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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools **Parental Letter Friday 19th September 2025** **Value for September- Community**

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 22nd September
Dance Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Taekwondo
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday 23rd September
Gym Club
3:30-4:30p.m.
Chess Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Archery
3:30-4:30

Wednesday 24th
September
Football Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday 25th September
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 26th September
Gym Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

In our assembly this week, we thought about symbols and their meanings which linked to the symbol of the cross. It was interesting to hear the children's thoughts on what they thought about when they see the symbol of the cross. Most associated it with Jesus and his death and sacrifice for us. We talked about it being a symbol of hope, faith and strength. Our mission was to think about how we can follow Jesus through our words and actions.

Uniform

Please can you make sure that your child has a jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt/coat in school as the weather is so changeable, they need something in school to wear if the weather changes.

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

Tuesday 23rd September Saint Faustina
Thursday 25th September Saint Angela
Tuesday 7th October Saint Vincent De Paul
Thursday 16th October Saint John Paul
Thursday 20th November Saint Christopher

Annual Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents who completed the questionnaire last week. We now have 24 responses; this however does not give us a representative sample so we will keep the questionnaire open until half term. I appreciate new parents may not be in a position to respond. We will repeat the questionnaire at the end of the summer term again. Please find the link and QR code. I would appreciate you taking a moment to complete the form so that we can gather your views on any areas that you may wish to give us feedback on. This will help us to ensure that we continue to provide the best possible school experience for your child. Many thanks in advance for completing this.

<https://forms.gle/JprMJZK9zS19qqU6A>



Year 6 PGL Trip Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents whose children are attending the residential trip to PGL in October. The meeting will be on Monday 29th September at 8:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room.

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.

Wednesday 1st October Year 1
Thursday 2nd October Year 2
Tuesday 14th October Year 5
Thursday 23rd October Year 4
Thursday 27th November Year 3

Reception Stay and Play Day

There will be a stay and play morning on Wednesday 15th October from 8:45 a.m. This is an opportunity for parents to stay with their child for the beginning of the session and experience a phonics session. There will also be tips on how you can support your child in developing their phonics and reading knowledge.

Nursery Stay and Play Day

There will be a stay and play morning and afternoon on Wednesday 22nd October at 8:30 a.m. (morning nursery) and 12:15 p.m. (afternoon nursery) This is an opportunity for parents to stay with their child for the beginning of the session. You will experience playing alongside your child in the nursery environment and experience some of the activities they enjoy across the week.

School Nurse Team- Flu Vaccination

You should have received information about the nasal flu vaccination which is coming up in October. It is really important that children are vaccinated so please ensure that you sign up for this. If you have any questions, please ask the office or email the team directly. See the flyer on page 6 which has links to registration.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will again be holding a parental coffee morning in order to support Macmillan cancer on Friday 26th September from 8:30 a.m. onwards in the Prayer Room. All donations will go to support Macmillan.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

As you know we introduced OPAL last year in both schools. This was to improve the quality of lunchtime play and to make it more enjoyable for all children. We are very grateful to parents who have come in to help or who have donated to our play resources. Mrs. Evans leads this project and she has introduced an OPAL newsletter which has been sent to you along with this newsletter. Please take a moment to read it. We thank you in advance for your continued support with our donation requests.

Balance Bike Training

Reception pupils will be having balance bike training on the 5th, 6th and 7th November. More details will be sent directly to reception parents.

Scoot Fit Day

The children enjoyed a scoot fit day last year and have continued to request a repeat for this year so this has been organised for Years 1-3 on Friday 3rd October. More information will be circulated nearer the day.

Uniform Exchange

The uniform exchange system works in this way- if you need uniform, please donate your old uniform if it is in good condition. You can send in a note to request what uniform you would like to exchange it for and if we have that available, we will send it home to you. We have a bank of uniform available in order to be able to do this so please send in any uniform that is in good condition that your child has grown out of, so that another family can make use of it. This will help families financially as well as supporting recycling. Many thanks. Please speak to a member of SLT in confidence if you need support with uniform.

Year 6 Secondary School

Thank you to the parents who attended the admissions meeting this week.

Year 6 applications for admission to secondary school need to be submitted by October 31st 2025. I include the link below to further information on the Brent website.

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/education-schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place#planandprepare>

Father Joseph will be signing the Certificate's of Catholic Practice on the 24th and 25th of September from 3.30p.m. until 4:30p.m. in the Parish Centre. You will need a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with you. Your child should accompany you to this meeting. Father will have the Certificate of Catholic Practice to sign. Please get one signed for each Catholic school application that you intend to submit.

Father has requested that parents of pupils in Saint Faustina attend on Wednesday 24th September and parents of pupils in Saint Vincent De Paul attend on Thursday 25th September to alleviate queuing.

This is not for the signing of primary applications ONLY SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

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 'Snapchat' 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 both achieving an amazing 99%!
Junior School Saint Maximilian Kolbe 99% Infant School- Saint Angela 99%



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 Mrs. M. Pellegrini	Infant School Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs. S. Bennett Deputy Head Teacher	Junior School Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs. S. Bennett Deputy Head Teacher
Deputy DSL Mrs. S. Bennett Infant School Lead	Deputy DSL Mrs. S. Bennett Infant School Lead	Deputy DSL Mrs. S. Bennett Infant School Lead

House Points



Mark 1 st 1358 points	John 2 nd 990 points	Matthew 3 rd 954 points	Luke 4 th 909 points

House point totals 19th September 2025

Star of the Week

Saint Bernadette- Heart

Saint Patrick- Zane D

Saint George- Venisha

Saint Teresa- Sean

Saint John Paul- Arica

Saint Angela - Rylan

Saint Christopher- Berwin

Saint Catherine- Joshua

Saint Jude- Emerson

Saint Mary- Avia

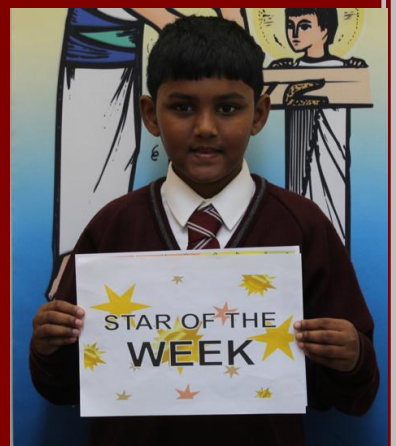
Saint Francis- Roseford

Saint Joan of Arc- Evelyn

Saint Maximilian Kolbe- Zylan

Saint Faustina- Christiano

Saint Vincent De Paul- Chris



A Prayer for Our School Community

Dear God,
Thank You for our school community,
where we come together to learn, grow, and care for one another.

Bless our teachers and staff,
who guide us with patience and love.
Bless our classmates and friends,
who help make each day special.

We thank You for our parents and carers,
who support us in all we do,
and for our school governors,
who help lead our school with wisdom and care.

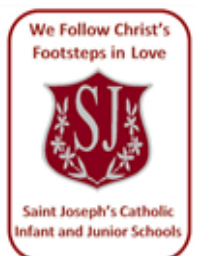
Help us all to work together in kindness and respect,
to be peacemakers, good listeners, and joyful learners.
May our school be a place where everyone feels welcome, safe, and
loved.

With Jesus as our example,
may we grow in faith, hope, and love every day.

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Whelan



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STOP them from being seriously ill this winter and
protect vulnerable friends and family.

THE INJECTION

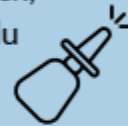


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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

SNAP STREAK
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AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXUATION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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