



# St Joseph's News

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*Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Psalm 80:19*

## Advent

This Sunday, 30 November, marks the start of Advent. This is a good time to strengthen our prayer life so we can continue to build on our relationships with God and each other.

We should take this opportunity to pray not just for ourselves but to think of others and bring them to God through our prayers. You may wish to pray for people who will be far away from their families this Christmas and for those who have no contact with their loved ones. Pray that we will all know God's peace and love whatever our circumstances.



## Important Information

- The last day of term will now be **Thursday 18 December**
- During week beginning 15 December, **all children** will receive free school meals. There will be no charge for dinners for the Nursery and Years 3 to 6 on 15, 16, 17 and 18 December
- Admission to the Nativity Performances will be by ticket only. Dates and times are as follows:

<b>Class RS</b>	Tuesday 2 December at 9.30am
<b>Class RO</b>	Thursday 4 December at 9.30am
<b>Class RG</b>	Friday 5 December at 9.30am
<b>Nursery</b>	Tuesday 9 December at 9.30am ( <b>morning &amp; full time children</b> )
<b>Nursery</b>	Thursday 11 December at 2.15pm ( <b>afternoon &amp; full time children</b> )
<b>Year 1</b>	Monday 15 December at 2.30pm
<b>Year 2</b>	Tuesday 16 December at 2.30pm

## CAFOD Appeal

From 24 November to 17 December, children are encouraged to raise money for CAFOD by undertaking small chores under parental supervision. Alternatively, you may choose to 'reward' your child for acts of kindness or exceptional behaviour.

We suggest that children receive 20p per task with the aim of them 'earning' around £1 a week. Children should then bring in the money **every Thursday** so every class can see the collective donation growing every week.

## Attendance

Classes 3F, 5M, 6K and the full-time Nursery achieved 100% attendance this week.

A high number of late marks were recorded this week. We understand that there are some local traffic problems but if you are aiming to arrive by 8.30am then your child should still arrive on time even if there are any unexpected circumstances. Please also note that weather conditions are not considered to be an acceptable excuse for lateness. **The gates close at 8.55am so all children must be in school by this time. Late arrivals cause disruption for the school and it is also embarrassing for the child.**

While we enjoy celebrating excellent attendance, we must remember the long term benefits of your child being in school every day - they will access all aspects of the curriculum and reach their full potential.

Please arrange routine appointments out of school hours and remember that holidays are banned.

**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)**

## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all the families of St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School for your generous support with the 'Poppy Appeal' earlier this month.

We have received a thank you letter from the Royal British Legion which can be viewed by clicking on this link [Poppy Appeal — Thank You Letter](#)

Together we raised £128.26 and this will go towards the wonderful work to support service personnel and their families particularly when they are less able to look after themselves.

## Year 2 Ice Skating



Last week, our Year 2 classes had a fantastic ice skating experience at Wembley Park. Everyone had a really good time and it has created an air of excitement about the wonders of winter and the joys of the festive season. Please speak with your children about how much they enjoyed learning a new skill.

**Jasmine 2M:** Learning how to skate was lots of fun!

**Avin 2O:** We learned how to skate...it was amazing.

**Dylan 2O:** I really enjoyed myself!

**Kieran 2M:** I loved it because we learned how to skate by ourselves.



## Merit And Student Of The Week Certificates

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

Josiah 2M, Jack 2O, Tyrese 3C, Julia 3A, Olga 3F, Shayne 4D, Miriam 4O, Linnay 5M, Tejuan 5O, Oswald 5Q, Thomas 6R, Cydnie 6M and Kane 6K

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

**Marie-Louise 2M** for being an excellent role model in her learning and behaviour

**Noah 3A** for the biggest improvement in his handwriting and independent working

**Marriel 5Q** for consistently great effort with mathematics and English

## Message From Father Stephen

As is usual practice at Our Lady of Willesden, parents should see Father Stephen after the 11.00am mass on Sundays to make appointments for the 2015 Reception Class application interviews.

Please check the weekly parish newsletter for further information and updates.

## Head Boy & Head Girl

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who have been elected by their peers to the Head Boy and Head Girl positions.

**Jaime (6M)** Head Boy

**Louise (6K)** Head Girl

**Liam (6M)** Deputy Head Boy

**Yasmine (6R)** Deputy Head Girl

