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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools **Parental Letter Friday 19th December 2025**

Value for December- Humility

New Term

School will begin again on Tuesday 6th January at the usual times.

Breakfast Club Daily

7:45-8:30 a.m.

Junior School Hall-

registration required

After School Club Infant

/Junior School Monday-

Friday

3:00 -4:15p.m

Monday 5th January

School Closed Inset Day

Tuesday 6th January

Gym Club

3:30-4:30p.m.

Chess Club

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Archery

3.30-4. 30p.m

Wednesday 7th January

Football Club

Film club

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday 8th January

Year 3 Computing Club

3:15-4:15 p.m.

Fencing

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Friday 9th January

Gym Club

3:30-4:30 p.m.

The autumn term comes to an end as Christmas draws closer. We hope that you have had the opportunity to attend one of our festive services, liturgies or nativities. They have been truly wonderful events across the last few weeks. I would like to thank you for all of your support this term and look forward to working in continued partnership across the next two terms.

R.E Questionnaire

The link and QR code to the annual Religious Education questionnaire can be found below and will be open until Friday 10th January. We would appreciate you taking a moment to complete the questionnaire so that we can get your views on the current religious education provision and areas of strength and development. Many thanks.

<https://forms.gle/4YgL5GrDPmdPimyv6>

Christmas Card Competition

Diya in Year 6, Amelia in Year 4, Eleanor in Year 2 and Vernon in nursery won the school design a Christmas card competition. They were also along with all other entrants entered into the Westminster Diocese Christmas Card competition and also the local Brent MP's Christmas card competition. We were delighted when Vernon's (nursery) entry was the runner up in the Barry Gardiner competition.

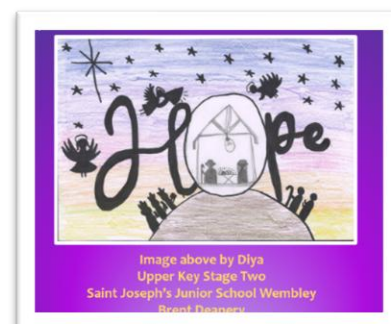


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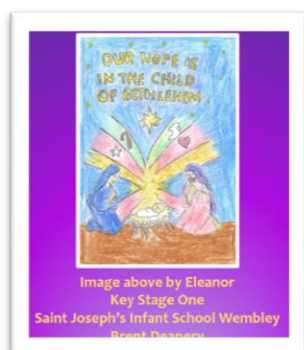


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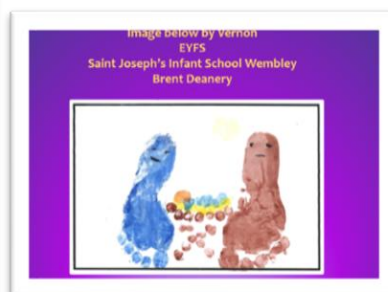


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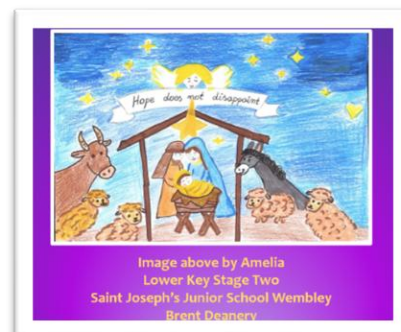


Image above by Amelia
Lower Key Stage Two
Saint Joseph's Junior School Wembley
Brent Deanery

School Choir Westminster Cathedral

The School Choir enjoyed taking part in the Westminster Diocese National Singing Schools Carol Service on Saturday 13th December at Westminster Cathedral.



Ikea

They also enjoyed spreading some festive cheer for all of the staff in Ikea at their Christmas staff breakfast this morning.



Christmas Poem

The whole school again performed our annual Christmas Poem on Monday. Families will be sent a link to access this performance over the holiday period.



Santa Visit



Christmas Dinner and Party



Catholic Life and Mission Newsletter

Along with this newsletter we have also attached the autumn 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.

Parental Prayer Group

The next prayer group will take place on Friday 9th January from 8:30a.m. in the Prayer Room.

Attendance Report

A report for your child's attendance for the autumn term will be emailed to you today. It is wonderful to see so many pupils with an excellent attendance rate as the impact on learning is significant. If your child's attendance was 90% or below this is a cause for concern and will continue to be monitored across the spring term. If attendance was significantly below parents will be invited in for an attendance meeting in January. Please also note that lateness is also recorded and I would encourage all parents and carers to be punctual each morning. More than 30 children are regularly late to school. They miss their extremely important phonics or reading session as for most classes this is during the entry period.

Curriculum Meetings

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

Wednesday 7th January- 3 p.m. Year 1

Thursday 8th January- 3 p.m. Year 4

Friday 9th January- 3 p.m. Year 3

Monday 12th January 3 p.m. Year 5

Wednesday 14th January 3 p.m. Year 6

Thursday 15th January- 3 p.m. Year 2 and Saint John Paul

P.E. Days Spring Term 2026

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 7th January.

Year 1 Saint Teresa and Saint George Monday and Thursday

Year 1 /2 Saint John Paul Monday and Tuesday

Year 2 Saint Angela and Saint Christopher Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 3 Saint Catherine and Saint Jude Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 Saint Mary and Saint Francis Monday and Wednesday

Year 5 Saint Maximilian Kolbe and Saint Joan of Arc Monday -swimming

Year 5 Swimming- Year 5 children will be swimming lessons will begin again on **Monday 12th January.**

Saint Maximilian Kolbe Wednesday

Saint Joan of Arc Friday

Please note Year 5 have different P.E days so check if your child is in Saint Joan of Arc or Saint Maximilian Kolbe.

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

Admissions 2026-2027

A reminder that nursery, reception and Year 3 admission forms should be submitted into school before the closing date of the **15th January 2026**. Please also ensure that for reception and Year 3 admissions you have also completed the online Brent e-admissions application as well as submitting a form to us in the office.

Brent Dental Health Care

As you know Northwest London has some of the highest rates of poor dental health among children in the UK. The NHS with Brent LA have prioritised improving oral health and access to dental care as a system wide issue. They are running a project to encourage children who live in NW10 or HA9 who do not have a dentist, or who do not regularly go to see a dentist, to take up the offer to book an appointment at one of the following dental practices.

In Brent 4 dental practices have been selected to take part in this project.

- **Craven Park Dental:**
2 Craven Park, NW10 8SY
Phone: 020 8965 3605
- **Harlesden Dental Clinic:**
16A St Thomas's Rd, London NW10 4AJ
Phone: 020 8965 0102
- **Cape House Dental:**
57 Harrow Rd, Wembley HA9 6DG
Phone: 020 8903 6971
- **Clocktower Dental Surgery:**
1B Wendover Rd, London NW10 4RX
Phone: 020 8965 3665

Please see the poster on page 10 for more information or ask at the school office and we can complete the referral form for your child, or you can call the dentist directly and say you are part of the TDAC programme.

Online Safety

Each week we will include an information sheet which helps us navigate the online world. This week the National Online Safety guide is about what parents and carers need to know about 'Setting up New Devices for Children' please see page 11.

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.

**Safeguarding**

Saint Joseph's Catholic
Infant and Junior Schools

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.

 Safeguarding Governor Mr. H. Phillips	 Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs. A. Smith	 Infant School Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs. A. Smith	 Junior School Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs. A. Smith
 Deputy DSL Mrs. A. Smith	 Deputy DSL Mrs. A. Smith	 Deputy DSL Mrs. A. Smith	 Deputy DSL Mrs. A. Smith

Weekly Attendance Award

Well done to the winners of the attendance award for last week.

Junior School: Saint Mary with 99% Infant School: Saint Angela with 98%.



Value Awards- December – Humility

Saint Patrick – Zane D and Angel Saint Bernadette- Veloshka and Clyde
Saint Teresa- Kingston and Roann Saint George- Jacob and Joycee
Saint John Paul- Alven and Stella Saint Christopher- Oskar and Marissa
Saint Angela- Mackenzie and Zane
Saint Catherine- Vania and Fely Saint Jude- Anthony and Maryam
Saint Mary- Leo and Beverly Saint Francis- Snygel and Izabela
Saint Joan of Arc- Eliana and Shaydon Saint Maximillian – John and Stella
Saint Faustina- Cyrus and Nacia Saint Vincent De Paul- Alicia and Celton
Congratulations to all of the children who demonstrated an understanding of the value of 'Humility'. Our value for January is '**Commitment**'.

Star Reader Award

Saint Patrick- Hana Saint Bernadette- Caden
Saint Teresa- Emily Saint George- Tyler
Saint John Paul- Jinal Saint Christopher- Kaleb Saint Angela- Cyrus
Saint Catherine- Seana Saint Jude- Dallas
Saint Mary- Franek Saint Francis- Cora
Saint Joan of Arc- Neshaun Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Asher
Saint Faustina- Jenessa Saint Vincent De Paul- Rhea

Star Writer Award

Saint Patrick – Kimora Saint Bernadette- Abner
Saint Teresa- Anora Saint George- Zynair
Saint John Paul- Anayah Saint Christopher- Andreea Saint Angela- Riana
Saint Catherine- Aldritha Saint Jude-Darius
Saint Mary- Haim Saint Francis- Kaleb
Saint Joan of Arc- Vania Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Clasida
Saint Faustina- Anailen Saint Vincent De Paul- Alan

Star Speller Award

Saint Patrick – Sheadon Saint Bernadette- Lael
Saint Teresa- Myler Saint George- Vlad
Saint John Paul- Jayden Saint Christopher- Berwin Saint Angela- Eleanor V
Saint Catherine- Andrew Saint Jude- Sergio
Saint Mary- Jonathan Saint Francis- Biyona
Saint Joan of Arc- Bresha Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Melrick
Saint Faustina- Phares Saint Vincent De Paul- Dylan

Star Handwriting Award

Saint Patrick – Jayden Saint Bernadette- Clana
Saint Teresa- Wiktorja Saint George- Shae
Saint John Paul- Nestor Saint Christopher- Athena Saint Angela- Maverick
Saint Catherine-Tommy Saint Jude- Olivia
Saint Mary- Chloe Saint Francis- Royson
Saint Joan of Arc- Asenka Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Luz
Saint Faustina- Clarissa Saint Vincent De Paul- Deborah

Star Mathematician Award

Saint Patrick – Immanuel Saint Bernadette- Velrick
Saint Teresa- Jerish Saint George- Lenora
Saint John Paul- Kevin Saint Christopher- Aloysh Saint Angela- Rylan
Saint Catherine- Derren Saint Jude- Denver
Saint Mary- Avia Saint Francis- Alrick
Saint Joan of Arc- Keann Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Kacper
Saint Faustina- Milena Saint Vincent De Paul- Joash

Prayer Leaders Caritas Award

For children chosen for their love and care to others and living out the Caritas values

Saint Patrick – Jazlynn Saint Bernadette- Heart
Saint Teresa- Savannah Saint George- Spencer
Saint John Paul- Oskar Saint Christopher- Boris Saint Angela- Daniel
Saint Catherine- Joshua Saint Jude- Denver
Saint Mary- Avia Saint Francis- Adayah
Saint Joan of Arc- Shaydon Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Areya
Saint Faustina- Muriel Saint Vincent De Paul- Rayven

Star of the Week

Saint Bernadette- Kyler
Saint Patrick- Valenco
Saint George- Azai
Saint Teresa- Sophie
Saint John Paul- Joyce P
Saint Angela - Lester
Saint Christopher- Charlyne

Saint Catherine- Lena
Saint Jude- Morgan
Saint Mary- Liam
Saint Francis- Savio
Saint Joan of Arc- Kyara
Saint Maximilian Kolbe- Leah
Saint Faustina- Benedito
Saint Vincent De Paul- Ruben



Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Come, Lord Jesus,
fill our hearts with peace and hope as we await Your birth.
Help us to prepare with joyful hearts,
ready to welcome You into our lives.
May we always follow Your light.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



*Have a peaceful Christmas.
Mrs. Whelan*





A healthier smile starts here

New NHS dental clinics for children in Brent.

Free, friendly and local.

Is your child aged 0 -16 and living in Brent? Have they seen a dentist in the last 12 months?

We're here to help with a new service, designed for children/young people who have never seen a dentist or have not seen one in the last 12 months.

What's on offer?

- ✓ new NHS dental services for children in Brent
- ✓ longer, calmer appointments in a child-friendly environment
- ✓ skilled, caring dental teams used to working with nervous or first time patients
- ✓ free NHS dental treatment
- ✓ helpful advice for parents on brushing, diet and check-ups
- ✓ local clinics near family well-being centres & schools

How to access

Speak to a member of staff here in the Centre and get a leaflet or attend a monthly outreach session for advice and guidance.

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's needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to PlayStation.com and search 'family account' for instructions.

DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console, so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.

Meet Our Expert

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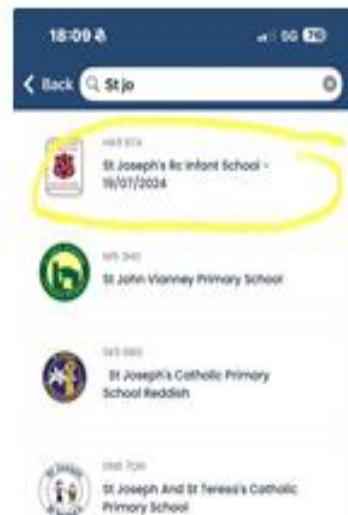
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