

Newsletter 14

12th December 2025

We are fully into the Christmas Spirit here at St Joseph's, with our Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner and our Santa Dash!

Word of God

Matthew 11: 2-11

At that time: When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?' And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 'What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." 'Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

Happy Birthday!

This week we have the following pupils celebrating their birthday: Haniya, Jessica, Karen, Frederick & Noel.

Christmas Bazaar Total

Thank you for attending our Christmas Bazaar and supporting our Young Entrepreneurs. We made £1463.13, which will be used to enhance our Reading Areas in classrooms.

House Points

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

Attendance

EYFS & KS1 – Sunflower 89%
KS2 – Cobalt 100%

Punctuality

EYFS & KS1 – Amber 99%
KS2 – Cobalt 99%



Homework

This week pupils will be finding out what their new topic will be for the Spring Term. Between now and then we are asking them to do some research to give them a head-start for when they return. This research can take whatever form they like, but they need to be prepared to share what they have found out on the Launch Day – 5th January 2026.

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Calendar Dates

14th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

15th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production 10am & 2pm

16th December – Yr4/5 Cricket Competition

16th December – Stay & Play for new Nursery starters

17th December – KS2 Carol Concert at Holy Family Church 2pm

18th December – Christmas Orchestra

18th December – Class Parties

18th December – Songs around the Christmas tree 3.30pm

19th December – End of term Mass 9.30am

19th December – School finishes 1.15pm

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved their Bronze Award: Ethan, Tian'nique, Harley, Katie, Ellen Rose & Ayla.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved their Silver Award: Ethan, Luke, Tiana, Elsa, Elijah, Ariell, Chukuebuka, Callum, Chrisel, Charles, Josiah & Jeremiah.

Christmas Parties

For the parties, pupils may come to school in their Christmas outfits. They may also bring in one small drink and snack if they wish to – please remember NO NUTS or anything that needs to be stored in a fridge.

Christmas Raffle/Collections

We will be holding a raffle at both EYFS/KS1 Christmas Productions on Monday to win a Christmas Hamper - £1 a strip.

We will also be holding a collection after the KS2 Carol Concert for any change you may have.

All proceeds will go to BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society).

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 – Selihom
Ruby – Roman
Sunflower – Maria
Amber – Elijah & Elsa
Sage – Kimani
Emerald – Bisi
Cobalt – Joyanne
Sapphire – Estelle
Lavender – Cherish
Amethyst – Diya
Magenta – Tiwa
Fuchsia – Whole Class

Please remember that all teacher led clubs have now finished and new ones will begin in the Spring Term.

There will also be no SuperStar Sports on Friday as we finish at 1.15pm.

Mrs Hinton - Headteacher