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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools **Parental Newsletter Friday 27th 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

No extended day
clubs next week.
Clubs resume after
the Easter holidays.

School breaks up
for the Easter
holidays on
Thursday 2nd April
at the usual times.

Reception,
Year 3, And
Year 5 -3:10p.m.

Nursery and
Year 1 - 3:15p.m.

Saint John Paul,
Year 2, Year 4 and
Year 6 - 3:20p.m.

As we approach the beginning of 'Holy Week' we continue to think about the different ways that we can say yes to faith in Jesus, as we give, act and pray. The children in KS2 will be attending a very special Maundy Thursday Mass and will have time to reflect on the journey of Jesus from death to resurrection.

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 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.

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.

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.

Easter Hat Parade

The children once again demonstrated their amazing creativity with their Easter hats. We had a wonderful parade this afternoon.



Parental Meetings

We will be holding parental meetings next week, Monday 30th March and Wednesday 1st April from 2:30 - 5:30 p.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.

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.

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

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

Parental Meetings for Nursery Children and Saint John Paul

Parental meetings for Nursery children and children in Saint John Paul will have to be rescheduled after the Easter holidays. Apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

OPAL Play Own Clothes Day

Thank you to those of you who donated something towards the OPAL playtime this week. If you did not get a chance to do so, perhaps you can find something to donate over the Easter holidays.

If you have a pop-up tent that you no longer need (see examples below), we would really like to have some of these to inspire more outdoor creative play opportunities. Thank you in advance if you can support us with this.



We are also looking for anyone who would be able to help us put together some pallets to create a mud kitchen for the field. If you have carpentry skills and could spare a couple of hours to support us, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to us at the gate, or contact the school office by email or phone.

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 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 Christopher's Reading Café this week. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to spend some time sharing a book together.



Term Dates

A reminder that our schools set their own term dates and these are usually different from the Brent Council school term dates. We always send term dates to you via email and in the newsletter. It is also available on our school website. I will include it going forward in my weekly newsletter so everyone is aware and there cannot be any confusion.

Attendance

Next week we will be sending out your child's attendance information for the academic year so far. If their attendance is causing concern and is below 90% you will be invited in to meet with me to discuss ways we can work together to improve attendance. Please adhere to the Easter holiday dates and do not extend the school holidays either before or after. Thank you.

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 take part in the 'Great Big School Clean' from the 13th - 29th March. This campaign is run by 'Keep Britain Tidy'. They have been busily collecting litter across the week in and around school.

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.



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.

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 'Sharing Photos Online' and can be found on page 9.

House Points

The House Points winner for this term are Saint Mark. All pupils in Saint Mark will be allowed to wear their own clothes to school on Monday 30th March

	Mark 1 st 17605 points	Matthew 2 nd 15950 points	Luke 3 rd 15617 points	John 4 th 14863 points

House point totals 27th March 2026

Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to the class winners for last week.

Junior School- Saint Faustina and Saint Joan of Arc both on 99%!

Infant School- Saint Angela also on 99%!



Star of the Week

Saint Bernadette - Jake

Saint Patrick - Kimora

Saint George - Kian

Saint Teresa - Waylan

Saint John Paul - Nestor

Saint Angela - Ava-Marie

Saint Christopher - Aloysh

Saint Catherine - Derren

Saint Jude - Lois

Saint Mary - Lena

Saint Francis - Abigail

Saint Joan of Arc - Shay

Saint Maximilian Kolbe - Melrick

Saint Vincent De Paul - Krisha

Saint Faustina - Elora



A Prayer for Palm Sunday

Dear God,

Thank you for the joy of Palm Sunday,
when we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem
and people welcoming Him with love and praise.
Help us to be kind and gentle, just like Jesus,
and to welcome others with happy hearts.

During this season of Lent, help us to Think, Act, and Pray:
Help us to *think* about others and make good choices,
to *act* with kindness, love, and helpful hands,
and to *pray* each day, growing closer to you.

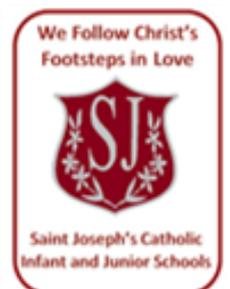
Teach us to share peace, to help those in need,
and to follow Jesus every day in what we say and do.
May our words and actions show love to our friends,
our families, and everyone around us.

Bless our school, our teachers, and our families,
and keep us safe in your care.

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Whelan



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National
Year of
Reading
2026

The Great Big School Clean

13 March - 29 March 2026

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



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.

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.

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.

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. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about — SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting; it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with more than 30 years' experience working with children, families, and adults in education, local authority, and mental health settings, both in the UK and internationally. She has developed online safety training for local authorities and foster care agencies across Britain and is the online safety expert for FosterWiki.



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School Term and Holiday Dates 2025/2026

Please ensure you adhere to the published holidays as additional leave can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Spring Term 2026

First day: Tuesday 6th January 2026	Half term: Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026
Last day: Thursday 2nd April 2026	Easter Holidays Friday 3rd April 2026 – Friday 17th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

First day: Monday 20th April 2026	Half term: Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026
Last day: Friday 17th July 2026	Summer Holidays Starts Monday 20th July 2026

Staff Training Days

**There will be no school
on training days
Staff only attendance**

**Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 20th July 2026
Tuesday 21st July 2026**

Bank Holidays 2025/2026

**Christmas bank holidays
New Year's Day
Good Friday
Easter Monday
Early May Bank Holiday
Spring Bank Holiday
Summer Bank Holiday**

**Thursday 25th and Friday 26th December 2025
Thursday 1st January 2026
Friday 3rd April 2026
Monday 6th April 2026
Monday 4th May 2026
Monday 25th May 2026
Monday 31st August 2026**



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Autumn Term 2026

First day: Thursday 3rd September 2026	Half term: Monday 19th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026
Last day: Friday 18th December 2026	Christmas Holiday Monday 21st December 2026 - Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

First day: Monday 4th January 2027	Half term: Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027
Last day: Thursday 25th March 2027	Easter Holidays Friday 26th March 2027 – Friday 9th April 2027

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Friday 1st January 2027
Friday 26th March 2027
Monday 29th March 2027
Monday 3rd May 2027
Monday 31st May 2027
Monday 30th August 2027**



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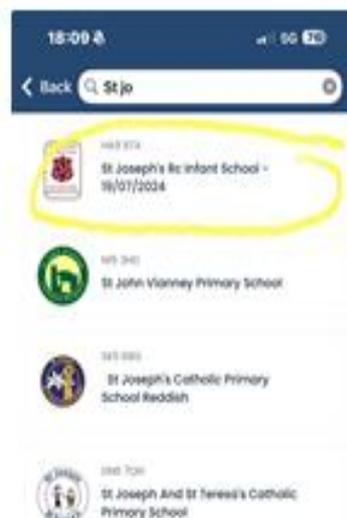
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