

Newsletter 17

15th January 2026

Another great week here at St Joseph's with lots of exciting news to share. We officially kicked off the Year of Reading 2026 with our first whole school reading session!

This week we are also launching on Instagram – **stjosephsdagenham** - as we want to get our message out there and show everyone what our pupils can do. If you are on Instagram, then please follow our new school page.

Word of God

Matthew 1: 29-34

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

Happy Birthday!

This week we have the following pupil celebrating their birthday: Gabriel, Aishwarya, Katie, Ohemaa & Thomas.

Year of Reading

This week Mrs Nelson-Cole launched the Year of Reading with an assembly and I got to read one of my favourite stories to the whole school. Remember to sign your child's Reading Record each time they read so that they can earn raffle tickets to win prizes.

House Points

1st – St Angela's 2nd – St Mary's 3rd - St Ursula's
4th – St Joseph's

Attendance

EYFS & KS1 – Amber 95%
KS2 – Lavender 100%

Punctuality

EYFS & KS1 – Scarlet & Ruby 100%
KS2 – Cobalt 100%



School Uniform

Thank you for helping to make sure that your child is coming to school in the correct uniform. Please remember that if you are struggling to buy uniform, shoes, coats or bags, then please come and ask as we may be able to help.

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19th January – Parent Workshop – Online Safety Part 2 – 9am.

19th January – Tour for Prospective Parents 10am.

21st January – Year 6 Mass 1.15pm Holy Family Church.

23rd January – Amethyst Class at Mass 9am Holy Family Church.

23rd January – Cobalt Class Assembly 9.10am.

26th January – Parent Workshop – Online Safety Part 3 – 9am.

27th January – Seafood Demonstration for Year 5 & 6 – no charge.

29th January – Canon Assembly for Father Jean-Laurent

Midnight at the Toy Shop

This week our youngest pupils had the opportunity to work with the Perform Drama Group pretending to be toys. Great fun was had by all.

Year 6 visit Antarctica

This week Year 6 visited the IMAX cinema at the Science Museum to learn more about this amazing frozen world – we can't wait for them to share their learning.

Clubs

Clubs being organised by teachers have now been released on School Cloud. We have a great variety of clubs and are very grateful to the teachers for giving up their time.

Parent Workshops

Thank you to those parents who attended our first online safety workshop 'Talking to your child'. We had some very open and honest discussions about what children are being exposed to online. The series is being run over 5 weeks and you can attend all the sessions or just pick the ones that are relevant to you.

The second session on Monday is 'Device Use & Ownership, Supervision & Parental Controls'. Doors open at 8.40am for you to get a warm drink and the session will start at 9am.

Each one of us has been created by God for a special purpose and is therefore uniquely special.

Together, we pray, grow and learn in the footsteps of Jesus.

Star of the Week

Scarlet – Rayah
Ruby – Asher
Sunflower – Dezalman
Amber – Chukwuebuka
Sage – Amaris
Emerald – Grace
Cobalt – Fraya
Sapphire – Whole Class
Lavender – Aaliyah
Amethyst – Viktorija
Magenta – Roberta
Fuchsia – Whole Class & Mary

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hinton - Headteacher