



# St Joseph's News

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All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' **Luke 4:22**

### Wednesday Word

The Gospel message we will hear at Mass this weekend is taken from Luke 4:21-30.

Jesus had been speaking in the synagogue (v 16-20), telling those who were there that he was filled with the Spirit of God and that he had come to bring good news to the poor. Jesus said that he had been sent to release the captives, restore sight to the blind, and bring freedom to the oppressed.

As we read in Luke 4:22 "All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth." God's love for us is unconditional and unlimited. When we are willing to accept and experience God's love, we will be much happier.

God loves us so much that he sent his son, Jesus Christ, to show us the freedom we can enjoy in his presence.

In your family prayer and reflection time, you may wish to think about the ways in which we can show others how much God loves them and accepts them. Perhaps we can demonstrate some of the love, compassion and forgiveness which we have been granted through God's graciousness.



**God's love is free. God asks for nothing in return; all God wants is for us to accept his love.**  
(Pope Francis)

### 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**

### Attendance

Last week, Class 10 achieved 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)**

## Education Sunday

Last weekend, the children and parents of St Joseph's attended for the **Education Sunday** Mass at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden.

Fr Stephen spoke about the importance of education and presented each child with a prayer card which had been blessed earlier in the week by Pope Francis in Rome. Thank you to the parents and children who joined us at this very special Mass.

## The Little Red Hen!

The Nursery and Reception children have been looking at the story of The Little Red Hen so we were all delighted when Mrs Pratley brought in three hens from home.

The children enjoyed looking at the hens and were amazed at the number of eggs they were laying!

This was a wonderful experience which had some additional drama when Rosie, our little red hen, decided to go off to a neighbour's garden for the afternoon! Luckily, she was back with the other hens in no time and feeling exhausted after her adventure.



## Building Fund

Thank you to all the families who have responded to the Building Fund appeal so we can maintain our excellent standards for the children of St Joseph's.

We are still grateful to receive your contributions if you have not yet taken the opportunity to do so. Please ensure that your cash/cheque is placed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked 'Building Fund' and with your child's name and class.

## 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>Colin</b>	For always having a positive attitude towards learning
<b>2W</b>	<b>Brajan</b>	For great progress in his approach to his work
<b>3C</b>	<b>Jeremiah</b>	For wonderful progress in his approach to his learning
<b>3M</b>	<b>Arissa</b>	For great improvement with attendance and punctuality
<b>4K</b>	<b>Natalia</b>	For great progress with English and mathematics
<b>4G</b>	<b>Bethel</b>	For sharing wonderful ideas in writing lessons
<b>4W</b>	<b>Helena</b>	For producing good quality mathematics work
<b>5L</b>	<b>Shayne</b>	For consistently producing outstanding work in all subjects
<b>5M</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	For great problem solving skills in mathematics
<b>6M</b>	<b>Lillie-Rose</b>	For producing an engaging and well written mystery story
<b>6R</b>	<b>Ella</b>	For good progress with handwriting

## Student of the Week Award

<b>3M</b>	<b>Anita</b>	For continued hard work and determination as well as having lovely manners
<b>4K</b>	<b>Gabrielle</b>	For being an excellent role model by always working hard in class
<b>6R</b>	<b>Mariel</b>	For a mature approach to classwork and completing tasks to a high standard