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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools
Parental Letter Friday 2nd October 2026
Value for October- Honesty

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

Monday 5th October
Taekwondo
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday 6th October
Gym Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Archery
3:30-4:30

Wednesday 7th October
3:30-4:30p.m.
Chess Club
Football Club
Infant Art Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday 8th October
Dance Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Year 3 Computing Club
3:30-4:15 p.m.
Dodge ball
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Infant Cooking Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Friday 9th October
Gym Club
Football Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

In assembly this week we were thinking about God's love and forgiveness. We thought about the parable about the two brothers. We reflected on the choices that they made. We discussed how it was never to late to change our mind and then try to make amends for making a wrong choice. Our mission was to try to carry out small acts of kindness throughout the week.

School Pantomime Trip Years 1-6

I am delighted to inform you that we will be taking all pupils in Years 1-6 to see Cinderella in the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith on Friday 4th December. The Schools Association are generously going to cover the cost of the coaches to take the children there. We are asking parents to make a contribution to cover the cost of the tickets. I am sure you will agree this will be an amazing Christmas experience for the children to see a pantomime in a theatre. You will be sent further details via your Parentpay email.

School Pantomime Trip – Reception

Reception pupils will also be experiencing a magical theatre experience at the Lyric Theatre. They will be going to see a performance of Raymond Brigg's Father Christmas on Thursday 3 of December. You will be sent further details via your Parentpay email.

Class assemblies – 9 a.m. in either school hall

Wednesday 7th October Saint John Paul
Wednesday 14th October Saint Vincent De Paul
Wednesday 11th November Saint Christopher

Flu Vaccinations

Pupils whose parents have signed up and given permission for flu vaccinations will be receiving their vaccinations on Tuesday 6th October. You should have received an email from the NHS with further details. If you have not signed up for this, please do so as soon as possible. More information about the benefits of the jab can be found by clicking on the link.Children's flu vaccine - NHS

Parent Governor Election

We are currently seeking Parent Governors to join our Governing Board. This is an amazing opportunity to help to shape the direction of the school. Apologies as the closing date was incorrect on the letter from the clerk.
Please see the corrected information on pages 11 and 12.
If you would like further details, please speak to me or email:
Infant School: parent@sjinf.brent.sch.uk
Junior School: parent@sjjnr.brent.sch.uk

School Vacancies

We currently have vacancies in Year 4 and in nursery. Please share this information with any families who wish their child to attend a Catholic faith school.

October Two Week Holiday Trial Academic Year 2026-2027

A reminder that the dismissal timings have changed as we are extending the school day to cover the lost learning time for the additional week's holiday at October half term. Please note this is a trial for one year and we will seek parental feedback as to your thoughts on the impact this has during this academic year.

RSE Consultation

Following the introduction of the new statutory requirements for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE), we are currently reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy to ensure that they meet the updated requirements while continuing to reflect the Catholic ethos and teachings of our schools.
The **parental consultation will run for six weeks, from Monday 7th September to Friday 16th October 2026**.
We warmly encourage all parents and carers to take part by reviewing the proposed curriculum content and resources and sharing their views with us.
To support the consultation, parents and carers are reminded that they always have access to the **Ten Ten Parent Portal**, where you can view the curriculum content, lessons and resources that will be used with the children. A link to the portal, together with your username and password, has been sent directly to the email address linked to your ParentPay account. If you have not received these details, please contact the school office.
If you have any questions, comments or feedback during the consultation period, please email the relevant school:
Infant School: rse@sjinf.brent.sch.uk
Junior School: rse@sjjnr.brent.sch.uk
Thank you for taking the time to engage with this important consultation and for working in partnership with us as we continue to provide RSE that meets statutory requirements and reflects our Catholic faith, values and school mission, **'We follow Christ's footsteps in love.'**

OPAL Visit Afternoons

Unfortunately, we had to cancel parental visits to see OPAL in action in the summer term due to the heat. We have rescheduled these to next week:
Wednesday 7th October from 2p.m. Years 6,3,2 and R
Thursday 8th October from 2p.m. Years 1,4 and 5
Please could children bring **in their wellies, a spare plain white t-shirt or spare polo top and a pair of socks as soon as possible. These will remain in school.** This is in case children get wet or muddy during water play.
Please ensure that the items all have their names on and are in a plastic bag also with their name written on. Many thanks

Forward Notice Parental Meetings

We will be holding parental meetings on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October from 2:40-5:45p.m. This will give you the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and have a look at their work so far this term. **Meetings will be in person in school.** You have been sent information on how to book your appointment on our School Cloud system. **The booking system is open and will close today on Saturday 3rd October at 4:30p.m. Thank you to those parents who have booked their appointments already.**

School will end an hour earlier on both of these days so please ensure that you pick your child up as below on both days not just the day of your appointment:

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October children will be dismissed at the following times:

Reception 2:20 p.m. Nursery 2:30 p.m.
Year 1 2:25 p.m. Year 2 2:30 p.m. Saint John Paul 2:30 p.m.
Year 3 2:25 p.m. Year 4 2:30 p.m.
Year 5 2:30 p.m. Year 6 2:30 p.m.

Homework club will run as usual but there will be no taekwondo on Monday and no gym or archery on Tuesday.

Metropolitan Police Free Community Platform

Please find the link below to sign up for the new Metropolitan Police Community Platform 'Met Engage'. This platform helps people stay informed about what is happening in their local area. It is a two-way communication tool, allowing users to receive updates, crime prevention advice and information directly from your local neighbourhood policing team.

Home Page - Met Engage

Harvest Collection

The Prayer Leaders are currently collecting food items to donate to the Brent foodbank as part of their harvest festival charity collection. They would appreciate it if you donated one item for their collection. Please see the suggested list on the poster on page 13. Donations need to be in school before the 9th October 2026.
Thank you for helping us to follow Christ's footsteps in love and support families in our local community.

School Council Eco Hero Shop

Thank you for supporting our Eco Shop today. The next Eco shop will open on Friday 6th November.

Forward Notice Parental Workshops- Reading and Phonics Workshops
These will take place at 8:45 a.m. in either school hall
Monday 5th October Year 2
Monday 9th November Year 4
Thursday 19th November Year 5
Thursday 26th November Year 3 *Change of Date*

Reception Stay and Play Day
There will be a stay and play morning on **Tuesday 17th November** from 8:45 a.m. This is an opportunity for parents to stay with their child for the beginning of the session and experience a phonics session. There will also be tips on how you can support your child in developing their phonics and reading knowledge.
As space is limited, please do not bring younger siblings to this Stay and Play session.

Nursery Stay and Play Day
There will be a stay and play morning and afternoon on **Wednesday 25th November** at 8:30 a.m. (morning nursery) and 12:25 p.m. (afternoon nursery) This is an opportunity for parents to stay with their child for the beginning of the session. You will experience playing alongside your child in the nursery environment and experience some of the activities they enjoy across the week.
As space is limited, please do not bring younger siblings to this Stay and Play session.

School Dinner Menu
After half term the school dinner menu will be changing. Please click on the links, or scan the qr codes below to choose your child's menu. Please also see the menu on page 9. The forms will remain open until 16th October 2026.
Infant children menu link https://forms.gle/1jgp5eQFR9wXDYWZ9
Junior children menu link https://forms.gle/JKk1DT6pgGiBggth7

Infant

Junior

Year 6 Secondary School
Year 6 applications for admission to secondary school need to be submitted by October 31st 2026. I include the link below to further information on the Brent website.
https://www.brent.gov.uk/education-schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place#planandprepare

Saint Gregory's Catholic Science College
Meetings have taken place contact the school to arrange a visit.
See website for full details.
www.stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk

Newman Catholic College
Open mornings between 9:15-10:45 a.m. on the following days
Tuesday 6th October
Wednesday 7th October
Tuesday 13th October
Wednesday 14th October
See website for full details. Newman Catholic College - Home (ncc.brent.sch.uk)

Saint Claudine's Catholic School for Girls
See school website for full details. www.stclaudines.co.uk

Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School
Meetings have taken place contact the school to arrange a visit.
See website for full details. The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School - Admissions

Gunnersbury Catholic School
Meetings have taken place contact the school to arrange a visit.
See website for full details. Gunnersbury Catholic School - Admissions

Sacred Heart Language College
Meetings have taken place contact the school to arrange a visit.
See website for full details. The Sacred Heart Language College - Admissions Information For 2027-2028

Salvatorian College
Meetings have taken place contact the school to arrange a visit.
See website for full details. https://www.salvatoriancollege.com/admissions/

Saint Michael's Catholic High School
Meetings have taken place contact the school to arrange a visit.
St Michael's application form must be received by the 23rd October 2026
https://www.stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk/121/year-7-application-form

Online Safety
Each week we will include an information sheet which helps us navigate the online world. This week we have included Childnet's 10 key messages to share with your child to keep them safe online. Please see page 10.

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 and Governors have regular training. I remind you of the Designated Safeguarding Staff who have had additional higher-level training in safeguarding.

Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to last week's winners.
Junior School-Saint Mary on 100%!!!
Infant School- Saint George and Saint Angela 100%!!!

House Points

Mark	Luke	Matthew	John
1st 3189 points	2nd 2744 points	3rd 2579 points	4th 2105 points

House point totals 2nd October 2026

Value Awards- September – Family

Saint Patrick – Kenzo and Sarah
Saint Teresa- Julia and Azaiah
Saint John Paul- Sanjes and Alida
Saint Angela- Lavison and Semenca
Saint Catherine- Synza and Enoch
Saint Mary- Chris and Alexis
Saint Joan of Arc- Louisa and Liam
Saint Faustina- Lilly and Rayshawn
Saint Bernadette- Leonora and Kyle
Saint George- Starla and Valenco
Saint Christopher- Anora and Jerish
Saint Jude- Amelia and Esau
Saint Francis- Orion and Crizel
Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Ella and Royson
Saint Vincent De Paul- Evelyn and Sherwyn

Congratulations to all of the children who demonstrated an understanding of the value of 'Family'.

Our value for October is **'Honesty'**. The Prayer Focus sheet and activity to complete together can be found on page 8.

Star of the Week

Saint Bernadette- Eaden
Saint Patrick- Ezekiel
Saint George- Chrissy
Saint Teresa- Olivier
Saint John Paul- Alyssia
Saint Angela - Arica
Saint Christopher- Aloysh
Saint Catherine- Ava- Marie
Saint Jude- Reuben
Saint Mary- Riona
Saint Francis- Clarisa
Saint Joan of Arc- Avia
Saint Maximilian Kolbe- Valora
Saint Faustina- Aiden
Saint Vincent De Paul- Leona

A Prayer for October – The Month of the Rosary

Mary, Mother of God,
you said yes to God and showed us how to trust in Him.

During this special month of the Rosary,
help us to follow your example
and to bring our prayers, hopes and worries to God.

Bless our children, our families and our school community.
Help us to be kind, patient and caring towards one another,
and to remember those who need our prayers.

As we pray the Rosary,
may we grow closer to Jesus
and learn from His life, love and example.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.
St Francis of Assisi, pray for us.
Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs. Whelan

We Follow Christ's Footsteps in Love

Saint Joseph's Catholic Infant and Junior Schools

St Joseph's Infant and Junior School Prayer Focus

October 2026

October is a special month for Catholics because it is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is a beautiful prayer that helps us to think about the life of Jesus and the important moments in His life, while asking Mary, His mother, to pray with us and for us.

As we pray the Rosary, we use the beads to help us remember the prayers and to keep our minds focused. Each time we pray a Hail Mary, we think about a different mystery from the life of Jesus. We can use this special time of prayer to thank God, ask for His help and pray for other people.

Mary is a wonderful example of faith, trust and honesty. During October, we can take time to slow down, pray together and grow closer to Jesus through Mary.

Our October prayer challenge: Can you pray a decade of the Rosary with your family or class? Think carefully about the mystery you are praying and offer your prayers for someone who needs God's help.

Honesty

This month our gospel value will be honesty. Honesty means telling the truth, being trustworthy and doing the right thing even when it may be difficult. When we are honest, we show respect for God and for the people around us. Jesus teaches us to speak the truth and to treat others with love and kindness.

I will tell the truth, even when it is difficult.

I will be trustworthy and take responsibility for my choices.

Homework: This month, show your honesty by thinking of a time when it can be difficult to tell the truth. Draw a picture and write a sentence explaining why being honest is important.

Menu

Menu commencing November 2026
Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior School

(VE) Vegan
(V) Veggie

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 02/11/26 23/11/26 14/12/26 18/01/27 08/02/27 08/03/27	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges **(VE)**	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishfingers with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce
	Soya Mince Lasagne **(V)**	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice **(VE)**	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy **(VE)**	Quorn and Lentil Tikka Masala with Rice **(VE)**	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo
	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Cheese and Crackers **(V)**	Apple Cake with Custard **(V)**	Fruit Medley **(VE)**	Jelly with Mandarins **(VE)**	Syrup Sponge with Custard **(V)**
Week Two 09/11/26 30/11/26 04/01/27 25/01/27 22/02/27 15/03/27	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges **(V)**	Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Chicken, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Chicken and Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce
	Five Bean Chilli with Rice **(VE)**	Vegan Bolognaise with Spaghetti **(VE)**	Lemon and Herb Quorn, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa **(VE)**	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice **(VE)**	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo
	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Gingerbread Cookie **(VE)**	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce **(V)**	Fruit Salad **(VE)**	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard **(V)**	Vanilla Shortbread **(VE)**
Week Three 16/11/26 07/12/26 11/01/27 01/02/27 01/03/27 22/03/27	Macaroni Cheese **(V)**	Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce
	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes **(VE)**	Tomato Pasta **(VE)**	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes with Gravy **(VE)**	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice **(VE)**	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese or beans or tuna mayo
	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Oaty Cookie (VE)	Pear Crumble with Custard **(V)**	Fruit Salad **(VE)**	Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard **(V)**	Iced Sponge **(V)**

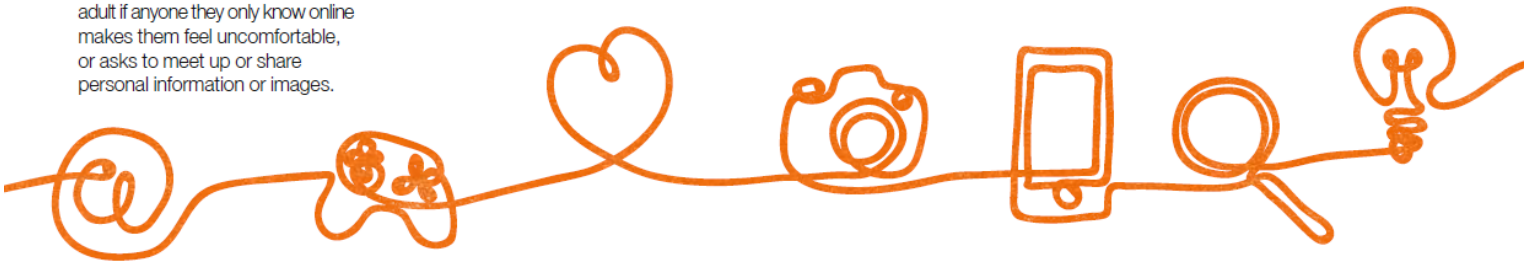
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection

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

10 Key messages to share with your child

However and wherever you have a conversation with your child, here are 10 top tips you can share to support them in staying safe online.

1. "You can always come to me if you need help." This is the most important thing to let your child know, and a way to give them confidence to speak to you when they need support.
2. "What would you do if this happened…?" Give your child strategies to deal with upsetting experiences online.
3. "Remember that not everyone is who they say they are online." Remind your child to always tell an adult if anyone they only know online makes them feel uncomfortable, or asks to meet up or share personal information or images.
4. "Keep your personal information safe, and other people's too." This includes full names, contact details, and real-time locations.
5. "Be respectful to others online." Remind them if it's not okay offline...
6. "Think before you post." Help your child to be aware that their online actions can have consequences for themselves and others.
7. "Remember to ask if it's okay." Asking for, and receiving permission from others online is important before sharing images, adding people into group chats, etc.
8. "Remember not everything is true online." Help your child to be a critical thinker to find accurate information.
9. "The things other people post online might not always show what their life is really like." Reassure your child that nobody's life is as perfect as it may seem online, and judging yourself against other's online lives isn't a fair comparison.
10. "Recognise how going online makes you feel and take a break when you need to." Your child may need support in doing this, such as timers and reminders.



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Friday 10th September 2026

Dear Parents,

As you know the Infant and Junior schools are in a hard federation. Two vacancies have arisen in the Infant and Junior Schools for new Parent Governors. Parents of all registered pupils at the schools are entitled to stand and vote for the candidate of their choice. There will be one vote for each family.

You may nominate another parent with their approval or you may put yourself forward for election. Names should be received at the school by **12 noon Friday 16th October 2026**. Candidates will be expected to write a statement of support of no more than one side of A4 paper outlining their reasons for wishing to stand and the skills they feel that they have to offer for circulation to parents. This should be submitted together with the nomination. If necessary, there will be a ballot period and information about this will be circulated in due course.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed yourself, you may want to know a bit more of what is involved. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of the children and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills that you hold in your personal or professional life can be very useful to the Board of Governors. Governors also need the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team and to be able to question and to make connections between different types of information. All governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Our Board of Governors expects Governors to be available to:

- attend at least two meetings a term
- visit the school formally from time to time for monitoring visits
- commit to attend training courses as required by your role.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, but would like more information about the role and the level of commitment please contact Mrs. Whelan who will be happy to give you more details.

Further information about the role is attached and you can also go to www.rcdow.org.uk, click on education and then school governors.

Yours faithfully,

A Turner

Ms. A. Turner
Governing Board Clerk Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools

The Role of Elected Parent Governors – Guidance from Westminster Diocese

Parents of pupils attending the school may elect one or more of their number to serve as a school governor. The precise number will be prescribed in the Instrument of Government. Elected parent governors, like elected teacher governors, are full members of the governing body. With the foundation governors appointed by the Bishop, representative governors, and the head teacher, they form the school's governing body which has responsibility for many issues including setting the aims of the school and ensuring that its identity as a Catholic School is sustained in every area of its life and underpins its curriculum planning. Within this framework of Catholic Education, follows responsibility for Religious Education, National Curriculum, managing the delegated budget, appointing teaching and non-teaching staff. Fuller details of governors' responsibilities are given in 'School Governors: A Guide to the Law – Voluntary Aided Schools' available free of charge from the DFEE.
At the time of election, the elected parent governor must have a child on the roll of the school and may continue as a governor even if the child leaves the school before the completion of the four-year term of office. Although elected by the parent body, the parent governor is not mandated to represent their views at meetings and should be alert to the importance of advising parents to contact the head teacher directly in those issues for which he/she has professional responsibility. Like all governors the elected parent governor brings his/her own perspective and experience to the governing body, and in company with fellow governors must aim to offer the school the following:

- an understanding and promotion of the Catholic School's Aims and Identity.
- time to prepare for and attend governors meetings and other school events.
- a concern for the whole school and its role in the parish and local community.
- willingness to learn about developments in education from the head teacher and staff and by attendance at Diocesan and LA training for governors.
- an understanding of the governing body's relationship with the head teacher.
- willingness to be a good team member, working harmoniously with fellow governors and school staff.
- an ability to maintain confidentiality in many areas of governors' work.

Please note all Governors will have to comply with our safeguarding policy including completing a DBS/Disclosure and Barring check.

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Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, Brent food bank will provide over 1,100 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food

Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

- Tinned fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Coffee/ Tea
- Rice
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned pudding
- Jam
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned fruit

0203 7455 972

Brent.foodbank.org.uk

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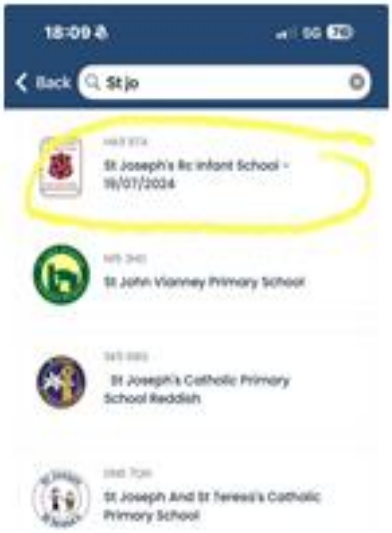

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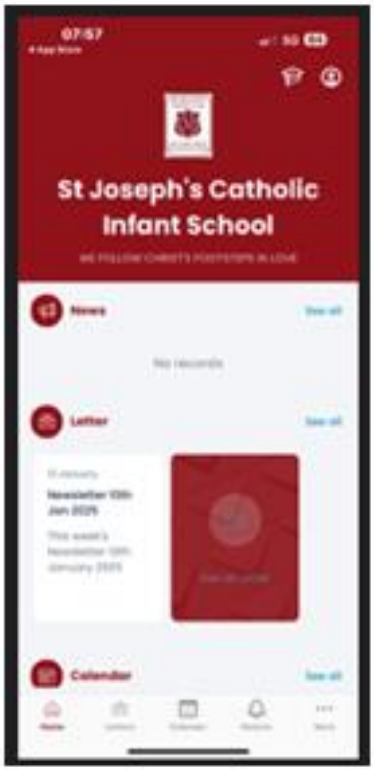
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