



# St Joseph's News

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While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." **Mark 14:22**

## People Of Prayer

During this Lenten period, we have been supporting the children with their prayer life and we know that parents have been reinforcing this at home.

The 'Prayer For Today' on [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) is a simple and touching prayer which you may wish to pray together as a family.

### Prayer to Serve God Well

Father of Mercy,  
forgive my failings,  
keep me in Your Grace,  
and lead me in the way of salvation.  
Give me strength in serving You  
as a follower of Christ.  
May the Eucharist bring me Your Forgiveness  
and give me freedom to serve You all my life.  
May it help me to remain faithful  
and give me the grace I need in Your service.  
May it teach me the way to eternal life.

## Education Penalty Notices

Please remember that it has been school policy for a number of years that holidays, family celebrations, reunions etc are banned during term time.

Families ignoring this school rule will be issued with an automatic Education Penalty Fine Notice which is £120 per child, per person with parental responsibility. The fine is reduced by 50% if paid in full within 21 days. Legal prosecution proceedings commence if the fine remains unpaid after 28 days.

If parents choose to take their child away from school without notification, this will be reported to Brent's 'Children Missing In Education' team so they can liaise with officials, including the police, to determine the whereabouts of children who are not in school as expected.

We have already been placed in the unfortunate position of reporting unauthorised absence to Brent which has led to the issuing of Education Penalty Notices. Please note that once a referral has been made by the school, it becomes a legal matter out of our control and influence.

The school will support any action which preserves a child's access to education as every child attending St Joseph's has high aspirations and rightly expects to reach their full potential.

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**Attendance**  
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★ This week, the full-time Nursery Class, 2C, 4M and 5R achieved 100% attendance.

★ Classes RM, RG, 2C, 4M, 4O, 5R and 6K 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)**  
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**Easter Holiday starts on Monday 14 April. Children return to St Joseph's on Monday 28 April.**  
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