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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools
Parental Newsletter - Friday 22nd May 2026

Value for May – Perseverance

Breakfast Club Daily
7:45 - 8:30 a.m.
Junior/Infant School Halls -
registration required
After School Club
Junior School
Monday - Friday
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Monday 1st June
Dance Club
Taekwondo
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday 2nd June
Gym Club
Chess Club
Archery Club
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday 3rd June
Football Club
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday 4th June
Year 4 Computing Club
3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Fencing Club
Computing Club
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Friday 5th June
Gym Club
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



The sunshine has arrived just in time for half term. I hope that you have a great half term week off.

Summer Term Class Assemblies – 9 a.m. in either school hall

Thursday 11th June - Saint Jude
 Thursday 18th June - Saint Patrick

School's Association Meeting- Summer Fayre – Save the date

The Summer Fayre will take place on **Friday 3rd July from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** We are planning lots of exciting activities for you all to enjoy. As always, we need lots of volunteers to help make this a successful event for everyone. Parents will be on the playground over the next couple of weeks asking you to sign up to help on a stall. Please give up a little time to help if you can. More details will be shared over the next few weeks. The next Schools Association Meeting to plan for this event will be on Friday 19th June from 8:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room.

International Day

The children celebrated our amazing cultural diversity today. It was wonderful to see their clothes reflecting their heritage or a favourite country. The children enjoyed telling us all about where they came from and the different traditions they knew about. We were disappointed that we did not get volunteers to contribute food for our international food stalls after school. This was an amazing event last year. Hopefully, next year we will get a better response, as it is a great opportunity for our families to share their culture through food and favourite family recipes.



School Council Eco Hero Shop

Our first Eco Hero Shop event was a fantastic success! The children were very excited to take part and showed great enthusiasm for our eco-friendly products. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers for their support and encouragement. We are very proud to announce that the School Council raised £57.71 profit from the event! The School Council are already looking forward to planning their next Eco Hero Shop event and continuing to promote ways we can help care for our world.



Parental Prayer Group

The next prayer group will take place on Friday 5th June from 8:30 a.m. in our Prayer Room or the Prayer Garden depending on the weather.

Reading Café

The Reading Café has been very successful throughout this special Year of Reading.

These will take place in the school hall from 2:30 p.m.

The remaining dates for the reading cafés are as follows:

Wednesday 3rd June Saint Patrick

Wednesday 10th June Saint John Paul

Wednesday 17th June Saint Bernadette

Wednesday 1st July Saint Teresa

Wednesday 8th July Saint George



Sun Safe School



As you know we are a Sun Safe School. We are now in the summer term and we will again be encouraging the children to be sun safe and to raise their awareness. **We would also ask for your support with this by making sure that your child has their hat (with their name on) in school every day and ensuring that your child has sunscreen applied each morning before school.** Please also send in a bottle of sunscreen lotion with your child's name on which will stay in school for them to use. Children will apply this as



necessary, so please practise applying sunscreen with them at home. **A reminder if the UV Index is 3 or above the children must wear their sun-hat at playtimes if they do not have a hat they have to stay in the shade.**

Please click on the link below to give permission for your child to be involved in this important health and safety initiative. If you have any questions please talk to us at the gate, email or call. Many thanks. Please complete the permission form using the link below: <https://forms.gle/LCREoDS7w5A7YUis8>

Skip2Bfit

We will once again be having a four-week programme of skipping in the month of June. This year children will be skipping on Thursdays or Fridays. These sessions will begin on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th June. Children may wear trainers to school on Thursdays and Fridays if it is not their P.E. day.

Forward Notice

The school photographer will be in on the following dates to take class photographs:

Tuesday 2nd June - Junior Classes

Wednesday 10th June - Infant Classes

Forward Notice Class Masses

The following classes will be celebrating Masses at 2p.m. in their classrooms on the following dates:

Friday 19th June Saint Angela and Saint John Paul (five pupils, parents will be directly invited)

Friday 26th June Saint Christopher and Saint John Paul (five pupils, parents will be directly invited)

Forward Notice OPAL Visit Afternoon

Parents are warmly invited to come and join in with our OPAL Play on the following dates from 2:30 p.m.

Monday 8th June Reception, Year 1, Year 4, Year 6

Tuesday 9th June Year 2, Saint John Paul, Year 3, Year 5

Forward Notice- Music Sharing Concerts

Please note we have had to combine some concerts so dates have changed

Our annual music sharing concerts will take place on the following dates and times:

Monday 15th June **Year 1** 9:00 a.m. infant hall

Monday 22nd June **Reception** 9:00 a.m. infant hall

Thursday 25th June **Year 5** 9:00 a.m. junior hall

Thursday 25th June **Year 4** 2:30 p.m. junior hall

Monday 29th June **Year 2** 9:00 a.m. infant hall

Thursday 2nd July **Year 6** 9:00 a.m. junior hall

Thursday 2nd July **Year 3** 2:30 p.m. junior hall

Safeguarding Online Safety

Each week we will include an information sheet which helps us navigate the online world. This week's National Online Safety guide is about setting boundaries around gaming. Please see page 7 for further information.

Weekly Attendance Award



Congratulations to the class winners for last week.

Junior School - Saint Faustina 97%

Infant School - Saint George 98%

House Points



			
Matthew 1 st 8613 points	Luke 2 nd 6205 points	John 3 rd 5865 points	Mark 4 th 5774 points



At Saint Joseph's we are committed to the safety and happiness of all our children and adults in our school family. If you are concerned about a child, please talk to our designated safeguarding officers.



House point totals 22nd May 2026

Star Reader Award

Saint Patrick - Jazlynn Saint Bernadette - Abner
Saint Teresa - Riley Saint George - Lenora
Saint John Paul - Archie Saint Christopher - Reuben Saint Angela - Zac
Saint Catherine - Joshua Saint Jude - Clarisa
Saint Mary - Ayden Saint Francis - Mazen
Saint Joan of Arc - Evelyn Saint Maximillian Kolbe - Velisha
Saint Faustina - Cyrus Saint Vincent De Paul - Jovan

Star Writer Award

Saint Patrick – Yohan Saint Bernadette- Heart
Saint Teresa - Blasia Saint George - Tyler
Saint John Paul - Alven Saint Christopher - Gizelle Saint Angela - Lester
Saint Catherine - Seanna Saint Jude - Lestra
Saint Mary - Joanna Saint Francis - Roseford
Saint Joan of Arc - Natalie Saint Maximillian Kolbe - Francisco
Saint Faustina - Keenetha Saint Vincent De Paul - Cavalli

Star Speller Award

Saint Patrick – Zane P Saint Bernadette- Kyler
Saint Teresa - Tristan Saint George- Erica
Saint John Paul - Kevian Saint Christopher - Roshvan Saint Angela - Sinora
Saint Catherine - Jelansiya Saint Jude - Antonina
Saint Mary - Haim Saint Francis - Prazio
Saint Joan of Arc - Adriel Saint Maximillian Kolbe - Ethan
Saint Faustina - Nathan Saint Vincent De Paul - Mikhail

Star Handwriting Award

Saint Patrick – Azaiah Saint Bernadette - Starla
Saint Teresa - Gwen Saint George - Kaylee
Saint John Paul - Jayden Saint Christopher- Ansel Saint Angela - Velrica
Saint Catherine - Geanna Saint Jude - Milanka
Saint Mary - Abigail Saint Francis - Alan
Saint Joan of Arc - Leona Saint Maximillian Kolbe - Aiden
Saint Faustina - Anailen Saint Vincent De Paul - Shanaya

Star Oracy Champion Award

Saint Patrick – Raya Saint Bernadette - Julia
Saint Teresa - Kian Saint George - Alyssia
Saint John Paul - Jinil Saint Christopher - Hania Saint Angela - Daniel
Saint Catherine - Marcel Saint Jude - Orion
Saint Mary - Mary Saint Francis - Izabela
Saint Joan of Arc - Shaydon Saint Maximillian Kolbe - Krizley
Saint Faustina - Diya Saint Vincent De Paul - Johann

Star Mathematician Award

Saint Patrick – Reina Saint Bernadette - Lael
Saint Teresa - Archer Saint George - Venisha
Saint John Paul - Nestor Saint Christopher - Kaleb Saint Angela - Mackenzie
Saint Catherine - Rylan Saint Jude - Vernon
Saint Mary - Julian Saint Francis - Biyona
Saint Joan of Arc - Kellan Saint Maximilian Kolbe - Sofia
Saint Faustina - Lisanne Saint Vincent De Paul - Divine

Value Awards- May – Perseverance

Saint Patrick – Mikayla and Kacper Saint Bernadette -Tytus and Alana
Saint Teresa - Alida and Sean Saint George - Lavison and Edma
Saint John Paul - Oskar and Jinal Saint Christopher - Shiran and Amelia
Saint Angela - Kieran and Carmalita
Saint Catherine - Joshua and Valentina Saint Jude - Jason and Aria
Saint Mary - Ignatius and Victoria Saint Francis - Dashawan and Kcuen
Saint Joan of Arc - Princely and Vania Saint Maximilian – Joseph and Clasida
Saint Faustina - Iga and Staylon Saint Vincent De Paul - Igor and Shivonne
Congratulations to all of the children who demonstrated an understanding of the value of 'Perseverance'. Our value for June is '**Leadership**'.

Star of the Week

We have decided that we will no longer put an individual picture of the children who are star of the week on the newsletter which is also then on our school website. We will however continue to celebrate the award at assemblies and will continue to publish a weekly winners list. Well done to the children below for their positive approach to learning and to school life in general.

Saint Patrick - Mikayla	Saint Catherine - Sian
Saint Bernadette - Caden	Saint Jude - Anthony
Saint George - Vlad	Saint Mary - Sofia
Saint Teresa - Wiktorja	Saint Francis - Veltroy
Saint John Paul - Arica	Saint Joan of Arc - Eliana
Saint Angela – Sebian	Saint Maximilian Kolbe - Wavell
Saint Christopher – Andreea	Saint Vincent De Paul - Archer
	Saint Faustina - Valora

Brent Libraries Half Term Events

There are lots of exciting FREE activities taking place at local Brent Libraries during the summer half term holiday! Children and families can enjoy a wide range of fun events including:

- Dinosaur Pop-Up Book workshops
- Creative Art Workshops
- Family Film Club
- Story and Rhyme Times
- Drama and Spoken Word sessions
- Empathy Comic Superhero activities



Events are taking place at local libraries including Wembley, Ealing Road, Kingsbury, Kilburn, Harlesden and Willesden Green. Activities are suitable for a range of ages, including Under 5s and children aged 5–11 years. These sessions are a wonderful opportunity for children to enjoy stories, creativity, art and imagination during the holiday.

Please check the document accompanying this newsletter for further information or scan the QR code.

Prayer for Pentecost

Loving God,

as we celebrate Pentecost and begin this half-term break,
we thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit.
Just as the disciples were filled with courage, joy, and peace,
fill our families with your love today.

Send your Spirit into our homes.
Help us to show patience, kindness, and understanding to one
another,
and to encourage our children in faith and hope.

Bless our time together this half term.
Keep our families safe in all that we do,
and renew our energy for the final weeks of the school year.

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill our hearts with your love
and guide us each day.

Amen.

*Have a lovely
half term.
Mrs. Whelan*



A reminder that we break up for the
half term holiday today, Friday the
22nd May.
School reopens on Monday 1st June.



A regular safeguarding update will be provided with this newsletter to ensure that you have access to current useful information and guidance.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upscomb is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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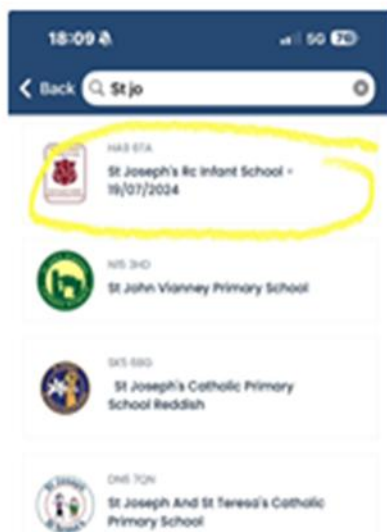
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