



St Joseph's News

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But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead;
but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' **Luke 9:60**

Catholic Life of the School

This Sunday, the Gospel reading from Luke 9:51-62 tells us about the choices to be made when we decide to follow Jesus.

Our life will change when we choose to follow Jesus and we need to remember to continue to make the right choices. Whenever we have a difficult or important decision to make, we can ask ourselves this: **'What would Jesus do?'**

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to think about how we can make good choices through looking at the example of Jesus' life.

**Dear young people, do not be afraid of making decisive choices in life.
Have faith; the Lord will always be with you!** (Pope Francis)



Children and adults face a number of choices every day. In our country, some choices may be quite simple such as what clothes to wear or what to eat for lunch.

However, in some parts of the world, people may have to make decisions such as how to feed their family when they have no money. Please remember these people in your prayers too and ask God to comfort and guide them when they are faced with difficult choices.

Merit of the Week Award

The following children received Merit Certificates in our whole school assembly for excellent standards in their learning and behaviour:

Chloe 2M, Mateus 2W, Corliss 3C, Hannah 3M, Xavier 4K, Nathaly 4G,
Stephen 4W, Ugonna 5L, Dymitr 5M, Sebastian 6M and Lucius 6R

Student of the Week Award

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| 3C | Rayner | For a big improvement and always trying his best with his writing |
| 4W | Katie | For making good progress in English and mathematics |
| 5L | Gabrielle | For always working hard and modelling high standards of behaviour |

Attendance

During week beginning 13 June, Classes 3M and 4K had the best attendance. The best class attendance for the year has a number of contenders so children must attend every day to ensure their class can go on the reward trip to Chessington World of Adventures!

Children must 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 referred to Brent Education Welfare and may be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)

Sports Days

Please note the following dates and arrangements:

Reception Sports Day will be held at St Joseph's on Friday 15 July, weather permitting. Children should arrive at school by the normal start time of 8.55am and wear their full school uniform. The Sports Day will start at 9.30am and parents are welcome to return to school at 9.25am to watch the events.

Nursery Sports Day will be held at St Joseph's on Monday 18 July, weather permitting. Children should arrive at school at the normal time of 9.00am and wear their full school uniform. The Sports Day will start at 9.30am and parents are welcome to return to school at 9.25am to watch the events.

Years 1 to 6 will hold their Sports Days at Newman Catholic College. Your child will bring home a letter with full details about these dates and how the events will be organised.

Queen's Birthday

The children had a wonderful time celebrating Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday last week.

We had two competitions to encourage the children to use their creative and technological skills.

The 'Creative Crown' competition brought some magnificent entries. It was clear to see that the children had used their imagination and artistic talents with their designs. The final winners were:

Nursery: Lilian

Year 1: Kevin

Year 3: Jennifer

Year 5: Tracey

Reception: Ezra

Year 2: Klaudiusz

Year 4: Julia

Year 6: Diego

The winner of the 'Creative Palace Design' was **Kajetan** (Class 4G).

Congratulations to everyone for making such a fantastic effort with the competitions, celebrations and for dressing up in the royal red, white and blue colours too!



St Joseph's Mission Statement

At St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School we strive to create a stimulating environment so that by learning, playing and working together, we openly follow Christ's teachings. We seek to offer every person the opportunity to be a unique and valued individual, sharing and developing belief in the teachings of Jesus through everyday relationships and mutual respect in our dealings with one another.

In order to achieve our mission:

- We stand on holy ground
- We will always open our doors in welcome
- We will always love and care for each other as Jesus taught us
- We will always place the Word of God at the heart of our school
- We will always be witnesses to our faith by following in the footsteps of Christ

A Virtuous Life - Year C

Linking School, Parish and Home

Religious Education	
Key Idea:	
This resource completes study of the Gospel of Luke by examining one of his most favoured texts, the Good Samaritan, and by relating the actions of the Samaritan to the cardinal virtues. The resource concludes with an investigation of St John Southworth and by asking the eternal question, who is my neighbour?	
Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions	
Spiritual Outcomes: <i>It is hoped that pupils will develop:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sense of a virtuous person • An openness to the virtues that are presented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A willingness to try and live these virtues
Activities to try at home	
<p>You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The virtues of prudence, justice, courage and restraint sound as if they have come from another era! However, the notion that we should think before we act, and consider before we speak is one that has real relevance in today's world. Talk to your children about the kind of people you want them to be: and the need to practice being thoughtful about, and perhaps even containing, our behaviours. 	
An idea for prayer at home	
	<p>Prayer Activity</p> <p>Lord Jesus, you challenged the lawyer to consider the Samaritan as someone who loved his neighbour, in a time when they were outcast and condemned. Help us to see those who we find hard to like as among those we are invited to love and care for. Help us to learn to think before we act or speak and to act with courage in living your words. We ask this in your name, Amen.</p>

Upcoming Dates and Events

We have a number of educational trips and special events planned for this half-term. Detailed information will be sent in separate letters, but here are some key dates to note:

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| Wednesday 29 June | KS2 children to attend St Peter and St Paul Mass at Our Lady of Willesden |
| Tuesday 5 July | Whole school celebration of Bastille Day. PLEASE NOTE this is a change of date. Children making a donation of £1 may come to school dressed in their own red, white and blue clothes |
| Monday 11 July | Year 6 depart for 5 day residential to Normandy |
| Wednesday 20 July | Year 6 Leavers Mass |
| Thursday 21 July | Last day of school for pupils |