



# St Joseph's News

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While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me - one who is eating with me." **Mark 14:18**

## St Patrick's & St Joseph's Day

On Monday 17 March, children from Years 3 to 6 attended Mass at The Shrine Of Our Lady Of Willesden to celebrate the feast days of St Patrick (17 March) and St Joseph (19 March).

Father Stephen talked with the children about the lives of St Patrick and St Joseph. The children also told Father Stephen about all the things they knew regarding the Saints we were remembering.

The St Joseph's School Choir led the whole congregation with the beautiful hymns so it was especially wonderful to hear the parents and other parishioners joining in with the singing.

Thank you to all those who were able to join us on this very special day as we gave thanks to two of the Saints who are significant for our Catholic community. Please [click here](#) for more photographs.



## Merit And Student Of The Week Certificates

In our Friday morning assembly, the following children received **Merit Certificates** in recognition of their effort last week:

Natalia 2C, Santiago 2O, Patryk 2M, Joseph 3A, Matylda 3F, Cameron 3M, Grace 4A, Maksim 4M, Diego 4O, Amelia 5D, Yasmine 5R, Iwo 5M, Quincy 6K, Jordan 6N

**Student Of The Week Certificates** were issued to:

- Donnell 2C** for a huge improvement in his 'big writing'
- Jevone 4O** for great improvement with his handwriting and overall attitude to learning
- Bartek 5D** for amazing improvement in handwriting and mathematics

## Attendance

This week, the full-time Nursery Class, 3F and 5R achieved 100% attendance.

Classes RG, 1F, 1P, 2C, 3M, 4O, 5R, 6K and 6N received NO late marks this week.

As Year 3 to Year 6 children may arrive from 8.30am and Year 1 to Year 2 can arrive from 8.45am, there is no excuse for regular lateness. Please respect your children's right to learn by getting them to school on time.

**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)**

## Admittance To School Premises

Please be reminded that it is school protocol for parents to **not be** allowed on the premises to collect their children until 3.10pm. This is particularly important during this warmer season as children will be involved in more outdoor learning experiences. It is clearly unacceptable for parents to interrupt these lessons or cause a distraction.

Nursery parents should leave by the main entrance / exit gate. Please do not cross into the main playground before 3.10pm.

Please wait patiently and quietly on the street to respect our neighbours and **do not** persistently press the buzzer to gain entrance before this time. If you need to see a member of staff at the main school office you can do so at 3.10pm.

If you have a specific reason to be on the school premises before 3.10pm, please press the buzzer and be prepared to explain why you need to come into the school. You may find it easier to telephone the school in advance.

## Eco Warriors!

St Joseph's has a new team of pupils who are looking after the appearance of the school by monitoring litter and reminding their peers about the proper way to dispose of rubbish.

Our Eco Warriors have also been checking classrooms and school offices to check how paper waste is being disposed of. They are pleased to report that staff are recycling unwanted or out of date documents.

**Allison (4M)** says that she enjoys being an Eco Warrior because she likes to serve the school.

**Joshua M (3M)** tells us that it is great to be part of this team because it has helped him to make new friends.

**Tashani (4M)** says that she likes being an Eco Warrior because it is fun and she also helps to keep the school clean and tidy. Tashani tells us that the Eco Warriors are determined to 'do their bit' for the school so St Joseph's can be the best and the cleanest school in Brent!

Please help our Eco Warriors in their mission by taking responsibility for disposing of your litter and waste in the right way. This helps to keep our learning environment safe and tidy and we will also be making a contribution to global conservational issues.



## Altar Servers Celebration

On Saturday 15th March, Altar Servers attended a National Mass at Westminster Cathedral to recognise and celebrate their contribution to our Catholic community. Cardinal Vincent, who had just recently returned from Rome, was the Principal Celebrant.



Over 1,000 servers and their families were in attendance. We are very proud to share photographs of Ciara, Leesha, Quincy, Quentin, Thomas and Mickell who are pupils of St Joseph's and are Altar Servers at our Parish Church, The Shrine Of Our Lady Of Willesden.



## Upcoming Dates & Events

**Friday 11 April**

Last day of Spring Term

**Monday 14 April to  
Friday 25 April**

**EASTER HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Children **MUST NOT** ride their bicycles and scooters on the school premises