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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools **Parental Newsletter Friday 13th June 2025**

Value for June – Creativity

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 16th June
Dance Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday 17th June
Year 5 Reading Club
3:30-4:15
Gym Club
Chess Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday 18th June
Football Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday 19th June
Computing Club
Fencing
Art Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Friday 20th June
Gym Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Saint Jude led a special assembly all about their Class Saint -Saint Jude. He is remembered for giving people courage in difficult times. They told us about how he we need to pray to Saint Jude at times when we need support.



Our Mission was to never give up, even when things feel really difficult. We should trust in God and keep our faith strong, even in hard times.

Air India crash

We join with Pope Leo XIV who sent heartfelt condolences and prayers for the victims of an Air India flight bound for London.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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

Thursday 19th June Saint Patrick
Thursday 26th June Saint Catherine
Thursday 3rd July Saint Bernadette

Class Masses

Thank you to Father Joseph who led Saint Angela and some of Saint John Paul in their Class Mass.
Friday 20th June Saint Christopher and Saint John Paul (5 Yr 2) - 2pm
Friday 27th June Saint Catherine - 2pm
Friday 11th July Saint Jude- 2pm

Parental Prayer Group

The next prayer group will take place on Friday 4th July from 8:30a.m.



Admissions Current Year Groups and September 2025

We have some current vacancies in both schools in some year groups so if you know of anyone needing a school place, please ask them to contact the office.

End of Term Music Sharing Concerts

Monday 23rd June Reception 9a.m.

Monday 30th June Y1 9a.m.

Monday 7th July Y2 9a.m.

Thursday 19th June Year 6 2:30p.m.

Thursday 26th June Year 4 2:30 p.m.

Thursday 3rd July Year 3 2:30 p.m.

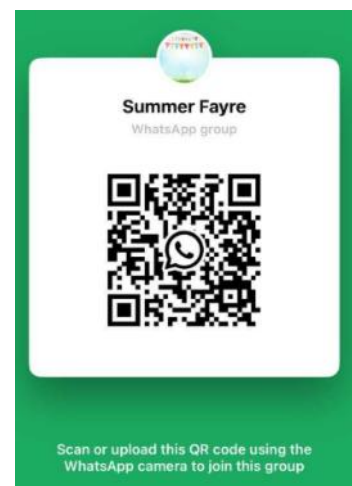
Thursday 10th July Year 5 2:30 p.m.

School's Association Meeting- Save the date Friday 4th July



The Schools Association have chosen Friday 4th July from 4-6p.m for our summer fayre. We are hoping that this year's event will be bigger and better than last year! They are very keen for help either before or on the day so please scan the QR code to join the Schools Association Helper's Group.

We will be holding an own clothes day on **Wednesday 2nd July** in order to gather donations for the tombola stall. Please ensure if your child has P.E on that day that they dress appropriately to still participate. Both schools will finish slightly earlier on **Friday 4th July at 2p.m.** After school gymnastics and homework clubs will continue as usual for pupils so they will not need to be picked up any earlier.



Summer term Parental Workshops

Parental feedback indicated that you would like additional support with online safety. We have therefore scheduled pupil and parental workshops on the following days at 9am.

Tuesday 17th June -Year 5 - 9am Junior Hall

Wednesday 18th June- Year 1 - 9am Infant Hall

Tuesday 8th July- Year 4 – 9am Junior Hall

Year 6 are having a range of additional workshops as part of their transition to secondary sc



Spelling Bee 2025

Congratulations to the children who took part in the Spelling Bee.

Year 2- Renisa, Year 3 -Adayah silver winner, Year 4- Rikhil, Year 5- Erica, Year 6- Ana gold winner

Father's Day Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to our special Father's Day Coffee morning. We hope all father's have a lovely celebration on Sunday.





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.



A reminder if the UV rate 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. Thank you to the 162 parents who have already completed the form. Please click on the link to complete this form.

<https://forms.gle/wgcKA6FSXm34BTN29>

Year 6 End of Term Events

Year 6 Theatre Trip- Thursday 3rd July

Leaver's Production- Friday 11th July 9a.m. Junior Hall

Leaver's Disco Friday 11th July 5-7p.m. Junior Hall

Leaver's Mass Monday 14th July 2p.m. Junior hall- parents and family members are all warmly invited.

Health and Wellbeing

We are delighted to inform you that we will once again having a four-week programme of 'Skip 2Bfit'. Children across both schools will be skipping on either a Tuesday (juniors) or Thursday (infants) (occasionally this may change) on the following dates:

- Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th June
- Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th June
- Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd July
- Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th July

Oral Health Dental Bus Initiative Thursday 26th June Infant Hall 3-5 p.m. Save the date

As you may be aware, Brent is experiencing high rates of poor oral health in its children. In fact, at 46%, **Brent is the borough with the highest percentage of children with decayed, missing or filled teeth at five years of age, nationwide.**

As part of efforts to tackle this statistic, over the last four years, Brent Public Health team have delivered the "Oral Health Bus" initiative. This involved visiting parks, recreational areas and schools with dentists who would carry out dental checks for children and make referrals for onward care. The programme is a huge success, with over 1500 children benefitting from the programme.

A week prior to the event, we will send you a booking link to book a slot to see the team of dentists who will be on site after school, but children will also be seen as walk-ins if you do not manage to book a slot.

On the day of the event a team of dental professionals will carry out checks on children, applying fluoride varnish and making referrals where needed. Other healthcare professionals including the asthma nurse, the healthy eating team and libraries will also be in attendance to provide general health and wellbeing advice.

This is a fantastic opportunity to improve the oral and overall health of the pupils at our school and an opportunity that should not be missed as we are so lucky to be hosting this for our community.

Bling Up Your Bike or Sparkle Up Your Scooter Day

On Wednesday 25th June we will have a special cycle and scoot to school day. We are encouraging the children to decorate their bike or scooter. There will be prizes for each key stage for the scooter/bike that has been decorated the most creatively.

Sports Day

Sport's Day will take place on Thursday 17th July from 9-12 infants and from 1-3:15 for the juniors weather permitting. Nursery sports day is on Tuesday 8th July 11.15a.m. for Saint Anthony (a.m. nursery) and 2.30p.m. Saint Anne (p.m. nursery).

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.



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 'Generative AI Safety'. Please see page 7.

Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to last week's winners.

Junior School Saint Vincent De Paul with an incredible 100%!

Infant School- Saint Teresa also with an amazing 100%!



House Points



			
Mark	Luke	Matthew	John
1 st 6490 points	2 nd 6081 points	3 rd 6077 points	4 th 5763 points

House point totals 13th June 2025

Star of the Week

Saint Bernadette- Dion

Saint Patrick- Jenna

Saint George- Carmalita

Saint Teresa- Marissa

Saint John Paul- Alrea

Saint Angela - Dallas

Saint Christopher- Milanka

Saint Catherine- Joanna

Saint Jude- Carina

Saint Mary- Leah

Saint Francis-Petrina

Saint Joan of Arc-Alvisha

Saint Maximilian Kolbe-Cyra

Saint Faustina-Jaylan

Saint Vincent De Paul-Avelina



Prayer for Father's Day

Heavenly Father,
On this special day, we thank You for the gift of fathers—
for their strength, their protection, their wisdom,
and their love.

Bless all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures
who have guided us with steady hands and open hearts.
Grant them courage when they are weary,
peace in times of uncertainty,
and joy in the love they give so freely.

For those who are missing their fathers today,
wrap them in Your comfort and grace.
And for fathers who are no longer with us,
we thank You for their memory and legacy that lives on in us.

Amen.

*Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs. Whelan*



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY



Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

IDEAS

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



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