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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools **Parental Newsletter Friday 4th April 2025**

Value for April – Reverence

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

Monday 21st April
School Closed
Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April
Year 5 Reading Club
3:30-4:15
Gym Club
Chess Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday 23rd April
Football Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday 24th April
Computing Club
Fencing
Art Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Friday 25th April
Gym Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

As the spring term draws to a close, we would like to thank you for all of your support over the past two terms. We wish you all a holy and a happy Easter.

CAFOD Lenten Collection

Across the week the children have participated in the Big Lent Walk to support CAFOD. Thank you for your donations to support this which we collected on Monday. The Prayer Leaders collected a wonderful £302.98 which we will be sending to CAFOD as our Lenten charity.

Parental Prayer Group

Thank you to the parents who attended prayer group this morning. The next prayer group will take place on Friday 2nd May from 8:30a.m.

Stations of the Cross at Saint Joseph's Church Wembley

Stations of the Cross led by Catechism children will be held every Friday during Lent at 6.00pm. All children are welcome to join.

Daily Holy Rosary Saint Joseph's Church

Saint Joseph's Church warmly invites all children and their families of our school to join their online daily Rosary, held from **7:30 PM to 8:00 PM**, throughout the Easter break. Please see the poster on page 12 with the QR code.

Year 5 Easter Liturgy

Year 5 led a very reverent Easter Liturgy this week. They asked us to reflect on each Station of the Cross and how they link to our lives, to pray for support and guidance and finally to act to ensure that we are making the right

choices and 'Following in Christ's Footsteps'.



Easter Hat Parade

The children enjoyed a wonderful Easter hat parade at the end of term. As always, their creativity was amazing.



Catholic Life Newsletter

Along with this newsletter we have also attached the spring term's Catholic Life and Mission Newsletter. This highlights the different areas that we have worked on to continue to develop the children's understanding of our role to become modern day disciples of God and to live out our Mission Statement by following in Christ's Footsteps in Love.

P.E. Days Summer Term 2025

Please check the P.E days for the spring term. Your child will continue to wear their P.E kit in on their P.E. day. P.E lessons will resume from the Tuesday 22nd April.

Reception P.E Monday and Tuesday

Year 1 Saint Teresa and Saint George Tuesday and Thursday

Year 1 /2 Saint John Paul Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 2 Saint Angela and Saint Christopher Wednesday and Friday

Year 3 Saint Catherine and Saint Jude Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 Saint Mary and Saint Francis Monday (swimming) and Friday

Year 4 Swimming- Year 4 children will be having swimming lessons at Vale Farm Sports Centre. Lessons will begin on **Monday 28th April.**

Year 5 Saint Joan of Arc and Saint Maximilian Kolbe Monday and Friday

Year 6 Saint Faustina and Saint Vincent De Paul Tuesday and Friday

Curriculum Meetings

After Easter, Year group curriculum meetings will be taking place in your child's classroom on the days listed below at 3p.m. These meetings will outline what your child will be studying across the summer term. We will also put the curriculum newsletters on the website after the meetings have taken place.

Wednesday 23rd April- 3 p.m. Year 4

Thursday 24th April- 3 p.m. Year 5

Friday 25th April 3 p.m. Year 6

Monday 28th April 3 p.m. Year 3

Tuesday 29th April- 3 p.m. Year 1

Wednesday 30th April- 3 p.m. Year 2 and Saint John Paul



Sun Hats and Sunscreen

Just a reminder that as the weather improves, we will need children to have their sun hats and sunscreen in school. Please click on the google link or scan the QR code to give permission for sun screen to be applied to your child. Please send in a bottle of sun screen with your child's name on which will remain in school for them to use.

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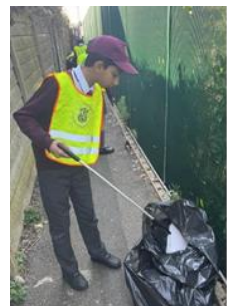


The School Council's focus this term is on recycling. They have begun their daily litter pick as part of the Great Big School Clean which runs from Friday 21st March until the 6th April. They are encouraging our whole school community to reduce, reuse and recycle. They will be litter picking every day across the two weeks and working hard to

ensure that we look after God's World by caring for all of our resources and creation. Please see the poster on page 13.

As part of their campaign, they will also be holding a charity clothes collection which they have decided to donate to Great Ormond Street who work in collaboration with Collection 4 Clothes, a clothes recycling business that helps charities raise vital funds through the donation of pre-loved clothes and other items by the public. Collection 4 Clothes offers a free service encouraging people to donate their pre-loved clothing, fashion accessories, bric-a-brac and unwanted gifts using clothes collection bags that are delivered to houses across the UK.

We would ask, if possible, to donate one item of clothing that is still in good condition that you no longer require. **The School Council will be collecting this after the Easter holidays from Tuesday 22nd April which is World Earth Day.**



GREAT ORMOND STREET
HOSPITAL CHARITY



World Earth Day

We will be celebrating World Earth Day on Tuesday 22nd April. A letter with more detailed information has been emailed to you. The children may wear one **blue or green item of clothing to school on Tuesday 22nd April and we would be grateful for a £1 donation.** A more detailed letter has been emailed to you.

Brent Library Service

It would be wonderful if the children continued to regularly read over the holiday period. There are also lots of holiday activities going on in the libraries over Easter. Please see the newsletters on pages 8,9 and 10.

Spelling Bee 2025

The Mount Stewart Schools will host a Wembley Primary School Spelling Bee Competition just after the Easter holidays. **(Change of date to be confirmed).** The aim of the Spelling Bee is to celebrate the effort that the children are making with their spelling.

When will the children be tested?

The children have their spellings to learn for the quiz. The class teachers will quiz the children in the class. All children will have a chance to celebrate their achievements. Children do not have to enter;



however, practising these spellings regularly at home may give them the confidence to participate. Word lists will be on Google Classroom.

How can I help my child?

- Look at the words together – read them out loud
- Look for similar words/word families
- Break words into the syllables
- Be a word detective – can you spot smaller words hiding in the longer word?
- Have fun and praise your child's efforts!
- Don't spend too long on the spelling

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Uniform Exchange

The uniform exchange system works in this way- if you need uniform, please donate your old uniform if it is in good condition. You can send in a note to request what uniform you would like to exchange it for and if we have that available, we will send it home to you.

We have a bank of uniform available in order to be able to do this so please send in any uniform that is in good condition that your child has grown out of so that another family can make use of it. This will help families financially as well as supporting recycling and our environment. Many thanks.

If you are struggling with uniform costs during these extremely difficult times, please approach myself, Ms. Gaynor or Mr. Nicklin in complete confidence and we will do our best to support you.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we try our best to support you particularly in terms of the dangers that children may encounter online. If you have any concerns, please contact me. All school staff have regular training. I remind you of the Designated Safeguarding Staff who have had additional higher-level training in safeguarding.



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.



Copies of our safeguarding policies can be found on the school website along with links to the latest update of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (DfE statutory guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment.) Paper copies may be found in the school office upon request.

Online Safety

Each week we will include a link to an information sheet which helps us navigate the online world. I have included the National Online Safety guide on 'Instagram' as a reminder on page 14.

Value Awards- March- Compassion

Saint Patrick – Graycen and Arica	Saint Bernadette- Jerish and Elsa
Saint Teresa- Amelia and Shane	Saint George- Riana and Jinil
Saint John Paul- Kaleb and Mayzie	Saint Christopher- Wayne and Lestra
Saint Angela- Lino and Emmy	
Saint Catherine- Jonathan and Jaizelle	Saint Jude- Dashawan and Maeve
Saint Mary-Leah and Ashlar	Saint Francis- Shay and Kiara
Saint Joan of Arc- Nathan and Valora	Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Chris and Shanaya
Saint Faustina- Skyla and Fazio	Saint Vincent De Paul- Francio and Evangel



Congratulations to all of the children who demonstrated an understanding of the value of 'Compassion'. Our value for April is '**Reverence**'. The Prayer Focus sheet can be found on page 11.

Star Reader Award

Saint Patrick – Anora Saint Bernadette- Shae
Saint Teresa- Shiran Saint George- Valanka
Saint John Paul- Roshvan Saint Christopher- Jelansiya Saint Angela- Vania
Saint Catherine- Julian Saint Jude- Precious
Saint Mary- Lilly Saint Francis- Vania
Saint Joan of Arc- Clarissa Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Darius
Saint Faustina- Shaun Saint Vincent De Paul- Blaise

Star Writer Award

Saint Patrick – Zynair Saint Bernadette- Blasia
Saint Teresa- Eline Saint George- Mackenzie
Saint John Paul- Vianca Saint Christopher- Mia Saint Angela- Ethan
Saint Catherine- Mary Saint Jude- Carina
Saint Mary- Zylan Saint Francis- Adriel
Saint Joan of Arc- Nacia Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Shivonne
Saint Faustina- Egypt Saint Vincent De Paul- Philip

Star Mathematician Award

Saint Patrick – Lukas S Saint Bernadette- Lisa
Saint Teresa- Oskar Saint George- Zane
Saint John Paul- Eleanor Saint Christopher- Tristan Saint Angela- Valesia
Saint Catherine- Haim Saint Jude- Alrick
Saint Mary- Joseph Saint Francis- Neshuan
Saint Joan of Arc- Elliot Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Zylan
Saint Faustina- Janessa Saint Vincent De Paul- Victoria







Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to last week's winners.
Junior School Saint Maximilian Kolbe with an incredible 100%!
Infant School- Saint Christopher with an amazing 100%!

House Points

Congratulations to Saint John house who were the spring term winners and enjoyed wearing their own clothes to school today.



			
John	Mark	Luke	Matthew
1 st 12970 points	2 nd 12934 points	3 rd 12249 points	4 th 10645 points

Star of the Week

House point totals 4th April 2025

Saint Bernadette- Jake
Saint Patrick- Roann
Saint George- Daniel
Saint Teresa- Andreea-Denisa
Saint John Paul- Roshvan
Saint Angela – Eva
Saint Christopher- Lena

Saint Catherine- Leo
Saint Jude- Grace
Saint Mary- Rayshawn
Saint Francis- Ethan
Saint Joan of Arc- Aiden
Saint Maximilian Kolbe- Johann
Saint Faustina- Varick
Saint Vincent De Paul- Miguel



A Prayer for the Easter Holidays

Dear Lord,

As we break for the Easter holidays,
We thank you for the opportunities to learn, grow and support
one another throughout this term.

We ask for Your protection and peace over all students, staff
and families during this time of rest and reflection.

May this Easter bring renewal to our hearts and minds,
reminding us of Your great love and the hope found in the
resurrection.

Help us to return refreshed, with a deeper understanding of
Your grace and a renewed commitment to kindness, respect and
service to others.

Bless our time with loved ones, and may we continue to grow in
faith and joy.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Have a happy Easter.

Mrs. Whelan



**We break up for the Easter holidays today
Friday 4th April.**

School re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April.

School Newsletter from Brent Libraries

Date 1 April 2025

Hello Parents and Carers

Here is your School Newsletter from Brent Libraries for the Easter holidays 2025. We have many exciting FREE events coming up for your children. Most events are drop in but do keep an eye out for those that require booking. All booking details are included alongside the event.

We wish you all a very happy and safe Easter time.

Ealing Road Library STEM Club

Wednesdays

30 April 4 – 5.30pm

28 May 4 – 5.30pm

25 June 4 – 5.30pm

Science, Technology, engineering and mathematics workshops for children aged 8-11.

Advanced booking required at <https://tinyurl.com/jihjrrzs>

Family craft: Where in the world does our food come from?

Harlesden Library, Thursday 10 April, 2.30-4.30pm

Age 3+.

Find out where some of the foods we most commonly eat are from and make a beautiful collage to take home.

Creative crafty fun workshop

Harlesden Library:

Monday 7 April 2.30pm – 4pm

Monday 14 April, 2.30pm - 4pm

Arts and craft activities for children aged 10+, but younger children are welcome with parental supervision. Delivered by Barnardos, in partnership with the Co-op.

Ealing Road Library:

Monday 7 April 11.30am – 1pm

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Date 1 April 2025

Ealing Road Film Club

The wild robot: Thursday 10 April, 2.30 – 4.30pm

Animated film screening for ages 5 – 11.

Ealing Road Library:

Words Have Wings. Tuesday 8 April, 11.30am – 2pm

For children aged 8 – 11.

Advanced booking required at <https://tinyurl.com/jjhjrrzs>

Join Brilliantly funny Poet Paul Lyalls - to celebrate all things nature. Learn poetry skills, get creative and make friends!

STEM and arts craft workshops

For children aged 5 – 11.

11am – 12 noon and 2.30 – 3.30pm on each date.

Delivered in partnership with Learning Through the Arts

Ealing Road Library: Friday 11 April, Tuesday 15 April

Harlesden Library: Tuesday 8 April, Wednesday 16 April,

Kingsbury Library: Wednesday 9 April, Monday 14 April,

Wembley Library: Monday 7 April, Sunday 14 April,

The Library at Willesden Green: Thursday 10 April

Nest Builders: A birdhouse adventure

For ages 5 – 11. Drop in

Build a creative birdhouse, plus raffle prizes to be won.

Culture Nature England, a partnership for People, Libraries and Nature

A Protected Site Strategy Project

Kingsbury Library: Tuesday 8 April, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Wembley Library: Wednesday 9 April, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Ealing Road Library: Wednesday 9 April, 2.30 – 3.30pm

The Library at Willesden Green: Wednesday 9 April, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Harlesden Library: Friday 11 April, 2.30 – 3.30pm



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Date 1 April 2025

Water Creature Mask Making with Patchlarks

Wednesday 16 April

Ealing Road Library: 11.30am – 1pm

The Library at Willesden Green: 2.30 – 4pm

Make a mask from sustainable materials and transform into your very own underwater creature character. For 6-10 year olds. Advanced booking required at <https://tinyurl.com/jjhrrzs>

Culture Nature England, a partnership for People, Libraries and Nature
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Beginner's Gardening in Spring – A Family Workshop

Ealing Road Library: Thursday 17 April, 11.30am – 1pm

All ages.

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a fun and interactive introduction to the wonderful world of plants and gardening. Come along and get growing!

Culture Nature England, a partnership for People, Libraries and Nature
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Kumon Maths and English workshops

Open to all primary school aged children aged 3 yrs - 11yrs

Booking: wembleycentral@kumoncentre.co.uk

Wembley Library:

Tuesday 8 April, 2 – 3pm

Thursday 10 April 2 – 3pm

Tuesday 15 April, 2 – 3pm





St Joseph's Infant and Junior School Prayer Focus



April 2025

During the month of April, we would like you to remember that it is the feast day of St George on 23rd April. Please ask St George to pray for us on this day.



St George, Patron Saint of England, was an officer in the Roman army who died on 23rd April 303. Little is known of him, though the most famous story is of his conquest over a dragon! King Edward 3rd declared him Patron of the newly formed order of chivalry - the Knights of the Garter.

In more modern times, St George was chosen by Baden-Powell, its founder, to be patron of the Scouting Movement, and on St George's Day, scouts are bidden to remember their Promise and the Scout Law. Baden-Powell recounted in Scouting for Boys that the Knights of the Round Table 'had as their patron saint St George because he was the only one of all the saints who was a horseman. He is the patron saint of cavalry, from which the word chivalry is derived'

Dear God,
Help me to face my dragons,
the things that I find really scary.
You are bigger than all those scary things
and you're not scary at all.

Amen.

Reverence

- Reverence means a deep respect or admiration for something. It involves showing honor and regard in a respectful way.

Homework

Reverence: Draw a picture of yourself showing reverence. It could be: sitting in a special place or listening carefully to a teacher or parent, etc.

St Joseph's RC Church, Wembley
Welcomes all our school children & their families

For the

DAILY HOLY ROSARY

7.30 to 8.00 pm

On the Zoom App

Please enter the joining details

Meeting ID: 726 5689 3653
Passcode: 9pXAep

Or just scan the QR Code to join the daily Holy Rosary



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21 March - 6 April 2025

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

INSTAGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Instagram's design encourages prolonged use through endless scrolling of trending content and generating a fear of missing out (FOMO). Children can quickly lose track of time browsing posts from friends, influencers, and strangers, which may disrupt their day-to-day activities.

AI CHATBOT CONCERNS

Meta's AI, which is available on Instagram, allows users to chat with an in-app chatbot. While often helpful, it can blur boundaries for young users, who may ask for or read content that is inappropriate or see it as a real friend or confidant. Privacy issues also arise, as conversations may not be as secure or private as children assume.

RISKS OF GOING LIVE

The livestream feature allows real-time broadcasting to followers – or anyone, if the account is public. This increases the chance of unwanted contact from strangers and pressure to act in ways that gain attention, including engaging in inappropriate behaviour. Viewers may also post offensive or harmful comments during live sessions.

THREADS INTEGRATION

Threads is Instagram's sister app for public, text-based conversations. Posts from Threads appear in users' Instagram feeds and can lead children to view, share, and comment on public conversations with strangers. The content may not always be age-appropriate and can be misleading or false.

SCHEDULED MESSAGING

Instagram's newer ability to schedule direct messages means that children could receive messages late at night or early in the morning. This can disrupt their sleep or keep them preoccupied before the school day even begins.

EXCLUSION AND LOW SELF-WORTH

Feeling left out online can have a real emotional impact. Being left out of photos, receiving fewer likes, being unfollowed, or being ignored in chats and comments can leave children feeling excluded, which often hurts as much as in real life. There is a risk this can lead to reduced self-esteem and a sense of not belonging.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE INSTAGRAM'S SUPERVISION TOOLS

Instagram's built-in Family Centre lets parents monitor how much time their child spends on the app. Specialised 'teen accounts' are private by default and offer controls on who can message them. Make sure that children use their real age when registering their account to ensure they have these protections.

OPEN UP THE CONVERSATION

Talk regularly to the children in your care about what they enjoy on Instagram – and what makes them uncomfortable. Encourage honest chats about filters, body image, and online approval. Reassure them that they don't need to edit their appearance or chase 'likes' to feel valued.

SET BOUNDARIES FOR THREADS AND AI

Parental controls on Instagram also apply to Threads. These allow parents to monitor time spent in the app, check follower lists and adjust exposure to sensitive content. Discuss AI features, too, therefore helping children understand that chatbots aren't real people and should be used with care.

BE MEDIA-SAVVY WITH INFLUENCERS

Parents should follow a few of the influencers their child watches, so they can better understand the content they're seeing. Use this as a springboard to talk about the difference between genuine recommendations and paid promotions – and how online personalities can shape opinions and behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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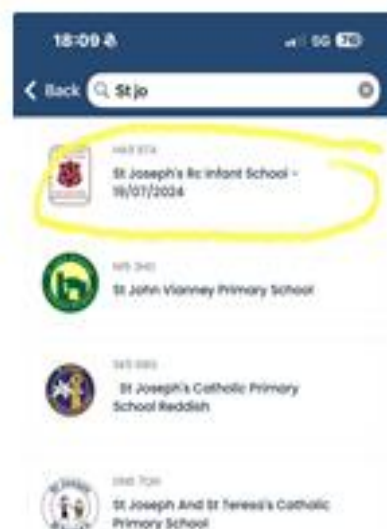
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