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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools **Parental Newsletter Friday 13th March 2026**

Value for March – Freedom

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 March
Dance Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

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

Thursday 19th March
Year 3 Computing Club
3:30-4:15 p.m.
Fencing
3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

In assembly this week we were thinking about the Gospel story of the Samaritan woman. We wondered why Jesus chose to spend time with her when others excluded her. We extended this to think out about other people or groups of people who are often excluded in society. We also thought about how this relates to our day to day life in school, reflecting on our choices and following in Christ's Footsteps, by ensuring everyone is included.

Class Assemblies

Assemblies take place in either school hall from 9 a.m.

Tuesday 28th April Saint Francis
Thursday 30th April Saint Bernadette
Thursday 7th May Saint Catherine
Thursday 21st May Saint Mary
Thursday 11th June Saint Jude
Thursday 18th June Saint Patrick

Class Masses

Thank you to Father Tebin for leading Saint Jude's class Mass this afternoon. Many thanks also to those parents and family members who were able to join with us.

Class Liturgies during Lent

We are offering parents a really special opportunity to attend one of your child's class liturgies across Lent. This is a special class liturgy organised and led by the children. Years 1-6 will take place on the following days at 2:50 p.m. in your child's classroom. Saint Bernadette and Saint Patrick's liturgies will be in the morning at 9 a.m.

Saint John Paul- Wednesday 18th March
Saint Patrick- Friday 20th March 9 a.m.
Saint Catherine- Friday 20th March
Saint Bernadette- Friday 27th March 9 a.m.
Saint Jude- Friday 27th March
Year 4- Thursday 26th March
Year 6- Tuesday 31st March

Year 5 Easter Liturgy

Year 5 will be sharing a special Easter Liturgy on Wednesday 1st April at 9 a.m. in the junior hall.

Reconciliation

As part of their preparation during Lent pupils in Years 4,5 and 6 will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the following dates:

Reconciliation Friday 20th March 9:30 a.m. Year 6

Reconciliation Friday 27th March 9:30 a.m. Year 4

Saint Joseph's Day

Children and staff will be celebrating Saint Joseph's Day on Thursday 19th March. We will be having a very special Mission Day with a variety of events across the morning. We will also attend Mass at Saint Joseph's Church at 1:30 p.m.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

The children will be supporting CAFOD across Lent. They will be taking part in their Big Lent Walk on Tuesday 31st March. Prayer Leaders will be collecting donations at the gate on that morning. On that day we would ask for a donation of £1 to support CAFOD. Many thanks.

Year of Reading

2026 is the National Year of Reading. The Department for Education has launched a UK-wide campaign designed to help people rediscover the joy of reading. The 'Go All In' campaign aims to bring reading to everyone through their passions.



To celebrate this, we have launched a special Reading Café. Parents and children are invited to enjoy a shared reading experience in the school halls, which will be magically transformed into a café. You can choose a book to read together and enjoy some quiet time with your child.



Parents are warmly invited to attend on the following afternoons this year **from 2:30 p.m.:**

Wednesday 25th March Saint Christopher

Wednesday 29th April Saint Jude

Wednesday 6th May Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Wednesday 20th May Saint Joan of Arc

Wednesday 3rd June Saint Patrick

Wednesday 10th June Saint John Paul

Wednesday 17th June Saint Bernadette

Wednesday 1st July Saint Teresa

Wednesday 8th July Saint George

We look forward to welcoming you for this special celebration of reading.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended Saint Angela's Reading Café this week.



Author visit

Laura Henry-Allain MBE, is an award-winning international producer, storyteller, educationalist, keynote speaker and consultant. She is the creator of the well-loved JoJo and Gran Gran series, developed and produced by CBeebies and is the series' associate producer. Laura will be visiting Saint Joseph's to read her stories and lead an assembly on Tuesday 17th March. If your child has any of her books, she will be happy to sign them on the day of her visit, so please send them to school with your child on Tuesday.



Parental Workshops

Mathematics parental workshops will take place in either school hall from 9a.m on the following dates:

Tuesday 24th March Year 3

Parental Meetings

We will be holding parental meetings on Monday 30th March and Wednesday 1st April 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 year.

Appointments will be booked via the School Cloud appointment system. **Meetings will be in person in school.** The booking link is still open until Monday 16th March at 4p.m. I have included the instructions on how to book the appointment via School Cloud on pages 8 for the junior school and page 9 for the nursery and infant 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 the day of your appointment:

Monday 30th March and Wednesday 1st April 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.

Please click on the link below to make your child's appointment.

<https://sjinf.schoolcloud.co.uk/> Nursery and Infant School

<https://sjjnr.schoolcloud.co.uk/> Junior School

Parental Meetings for Nursery Children

Nursery children will also have appointments scheduled on Monday 30th and Wednesday the 1st April. However, nursery children will need to be **picked up at 2:15 p.m. on Monday 30th** but will attend **their full day as usual on Wednesday 1st April ending at 3:15 p.m.**

Admissions

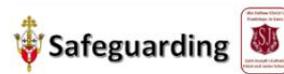
We currently have vacancies in Years 3 and 5 so if you know any families with children in non-Catholic schools in these year groups, please encourage them to apply.

School Council great Big School Clean

The School Council have pledged to once again be taking part in the 'Great Big School Clean' from the 13th-29th March. This campaign is run by 'Keep Britain Tidy'. The School Council will be out on their daily litter picks. Please see the poster on page 10 which includes some interesting facts.

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.



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 Ms. R. Fitzgibbon	 Infant School Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs. A. O'Sullivan Deputy Head Teacher	 Junior School Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Ms. A. O'Sullivan Deputy Head Teacher		
 Deputy DSL Mrs. J. O'Sullivan EYF's Phase Leader	 Deputy DSL Mrs. J. O'Sullivan EYF's Phase Leader	 Deputy DSL Mrs. J. O'Sullivan EYF's Phase Leader	 Deputy DSL Mrs. J. O'Sullivan EYF's Phase Leader	 Deputy DSL Mrs. J. O'Sullivan EYF's Phase Leader

Online Safety

Each week we will include a link to an information sheet which helps us navigate the online world, this week the National Online Safety guide is on 'Pop Up Ads' and can be found on page 11.

House Points



 Mark 1 st 13966 points	 Matthew 2 nd 12220 points	 John 3 rd 11236 points	 Luke 4 th 10982 points
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House point totals 13th March 2026

Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to the class winners for last week.

Junior School- Saint Vincent De Paul with an amazing 100%!

Infant School- Saint John Paul also with a fantastic 100%!



Star of the Week

Saint Bernadette- Yasmin

Saint Patrick- Azaiah

Saint George- Spencer

Saint Teresa- Conor

Saint John Paul- Jayden

Saint Angela - Thrizel

Saint Christopher- Gizelle

Saint Catherine- Calysta

Saint Jude- Vinoya

Saint Mary- Joanna

Saint Francis- Dashawan

Saint Joan of Arc- Chrysler

Saint Maximilian Kolbe- Stelia

Saint Vincent De Paul- Dylan

Saint Faustina- Ruben



A Prayer for Mother's Day

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of mothers
and for the love, care, and sacrifices they give each day.

Bless them with strength, patience,
and joy as they guide and nurture their families.
Through the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
help all mothers grow in faith and love.

Comfort those who have lost their mothers
and fill their hearts with Your peace and hope.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Have a lovely
Mother's Day weekend.
Mrs. Whelan*



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JUNIOR SCHOOL Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments

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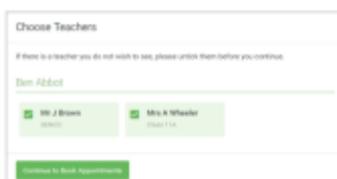
A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.



Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.



Step 3: Choose Teachers

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.



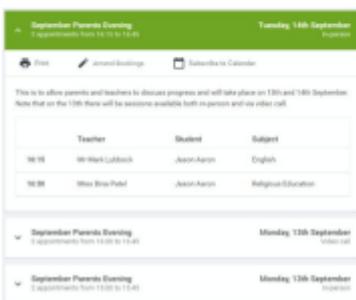
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To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

You can optionally leave a message for the teacher to say what you'd like to discuss, or raise anything beforehand.

Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.



Step 5: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the My Bookings page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on *Amend Bookings*.

INFANT AND NURSERY Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments

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The Great Big School Clean

13 March - 29 March 2026

This Spring, join Keep Britain Tidy as the Great Big School Clean returns!



Since the movement began in 2016, millions of Litter Heroes have grabbed their litter-pickers, and pledged to pick up more than **four and a half million** bags of rubbish.

When we all join forces and show we **love where we live**, the difference we can make is huge, instilling a sense of pride across communities, their desire to live in clean and attractive places and actively contribute to transforming, enhancing and maintaining our streets, parks, coastline waterways and countryside.

Let's protect the planet for future generations.

Please visit keepbritaintidy.org from 13 February to make your pledge.

As we embark on this special campaign in 2026, our mission has never been more important. Our environment and wildlife face grave threats from the impact of litter. So we're encouraging everyone to grab a litter-picker.

Whether you're a whole school, class, early years setting or eco-club, join us and take action to protect the streets, neighbourhoods, parks, and coasts around our educational settings, making them places to be proud of.

88% of participants felt they were **part of a national movement**, taking action to tackle litter

81% of participants agreed that taking part **helped to improve their mood**.

95% of participants felt **they made a difference** to their local area.



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

POP-UP ADS

WARNING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pop-up advertisements have been a staple of the internet since they were first introduced in the late 1990s. This form of advertising causes a small window or banner to appear in the foreground while someone is browsing a website. Although these adverts are merely irritating for most people, pop-ups can present more severe risks to younger users.

DECEPTIVE TACTICS

Children sometimes don't understand that adverts (including pop-ups) are designed to sell a product – and can't distinguish between a legitimate feature of a site and an advertisement. Video games, for example, can be full of pop-up ads that tempt users into spending money, yet they might take the form of a mini-game or extra level.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While some adverts are targeted based on a user's interests and activity online, that isn't always the case. This means that children may unfortunately be exposed to ads for age-inappropriate goods or services such as tobacco products, alcohol and gambling sites.

MALWARE RISK

Most pop-ups from reputable advertisers are safe. However, in some cases, pop-ups can trick you into downloading malware – whereby cybercriminals install software on your device, allowing them to access your sensitive data. It can be difficult to know if malware has been installed on your device, so your best option is to avoid engaging with these pop-ups altogether. Be wary of sites that suddenly bombard you with ads or try to prevent you from leaving.

PRIVACY RISK

Many app and game developers will collect their users' personal data, such as their name, address, email address, geolocation information, unique numerical identifiers, photos and payment information. If a child clicks on an illegitimate pop-up laced with malware, all this information could be put at risk.

RACKING UP BILLS

If a child has access to a payment card on their device – be it a smartphone, laptop, or tablet – they could very quickly rack up a massive bill by interacting with pop-up adverts and buying products shown to them. Try to keep a close eye on their spending.

BEHAVIOURAL IMPACT

Research has found that pop-up ads can even have an impact on children's behaviour. Some of these adverts use manipulative tactics that take advantage of children's developmental vulnerabilities, intentionally or otherwise. This approach may cause a child's mood to shift, becoming more stubborn, for example, if they begin wanting their parents to buy a specific product for them.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

It's important to have regular conversations with children about online advertising so that they understand the risks of interacting with pop-ups. For example, if a child asks for a product which has been advertised to them online, ask them why they want it and how they found it: this will present an opportunity to talk youngsters through the tactics used in online marketing.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child may be following pop-up ads to make online purchases or viewing content that could be harmful, it's important to be able to spot the signs. Due to the often-manipulative nature of these adverts, children who interact with them regularly may show signs of distraction, stubbornness and an increasingly materialistic worldview.

MONITOR CONTENT

It can often be difficult to spot when a pop-up advert is malicious – even more so for impressionable younger users. It's important to monitor the content they're consuming to prevent them from clicking on something dangerous. If a pop-up ad seems too good to be true – promising a free iPad, for example – it probably is.

PRIVACY SETTINGS

Most modern devices have privacy settings that let you limit the amount of advertising a child is subjected to while using apps or browsing the internet. You may also want to speak to teachers about avoiding sites and apps with advertising, as well as adjusting digital privacy settings on any education technology they use.

LIMIT SPENDING

Try to stay aware of what children are spending and ensure that payment details aren't linked to or saved on the gaming platform that they use. Most video games and internet-enabled devices have settings that can help you manage what children can or cannot purchase online.

CUT DOWN ON SCREEN TIME

Given the prevalence of pop-up ads (which can appear on everything from smartphones and tablets to internet-connected toys and games), it might be beneficial to limit the time children spend on digital devices to curb their exposure to digital advertising.

Meet Our Expert

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