



# St Joseph's News

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*...and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.*  
**2 Timothy 3:15-16**

## Education Sunday

Thank you very much to the parents who have responded to the invitation to attend the Education Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Willesden Church on Sunday 24 January at 11.00am.

This is a very special celebration which is an important day of prayer for everyone in the world of education. If you have not replied to the invitation, you are still welcome to join us at Mass but please remember that the children must wear full school uniform.

### Education Sunday Prayer

**Dear God,**

*We thank you for all those people who serve others.  
Help us to remember our teachers, classroom assistants, our cleaners, those who work in the office, those who work at lunchtime and all our governors and other volunteers who give up their time for us.*

*We thank you for all the people who serve us outside of school, especially our families.  
Help us to remember to say thank you.*

*Please help us to remember how lucky we are, that our education is free and means that we can be anything we want to be. Help us to be everything that we can be and help us to serve others.*

**Amen**

## Wednesday Word

In this week's edition of the Wednesday Word, we are reminded that the Good News always remains the same - Christ has died and is risen. Pope Francis tells us "Jesus was sent to bring the Good News, to enter the heart of each one of us".

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to reflect on how wonderful it is that God sent Jesus to tell us the Good News so that we may also share this through our words and actions every day.

## Attendance

Last week, Classes 5M, 5L and 6M shared the best attendance award with 100% attendance. More classes must aim for 100% next week to ensure they have the opportunity to enjoy the attendance reward trip.

Please ensure that your child aims for 100% attendance this year. Every lesson counts so your child can benefit from the excellent learning opportunities at St Joseph's.

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)**

### Year of Mercy Prayer

**FATHER**, Slow to anger, abounding in mercy. You see us and run to us when we are far away from you, You find your way to us when we cannot find our way to you, You are always faithful when we are unfaithful.

**JESUS CHRIST**, You entered the house of sinners, You sat at the table of the poor, You mounted the Cross, your throne of mercy.

**HOLY SPIRIT**, You pour your healing gifts over our wounds, You anoint us to bring good news to the poor, You send us out as missionaries of mercy.

**GOD OF MERCIES**, Have mercy on us, so that where sin abounds your grace may abound all the more, and we shall become like you, Merciful.

**AMEN**

### School Building Update

Thank you to all the parents who have shown a kind interest in the developments with the school building.

There are weekly meetings with surveyors, planners, designers and structural engineers to ensure that the renovation project restores the building to it's former glory.

The current discussions are around the current structure of the building. The external walls are very secure but there are concerns about the floors on the top level. As with any major project like this, health and safety is paramount and must be the main consideration of any decision made.

Please see below some photographs of the current condition of the interior parts of the building. This gives an indicator of the depth of the project but our families can be assured that everyone is working very hard to find and implement the best solutions so we can be back in the main building by July 2017.



### Winter Weather

In this colder and wetter climate, please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for school every day. All children should be wearing their school coat and we would suggest that they should also have school hats, gloves and scarves so they are warm at all times.

### Merit of the Week Award

|           |                |   |
|-----------|----------------|---|
| <b>2M</b> | <b>Holly</b>   | For always being very helpful and being a good role model               |
| <b>2W</b> | <b>Kelly</b>   | For trying hard in mathematics  |
| <b>3C</b> | <b>Teresa</b>  | For always giving great and imaginative answers                         |
| <b>3M</b> | <b>Lilia</b>   | For always trying her best and for having lovely manners                |
| <b>4K</b> | <b>Daniel</b>  | For great improvement with his handwriting                              |
| <b>4G</b> | <b>Karol</b>   | For always being responsible and sensible                               |
| <b>4W</b> | <b>Hannah</b>  | For getting involved in lessons and sharing answers                     |
| <b>5L</b> | <b>Natalia</b> | For consistently outstanding work                                       |
| <b>5M</b> | <b>Meagan</b>  | For being an excellent role model with lovely manners                   |
| <b>6M</b> | <b>Elton</b>   | For working hard in mathematics and trying his best with the challenges |
| <b>6R</b> | <b>Linnay</b>  | For taking responsibility for her work so it is the best it can be      |

### Student of the Week Award

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|-----------|---------------|---|
| <b>4W</b> | <b>Amelia</b> | For being engaged in lessons and always eager to do her best      |
| <b>5M</b> | <b>Amerie</b> | For excelling across all curriculum subjects                      |
| <b>6M</b> | <b>Daisy</b>  | For always having a mature and sensible approach towards her work |