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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools **Parental Letter Friday 7th November 2025**

Value for November- Tolerance

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 10th November
Dance Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Taekwondo
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday 11th November
Armistice Day
Gym Club
3:30-4:30p.m.
Chess Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Archery
3:30-4:30

Wednesday 12th November
Football Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday 13th November
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 14th November
Gym Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

In assembly this week we thought about saints who we may have a special connection with. The children were encouraged to think about different saints and their lives and virtues and how we can reach out for their support when needed. Our mission was to consider how they can rely on God more fully this week at times when they need support.

Parent Meetings

We will be holding parental meetings next week on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November from 2:30-5:30p.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. Appointments should now have been booked via the School Cloud appointment system. **Meetings will be in person in school.**

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 on the day of your appointment:

Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November children will be dismissed at the following times:

Reception 2:10 p.m.

Year 1 2:15 p.m. Year 2 2:20 p.m. Saint John Paul 2:20 p.m.

Year 3 2:10 p.m. Year 4 2:20 p.m.

Year 5 2:10 p.m. Year 6 2:20 p.m.

If they are in after school club or an extended day club, they will attend this as usual and do not need to be picked up at the earlier time.

Parental Meetings for Nursery Children

Nursery children will also have appointments scheduled on Monday 10th and Wednesday the 12th November. However, nursery children will attend **their full day as usual on Monday 10th ending at 3:15 p.m.** but will need to be picked up at 2:15p.m. on Wednesday 12th November.

Parental Prayer Group

Thank you to the parents who attended prayer group this morning. The next prayer group will take place on Friday 5th December from 8:30a.m. in the Prayer Room.

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

Thursday 20th November Saint Christopher

Year Groups attending Parish 9:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday 12th November Year 4

Wednesday 19th November Year 3

Prayer Leaders Remembrance Day Collection for the Royal British Legion

The Prayer Leaders did an excellent job of selling the poppies and other items this week to raise money for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. Thank you to all of you who purchased something to support their charity collection.



Year 3 Parental Wellbeing Workshop

Our Cathchild counsellor will be leading a wellbeing work shop in the junior hall on **Friday 14th November from 8:40-9:10 for parents and children in Year 3.** This will give parents the opportunity to work with their child on exploring a range of well-being strategies.

Forward Notice Parental Workshops- Reading and Phonics Workshops

These will take place at 8:45 a.m. in either school hall- workshops usually last about an hour.

Thursday 27th November Year 3

Schools Association Meeting



There will be a Schools Association meeting on **Friday 14th November from 8:30 a.m.** onwards in the Prayer Room. This meeting will be to plan for the Christmas Bazaar in December. All parents are warmly invited to attend as we welcome ideas on stalls and events. Please come afterwards if attending the Year 3 parental workshop.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November, with the theme: **Power for Good**. The week will kick off with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November**, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Please see the poster on page 8.

The week will end with 'Friendship Friday'. Friendship Friday takes place on the Friday of Anti-Bullying Week each year and is an opportunity to celebrate friendship and promote positive relationships. It's a chance for everyone - in school, at home, in the community or online - to celebrate healthy friendships. This year's theme for Friendship Friday is ... Kindness. This promotes our view that kindness leads to better outcomes for everyone. We will be encouraging children and adults to share when their friends have shown kindness to them by sending a kindness card or by being rewarded with a 'Catch them being kind' card!

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 John Paul Wednesday 19th November (change of date)

Saint Teresa Wednesday 26th November

Saint George Wednesday 26th November
Saint Angela Thursday 27th November
Saint Catherine Monday 1st December
Saint Maximilian Kolbe Tuesday 2nd December
Saint Joan of Arc Tuesday 2nd December
Saint Faustina Wednesday 3rd December
Saint Vincent De Paul Wednesday 3rd December
Saint Christopher Thursday 4th December
Saint Jude Friday 5th December
Saint Bernadette Monday 8th December
Saint Mary Tuesday 9th December

Nursery, Reception and Year 3 Applications for September 2026

Father Joseph will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice for applications for nursery, reception and Year 3 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for entry next September 2026 on:

Monday 10th November- Year 3

Tuesday 11th November- Reception

Wednesday 12th November - Nursery

You will need to bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and also please bring your child with you. The application packs have been sent home with current nursery and Year 2 pupils and nursery applications are available from the school office as well as the school website.

OPAL Playtimes

Please make sure that you have sent in your child's wellies and also a waterproof coat. **All children must have a coat in school.** Children will be outside playing in light drizzle so we need to ensure that they have waterproof clothing. All personal items should always have your child's name on. Please see the poster on page 10.

School Nurse Team- Flu Vaccination

Many children received their nasal flu vaccination before half term. **There will be a second vaccination day on Tuesday 18th November. It is not too late to register your child to receive this.** It is really important that children are vaccinated. If you have any questions, please ask the office or email the team directly. See the flyer on page 7 which has links to registration.



Magic Breakfast

The School Council have taken on the role of breakfast champions. Before half term they invited children to design a poster to promote the importance of having breakfast. They have now judged the entries and are delighted to announce that Amelia is the winner. Please see her winning poster on page 11. Amelia and other runners up will receive their certificates in assembly.

Annual Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to those of you who completed the questionnaire- we had 106 results in total. The results are very positive with a few areas highlighted for us to work on. Please see my full response on the school website by following the link <https://www.sjinf.brent.sch.uk/parents/parent-questionnaires>

Year 6 PGL Trip

We welcome back the children in year 6 who have been away on their residential trip this week. It looks like they had an amazing experience judging by the photographs in the gallery.



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 'Pokemon TCG' please see page 9.

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.



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. A. Holligan	Infant School Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs. A. Holligan	Junior School Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs. A. Holligan	Designated Safeguarding Officer Mrs. A. Holligan

Weekly Attendance Award

Well done to the winners of the attendance award for the week before half term.

Junior School: Four-way tie between Saint Jude, Saint Mary, Saint Francis and Saint Joan of Arc on 97%.

Infant School: Saint Angela on 96%



House Points



Mark 1 st 6246 points	Matthew 2 nd 6041 points	Luke 3 rd 5797 points	John 4 th 5102 points

House point totals 7th November 2025

Star of the Week

Saint Bernadette- Julia
Saint Patrick- Olivier
Saint George- Erica
Saint Teresa- Archer
Saint John Paul- Valena
Saint Angela - Enoch
Saint Christopher- Oskar

Saint Catherine- Vaclav
Saint Jude- Maryam
Saint Mary- Aleks
Saint Francis- Frazie
Saint Joan of Arc- Neshuan
Saint Maximilian Kolbe- Kacper K
Saint Faustina- Clarissa
Saint Vincent De Paul- Cyra



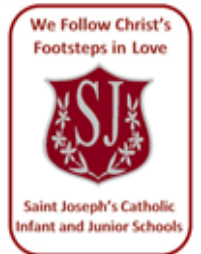


Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Loving God,
on this Remembrance Sunday,
we thank You for all those who gave their lives in war,
so that we might live in peace and freedom.
We remember their courage, their sacrifice,
and their love for others.
We pray for all who still suffer because of war,
and for all who work for peace in our world today.
Help us to be peacemakers in our words and actions,
and to share Your love with everyone we meet.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



*Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs. Whelan*



STOP THE FLU! VACCINATE YOUR CHILD! PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY!

Vaccinating your child will
STOP them from being seriously ill this winter and
protect vulnerable friends and family.

THE INJECTION

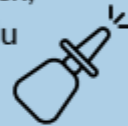


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ONES**

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This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on

MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025

Odd Socks Day

Come to school
wearing your odd
socks to celebrate
what makes us all
unique!

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#PowerForGood



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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

POKÉMON TCG POCKET

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

AGE RESTRICTION
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ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in “just one more game”. This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Wellington boots



Each child must have a pair of welly boots in school for wet days so their shoes do not get wet and for OPAL play. We also use them for our Forest School Sessions. A dry pair of sock must also be sent in with the wellies.

Your boots can be bought from any high-street retailer (Asda, Primark etc...)

Any colour or pattern is fine. Please clearly write your child's name on each boot, sharpie is good for this.

Outside for OPAL playtimes.

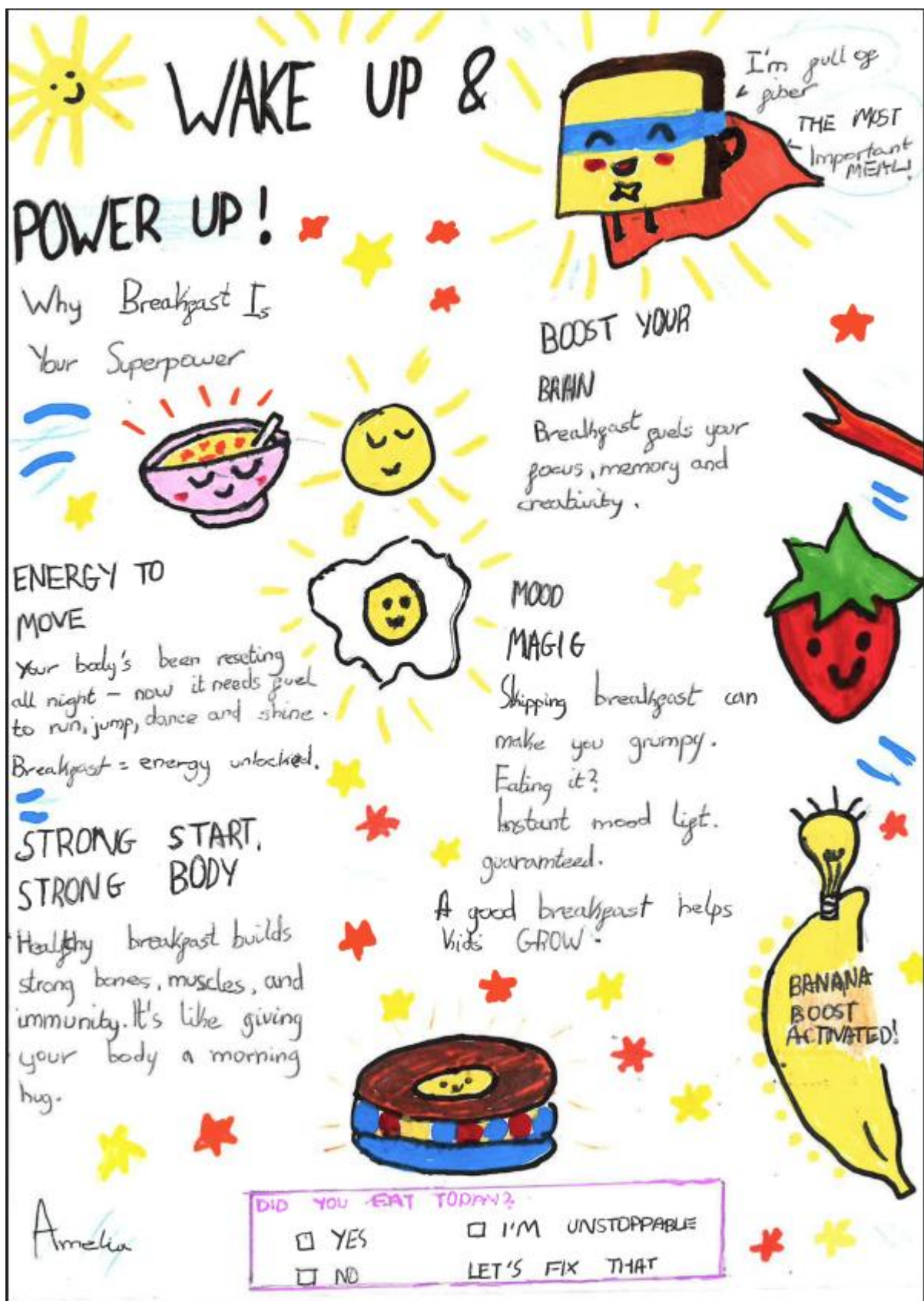
Please make sure all children have a **waterproof** coat with a hood in school with them everyday for OPAL playtimes.

The jacket should protect and keep the children's uniform dry during play.



School coat PLAIN BLACK COAT
NO PATTERNS

Your coat can be bought from any high-street retailer (Asda, Primark etc...) But must be plain black with no patterns or pictures.





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