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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools

Parental Letter Friday 5th December 2025

Value for December- Humility

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 8th December

Dance Club

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Taekwondo

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday 9th December

Gym Club

3:30-4:30p.m.

Chess Club

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Archery

3:30-4:30

Wednesday 10th December

Football Club

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday 11th December

Art Club

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Year 3 Computing Club

3:15-4:15 p.m.

Fencing

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Friday 12th December

Gym Club

3:30-4:30 p.m.

In assembly this week we lit the first Advent candle and had a moment of reflection to think about preparing for Christmas. Our mission was to consider how we can prepare in hope for Jesus' coming this Advent.

Justice and Peace Christmas Charity Collection

The Justice and Peace group from Saint Joseph's Parish Church have asked us to support their Christmas charity collection for the Catholic Children's Society. They are focusing on collecting for children aged 0-10 years of age. Items requested are as follows:

- Food items-tinned food (long expiry dates)soups, baked beans, macaroni cheese, biscuits, chocolates,pasta and rice
- colouring books and board games
- toiletries- nappies, wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoos, body lotions, conditioners
- Clothes- mittens, gloves, baby socks, socks for children, woolly hats, scarves, towels, children's clothes (0-10)

If you are able to donate one thing it would be greatly appreciated.

We will be accepting donations until Tuesday 9th December.

Thank you to those who have sent donations in already.



Parental Prayer Group

Thank you to the parents who attended Prayer Group today. The next prayer group will take place on Friday 9th January from 8:30a.m. in the Prayer Room.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is tomorrow Saturday 6th December, from 12-2:30 p.m. in the junior school. We are really looking forward to having a great event. We would like to thank Ms. Beaufays for helping the Schools Association to acquire the main raffle prize of the Thermomix TM6. Many thanks also to all of you for your donations towards the tombola store. We will be charging an entrance fee of £1 per adult, but children will be free. Children must have an adult accompanying them to the bazaar. Please also note this will be a cash only event. **Please see the flyers on pages 8 and 9.**



Prayer Leaders Attend Catholic Children's Society Advent Mass

Some of our Prayer Leaders attended the special Catholic Children's Society Advent Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon.

Christmas Events

We have a variety of special Christmas events planned across the remainder of the term. I look forward to seeing many of you at these.

- Christmas Fayre 12-2:30 p.m. Saturday 6th December Junior School
- School Choir singing at Middlesex Care Home 11 a.m. Tuesday 9th December
- Nursery Nativity morning nursery 11 a.m., afternoon nursery 2:45p.m.
- KS2 Carol Service 6:30p.m. Wednesday 10th December Saint Joseph's Church
- Year 2 Nativity 9 a.m. Thursday 11th December Infant Hall
- Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 11th December- children to wear their jumpers with their normal uniform
- School Choir singing at Westminster Cathedral at 2:30 p.m. Saturday 13th December
- Christmas Surprise Day Tuesday 16th December
- Christmas Dinner Wednesday 17th December children can wear Christmas jumpers in again
- Christmas Party Day Wednesday 17th December
- Whole School Christmas Advent Mass Saint Joseph's Church Thursday 18th December 1:30p.m.
- School Choir singing at Ikea Friday 19th December 9a.m.
- ***Forward Notice School will break up for the Christmas Holidays Friday 19th Dec at 1.10 pm (for Reception, Years 3 and 5), 1:15p.m. (afternoon nursery and Year 1), 1.20 pm (for Saint John Paul, Years 2, 4 and 6).***



Reconciliation

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the following days as part of their preparation during Advent:

Friday 12th December Year 6

KS2 Carol Service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday 10th December Saint Joseph's Church (later time due to Mass)

Year 3 and Year 4 will lead our annual Carol Concert on Wednesday 10th December from 6:30-7:30p.m in Saint Joseph's Church. **We are expecting all Year 3 and 4 pupils to attend as well as all pupils in Years 5 and 6 who are the choir for this event.** This is a whole school community event and it would be lovely for as many families to attend as possible. Father Joseph will also be attending.

Arrangements

Years 3 pupils will need to come to school at 5:45p.m. on Wednesday so that they can get into their costumes. We will then take them to Church.

All other pupils should be dropped to the Church by 6:15p.m. Please ensure that you keep your child's coat with you in Church for pupils in Years 4-6 as there is nowhere to store them in Church. They will need to register with a teacher on arrival.

After the Carol Service Year 3 pupils will go back to school to get changed and will be dismissed from their classroom door.

Year 4 pupils will be dismissed from Saint Mary's Chapel.

Year 5 and 6 pupils will be dismissed from Church by a member of staff.

Please be patient for dismissal as this can take some time to ensure children go to the correct adult.

School Choir

The choir will be performing at a variety of events in December. One of these is at the Westminster Schools Singing Carol Service on Saturday 13th December at 2:30 p.m. This will take place in Westminster Cathedral. Entry is free and all families are welcome to attend. Further information can be found on page 10.

The choir will also be performing in Middlesex Care Home on Tuesday 9th December and in Ikea on Friday 19th December.

Christmas Poem

We will again be learning a whole school poem and recording this as our special Christmas message. Different year groups and classes have different sections. The poem has been posted on Google classroom. Please support your child with learning this poem over the final week before we record their performance on the 15th December

Class Prayer and Liturgy

We are offering parents a really special opportunity to attend one of your child's class liturgies across the term. This is a special class liturgy organised and led by the children. These will take place on the following days at 2:50p.m in your child's classroom.

Saint Bernadette Monday 8th December

Saint Mary Tuesday 9th December

Saint Patrick Monday 15th December

Parish Christmas Carol Singing Invitation

There will be a **Parish Christmas Carol Singing on Saturday, 6th December, from 3:00 PM to 6:15 PM in the church car park**, and we would love for the school community to be part of this joyful celebration.

The event will include:

- Christmas carols
- A short message on the true meaning of Christmas
- Light refreshments

We warmly invite all children, youth, and their families, to join us.

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 'Tracking Devices' please see page 7.

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

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

Junior School: Saint Joan of Arc with 99%!

Infant School: Saint Teresa with 98%.



A reminder that we are expecting families to adhere to the Christmas holiday dates. School breaks up on Friday 19th December and we re-open for pupils on Tuesday 6th January. Any additional extended leave may incur a fine and risks the loss of your child's school place.

House Points



Mark	Matthew	Luke	John
1st 11590 points	2nd 10363 points	3rd 10169 points	4th 9364 points

House point totals 5th December 2025

Star of the Week

Saint Bernadette- Abner

Saint Patrick- Kacper

Saint George- Kaylee

Saint Teresa- Wiktorja

Saint John Paul- Krizzan

Saint Angela - Zane

Saint Christopher- Athena

Saint Catherine- Vania

Saint Jude- Annsolina

Saint Mary- Gordon

Saint Francis- Adayah

Saint Joan of Arc- Adriel

Saint Maximilian Kolbe- John

Saint Faustina- Steyn

Saint Vincent De Paul- Jeswal



Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Lord God,
As we light the second candle of Advent,
fill our hearts with Your peace.
Prepare us to welcome Christ with faith and humility.
Guide us to seek forgiveness, to love one another,
and to walk in Your light.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Whelan



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

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 TRACKING DEVICES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

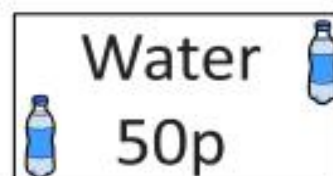
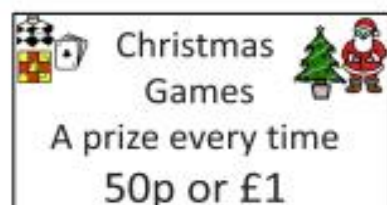
HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.





Christmas Bazaar



GRAND RAFFLE

Prizes:

**1st Prize: Thermomix TM6
(Market price is £1200)**



2 x 2nd Prizes: £25



**Raffle price: £2
Sold by Parents during drop and pickup!**

Draw:

**Saturday, 6th December 2025
at the Christmas Bazaar**

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, WEMBLEY

See the Newsletter and School Jotter for full Christmas Bazaar details.

Organised by the Parents Association.



NATIONAL SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME



WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas Carols and Readings
performed by children across the
Diocese of Westminster

Saturday 13th December

2:30pm

Westminster Cathedral






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