal, we pray to thank God for all He has provided. We share our achievements with each other.*

**Hubert:** *I like to play the sports activities like tennis and hockey.*

**Chardelle:** *I am happy at After School Club because I am with my friends and we are happy. I learn something new when we take part in the different craft activities. What I like most is that we follow the school Vision Statement and the school rules.*

**Katiana:** *I like the dancing and learning to play musical instruments. It is also good to get help with my homework because sometimes I am confused but the staff help me to understand better. I also enjoy Circle Time because we hear everybody's good news and we can celebrate.*

**Kieran:** *After School Club is like a family to me; it is an important part of my life. I also enjoy the sports including hockey and volleyball.*

**Kaelon:** *I love the dancing and the football but the best thing is the love and care we have for each other. I also enjoy our prayer time before we eat and our homework time.*

**Yanni:** *I like After School Club because we are doing important things!*

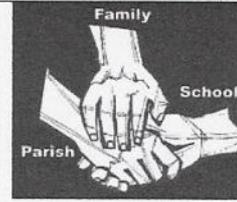
**Kayden:** *I enjoy being with my friends and the staff. We talk about our day and we talk about our hopes for the next day. We have fun learning new instruments like the tambourines and the ukuleles. After School Club is like a big family!*



# 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