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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools

Parental Letter Friday 3rd October 2025

Value for October- Curiosity

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 6th October
Dance Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Taekwondo
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday 7th October
Gym Club
3:30-4:30p.m.
Chess Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Archery
3:30-4:30

Wednesday 8th October
Football Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday 9th October
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 10th October
Gym Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

In assembly this week we thought about what it is to be truly wealthy. The children shared with me what they would do if they had lots of money- it was very illuminating! We read the parable from last week's gospel about the rich man and poor man. We thought about how we can feel really wealthy if we have the gifts of love, friendship and good health and it is not always money that brings us happiness in life.

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

Tuesday 7th October Saint Vincent De Paul

Thursday 16th October Saint John Paul

Thursday 20th November Saint Christopher

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

Wednesday 8th October Year 5

Wednesday 12th November Year 4

Wednesday 19th November Year 3

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of the donations of food for the Prayer Leaders collection for Brent Food Bank as part of their harvest festival and Family Fast Day collection. It was greatly appreciated. Brent Food Bank will pick up next Wednesday so there is still time to send something in if you did not get a chance.



Notice from Saint Joseph's Parish

First Holy Communion Programme for pupils attending Catholic schools are invited to attend a Parent's Meeting on **Wednesday, 5th November 2025** at 5:30pm in Pastoral Centre.

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.

Tuesday 14th October Year 5

Thursday 23rd October Year 4

Thursday 27th November Year 3

World Poetry Day

The children enjoyed a range of activities linked to poetry. The secret poetry spreaders tried to share their poem with others across the day. Children enjoyed performing the poem in class and in assembly. The theme for World Poetry Day was play so we linked our poem to OPAL- our outdoor play and learning project.

OPAL Playtimes

We build with crates, we climb, we run,
Outside learning feels like fun!
We zoom on scooters, roll on tyres,
Imagination never tires!
With mud and sticks, we make and play
That's the magic of OPAL Day!

Requests

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. In her newsletter Mrs. Evans requested donations of the following: Thank you in advance for your continued support. Children do need wellies and a waterproof coat with a hood as soon as possible. Please see page 12 for further details.

- All children to have a pair of wellies that stay in school
- Make sure your child has a waterproof jacket with a hood when rain is forecast.
- Spare pair of socks
- Natural resources such as conkers, twigs and pine cones
- Any kitchen utensils
- Small world play such as lego, mobilo

World Mental Health Day

Next Friday is World Mental Health Day. The children will be encouraged to think about their wellbeing and expressing their feelings and emotions. To raise awareness children are allowed to wear **one yellow article of clothing** in,e.g t-shirt, socks etc.. Many thanks.

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.

Coffee morning Brent Parent Carer Forum

PINS – (Partnership for inclusion of neurodiversity in schools) are working in Partnership with Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools. They are holding a Brent Parent Carer Forum Parents Coffee Morning on Monday 13th October 2025, in the Prayer Room and they invite all parents to join them from 8.30am onwards. Further information on page 11.

Parental Prayer Group

Thank you to the parents who attended prayer group today. The next prayer group will take place on Friday 7th November from 8:30a.m. in the Prayer Room.

Annual Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents who completed the questionnaire last week. We now have 68 responses. We will keep the questionnaire open until half term. 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.



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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 9 which has links to registration.

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.

Year 6 Secondary School

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. Remember to submit an application to the individual school and also to complete your online eAdmissions application.

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

Swimming

Vale Farm our swimming provider are running 'October Crash Courses' in swimming. These will be taking place across half term from Monday 27th to Friday 31st, priced at £29.50 for the week. I would encourage you to consider signing your child up for this as swimming is such an important life skill. Please see the flyer on page 8.

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 'EA Sports FC 26' please see page 10.

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.

**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 Mr. A. Hildinger	 Primary School Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs. E. Cooper Designated Safeguarding Officer	 Infant School Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs. E. Cooper Designated Safeguarding Officer	 Junior School Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs. E. Cooper Designated Safeguarding Officer
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Weekly Attendance Award

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

Junior School – Saint Jude on a fantastic 100%!

Infant School- Three class winners this week – Saint John Paul, Saint Angela and Saint Christopher all on 99%!

House Points



			
Mark	John	Luke	Matthew
1 st 3066 points	2 nd 2653 points	3 rd 2566 points	4 th 2320 points

House point totals 3rd October 2025

Value Awards- September – Community

Saint Patrick – Chrissy and Valenco Saint Bernadette- Abner and Starla
Saint Teresa- Wiktoria and Tristan Saint George- Azai and Kaylee
Saint John Paul- Valena and Jinil Saint Christopher- Swealan and Chloe
Saint Angela- Daniel and Sinora
Saint Catherine- Vaclav and Alexis Saint Jude- Clarisa and Orion
Saint Mary- Abiel and Joanna Saint Francis- Precious and Mazen
Saint Joan of Arc- Amalia and Sherwyn Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Wavell and Velisha
Saint Faustina- Ethan and Jenessa Saint Vincent De Paul- Divine and Chris



Congratulations to all of the children who demonstrated an understanding of the value of 'Community'.

Our value for October is '**Curiosity**'. The Prayer Focus sheet and activity to complete together can be found on page 7.

Star of the Week

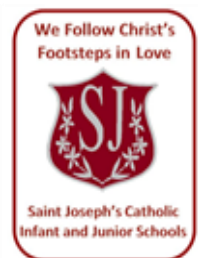
Saint Bernadette- Velrick	Saint Catherine- Alexis
Saint Patrick- Rhys	Saint Jude- Eleanor
Saint George- Cyrus	Saint Mary- Cayden
Saint Teresa- Jerish	Saint Francis- Aiden
Saint John Paul- Jinal	Saint Joan of Arc- Iwano
Saint Angela – Daniel	Saint Maximilian Kolbe- Dilivio
Saint Christopher- Eline	Saint Faustina- Milena
	Saint Vincent De Paul- Joash



Prayer to Saint Francis and Saint Faustina

Lord God,
You gave us Saint Francis
to teach the joy of humility, simplicity, and peace,
and You gave us Saint Faustina
to proclaim the boundless mercy of Your Son.
Through their intercession,
make our hearts gentle and merciful,
our lives radiant with Your love,
and our words and deeds a witness of peace
and mercy to the world.
Amen.

*Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs. Whelan*





St Joseph's Infant and Junior School Prayer Focus



October 2025

During the month of October, we would like you to remember in your prayers that this is the month of **The Holy Rosary**.

The word Rosary means 'Crown of Roses'. Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God.



Curiosity

This month our gospel value will be curiosity. Curiosity means wanting to learn more about the world God has made. It's about asking questions, looking closely, and discovering new things. When we are curious, we are saying, "God, your world is amazing, and I want to understand it better!"

I will ask good questions to help me learn more.

I will listen carefully when someone explains something new.

Homework: This month, show your curiosity by choosing *one* of these activities:

1. **Ask and Discover** – Think of a question about the world (e.g., "Why do stars shine?" or "How do bees make honey?"). Ask an adult or look in a book to find out the answer. Write or draw what you discovered.
2. **Nature Detective** – Go outside and look closely at something in nature (a leaf, a bug, the sky, a flower). Draw a picture of it and write one thing you noticed.



SWIMMING CRASH COURSES

Progress your Childs Swimming by booking onto
one of our Holiday Crash Courses.



Vale Farm Sports Centre

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

08:30	Stage 1
09:00	Stage 2
09:30	Stage 4
10:00	Stage 3

5-day Crash Course - £29.50 per course

Please call at reception, pop down to Vale Farm Sports Centre or email

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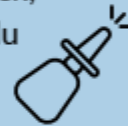


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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health 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 EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins - something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites - doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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PINS in Brent in Partnership with Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools.

Brent Parent Carer Forum Parents Coffee Morning



**Join us on
Monday 13th October 2025
At 830-10am**

In

**The Prayer Room
(Junior School on Chatsworth Ave)**

Partnerships for inclusion of neurodiversity in schools (PINS)

Working together with our health and local authority colleagues, we developed a "team around the school" approach. This initiative aims to create a neurodiversity-friendly learning environment where children's needs are met. It also focuses on empowering parents as their child's primary educator, helping them become more knowledgeable, confident, and engaged in their child's education.

- General scene setting- find out more about PINs
- Tell us what you feel your school does well
- Tell us what you feel your school could or would like to do more of
- Identifying internal or external barriers
- Exploring the idea of developing school parent champions

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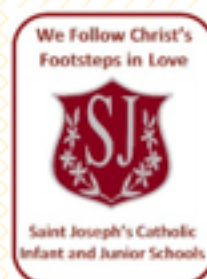
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Wellington boots



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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