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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools **Parental Newsletter Friday 6th 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 9th March
Dance Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday 10th March
Year 5 Reading Club
3:30-4:15
Gym Club
Chess Club
Archery Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday 11th March
Football Club
Film Making Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday 12th March
Year 3 Computing Club
3:30-4:15 p.m.
Fencing
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Friday 13th March
Gym Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

In assembly this week we were thinking about the Transfiguration and why Jesus decided to show his Glory to Peter, James and John on the mountain. We thought about how this would strengthen their faith in him and their belief that he was truly the son of God. Our mission was to continue to try to say 'Yes' and trust in God as we give, act and pray.

Saint Teresa led a lovely assembly about World Book Day and Lent. They reminded us how special the gift of books are and in particular a very holy book 'The Bible'. The children created a very special recording where they told us about their favourite bible stories. **Click or scan the QR code below to see their amazing video.**

Our mission was inspired by the story of the Prodigal Son. We were encouraged to show forgiveness if someone makes a wrong choice.



Class Assemblies

Assemblies take place in either school hall from 9a.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 Joseph Chacko for leading Saint Catherine's class Mass this afternoon. Many thanks also to those parents and family members who were able to join with us.

Please join with your child and our staff for their class Mass which will take place at 2p.m. in your child's classroom.

The Masses scheduled for this term are as follows:

Saint Jude Friday 13th March

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 2:50p.m in your child's classroom. Saint Bernadette and Saint Patrick's liturgies will be in the morning at 9a.m.

Saint Bernadette- Friday 27th March 9a.m

Saint George & Saint Teresa- Monday 9th March

Saint Christopher Wednesday 11th March

Saint Jude- Friday 27th March

Year 4- Thursday 26th March

Year 6- Tuesday 31st March

Saint Patrick- Friday 20th March 9a.m.

Saint John Paul- Wednesday 18th March

Saint Angela- Thursday 12th March

Saint Catherine- Friday 20th March

Year 5 Easter Liturgy

Year 5 will be sharing a special Easter Liturgy on Wednesday 1st April at 9a.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 13th March 9:30 a.m. Year 5

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 Mass on Thursday 19th March at Saint Joseph's Church at 1:30p.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. We would ask for a donation of £1 to support CAFOD. Many thanks.

Science Week

Next week is Science Week. We are keen for all of the classes to go into the school garden to prepare their garden areas for planting. If you have any spare time to support with the school garden next week, please let the office know, tell us at the gate or send us an email. Please see the poster on page 10. Many thanks.

**Happy
Mother's
Day** 

Mother's Day Cake Sale

The Prayer Leaders would like to hold a special 'Mother's Day Coffee Event' This will take place on Friday 13th March from 3p.m. onwards. There will be a variety of cakes for you to purchase especially for all of the mums ahead of Mother's Day on Sunday 15th March.

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.

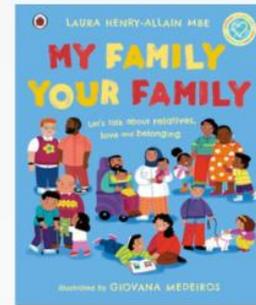
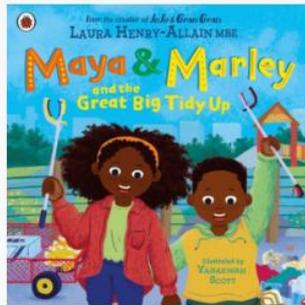
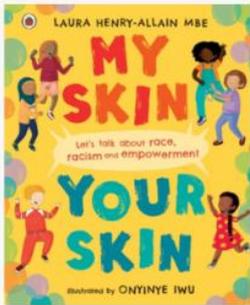


Parents are warmly invited to attend on the following afternoons this term **from 2:30 p.m.:**
Wednesday 11th March Saint Angela
Wednesday 25th March Saint Christopher
We look forward to welcoming you for this special celebration of reading.

Thank you to the parents who attended Saint Catherine's Reading Café on Wednesday. A big thank you also to those of you who purchased books in our Book Fair across this week. Funds raised will be used to purchase additional books for our libraries and classrooms.

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 is happy to sign them on her visit day.



Parental Workshops

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

Tuesday 24th March Year 3

Year 5 Maths Challenge

Some pupils in Year 5 took part in a maths challenge competition last week and I am delighted to announce that they have got through to the grand final later this month. We wish them luck!

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Parental Meeting

There will be a parental meeting outlining the arrangements for the Year 1 phonics screening check on Wednesday 11th March at 8:45 a.m. in the Infant Hall.

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 will open today, Friday 6th March at 4p.m. A more detailed letter has been emailed home today. 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://sijnf.schoolcloud.co.uk/> Nursery and Infant School

<https://sijnr.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 2:15p.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.

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, this week the National Online Safety guide is on 'Equality Online' and can be found on page 11.

House Points



House point totals 6th March 2026

Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to the class winners for last week.

Junior School- Saint Francis with an excellent 99%

Infant School- Saint John Paul just a percentage lower on 98%



Star of the Week

Saint Bernadette- Analia

Saint Patrick- Jesila

Saint George- Rachael

Saint Teresa- Hailey

Saint John Paul- Stella

Saint Angela - Lintroy

Saint Christopher- Levin

Saint Catherine- Snoelle

Saint Jude- Lois

Saint Mary- Milosz

Saint Francis- Precious

Saint Joan of Arc- Eliana

Saint Maximilian Kolbe- Ethan

Saint Vincent De Paul- Shanaya

Saint Faustina- Valeska



A Prayer for International Women's Day

Loving God,

We thank You for the women and girls who inspire our school community each day.

For their courage, kindness, leadership, and determination, we are grateful.

Help us to create a world where every girl feels valued, confident, and empowered to reach her full potential. Teach us to stand for fairness, respect, and equality in all we do.

May we celebrate the gifts of women today and always.

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Whelan



There's nothing quite like sharing a story.

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**GO
ALL
IN.**

National
Year of
Reading
2026

JUNIOR SCHOOL Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments

Browse to <https://sjnr.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The system is open from Friday 6th March 4.00pm until Wednesday 25th March at 3.30pm
Appointments are allocated on a first come first serve basis, if you need support to make your booking please come and speak to a member of staff who will assist you.



Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button.

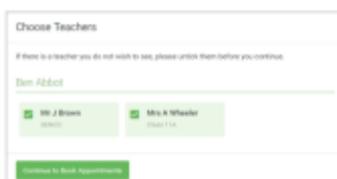
A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.



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.



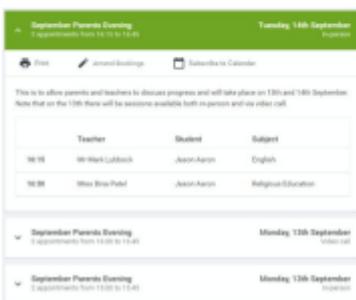
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To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

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

Browse to <https://sjinf.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

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your booking please come and speak to a member of staff who will assist you.

email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title First Name Surname

Sex National

Email Custom Email

Student's Details

First Name Surname Date Of Birth

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September Parents Evening

This is to allow parents and teachers to discuss progress and will take place on 13th and 14th September. Note that on the 13th there will be sessions available both in-person and via video call.

Click a date to continue

Monday 13th September
In person & video call
[Open the bookings](#)

Tuesday 14th September
In person
[Open the bookings](#)

[I'm unable to attend](#)

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Click on the date you wish to book.

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Choose Teachers

If there is a teacher you do not wish to see, please uncheck them before you continue.

Den Abbott

Mr J Brown
SENCO (A2)

Mrs A Wheeler
Class 11A (L1)

[Continue to Book Appointments](#)

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	Mr J Brown SENCO (A2) Den	Mrs A Wheeler Class 11A (L1) Den
15:30		✓
16:40		
16:50	+	+
17:00	+	+

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September Parents Evening
14 appointments from 15:30 to 17:00

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Teacher	Student	Subject
16:50 Mr Mark Lubbuck	Jaxon-Aaron	English
16:50 Mrs A Wheeler	Jaxon-Aaron	Religious Education

September Parents Evening
2 appointments from 15:30 to 17:00

Monday 13th September
In person

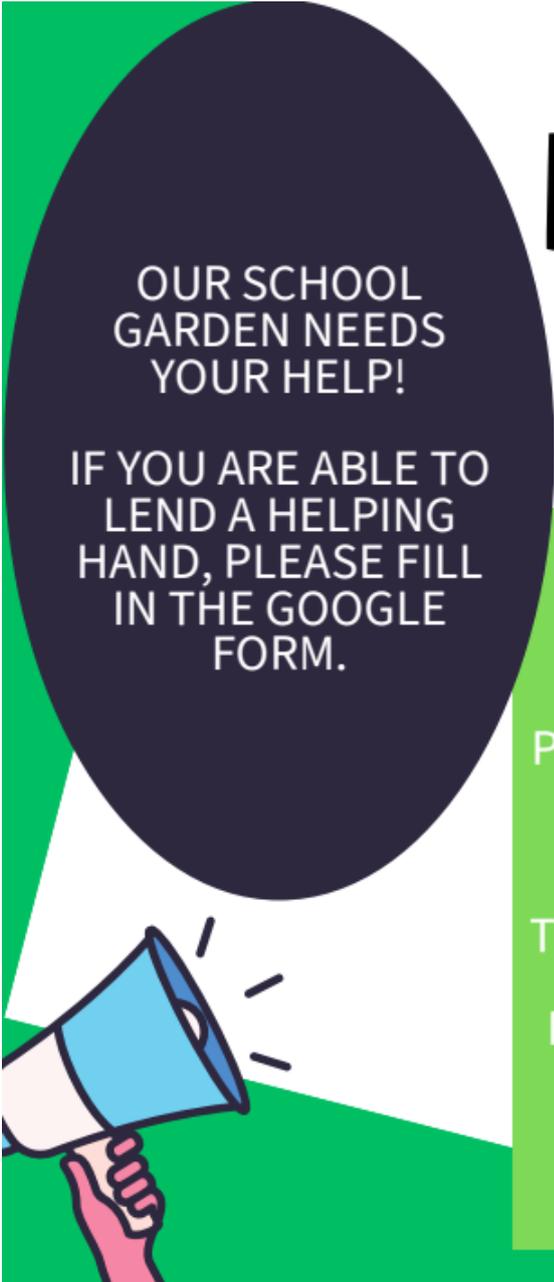
September Parents Evening
7 appointments from 15:30 to 17:00

Monday 13th September
In person

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OUR SCHOOL
GARDEN NEEDS
YOUR HELP!

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO
LEND A HELPING
HAND, PLEASE FILL
IN THE GOOGLE
FORM.

WE NEED YOU!

NEXT WEEK IS SCIENCE WEEK!

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH
WEEDING, CLEARING AND
PLANTING SO WE CAN MAKE THE
MOST OF THIS HANDS-ON
LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
— THIS WOULD NOT BE
POSSIBLE WITHOUT PARENTAL
SUPPORT!

MISS CROWE & MISS DE FOUR

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

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Ways to Champion EQUALITY ONLINE

In terms of the esteem it's held in, women's football has made impressive progress in a short space of time. That's a bit like the online world: it's come a long way, but that doesn't mean we should stop trying to make it even better. The Women's European Football Championships are underway, and that's a timely reminder of how important it is to give everyone the respect they deserve online – regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or anything else. In partnership with the Global Equality Commission, we've produced a special guide to help young fans kick online discrimination into touch!

- 1 KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT**
Expressing views based on prejudice about a part of someone's identity – their race, gender or a disability, say – counts as online hate.
- 2 WHEN "BANTER" ISN'T FUNNY**
Discrimination is sometimes disguised as humour: some memes, clips or gifs that certain people try to pass off as "funny" might actually be offensive.
- 3 BE YOUR OWN PERSON**
Set a good example through your own online communication. Think whether you'd say a thing in real life before posting or sharing it online for the world to see.
- 4 SEEING SHOULDN'T EQUAL BELIEVING**
Sneaker, less obvious types of online abuse can stay on the internet for longer, so don't assume that something's OK just because it's not been taken down yet.
- 5 SEXISM CAN BE ILLEGAL**
As well as being extremely hurtful to a person or a group, online sexism and prejudice against women (known as misogyny) can be recorded as a hate crime in some cases.
- 6 ONLINE HATE, USED AS BAIT**
Sadly, it's not just that being exposed to prejudice online is upsetting – some extreme organisations even try to recruit young people to their cause.
- 7 GET SOME DISTANCE**
If you see messages online that upset you, it's probably time to give yourself some space from that site or app. Talk to a trusted adult about how you're feeling.
- 8 TURN OFF THE HATERS**
If someone you follow on social media is posting sexist content, you could always mute them or block them – or unfollow them altogether.
- 9 PLAY IT BY THE BOOK**
If you see someone discriminating online, you don't have to challenge them yourself. Screenshot their post and report them to the app or site you saw it on.
- 10 EXPLOITING 'PACK MENTALITY'**
Sexist messages aren't always sent to a target directly: sometimes, they're posts designed to provoke misogyny among other people.
- 11 POSITIVITY ALWAYS WINS**
Go the extra mile and spread some positive vibes! Instead of just reacting to a post and scrolling past, you could add a message of support and encouragement, too.
- 12 CREATE THE WORLD YOU WANT**
Remember, you're the boss of your online world. Engage with posts or accounts that celebrate equality and understanding: block or unfollow the ones that don't.

GLOBAL EQUALITY COLLECTIVE

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

FURTHER SUPPORT
If you've been affected by any of the issues mentioned in this guide, there are some excellent resources that can offer further help and support.
NOS Mental Health Guides: nationalonlinesafety.com/guides
Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk
Stop Hate UK: stophateuk.org
Ditch the Label: www.ditchthelabel.org
Childline: www.childline.org.uk

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