



# St. Joseph's Newsletter

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.



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## Diary Dates

Date	Event
6/5/2025	Reception Trip - Parent Meeting 3.30pm
7/5/2025	Governor Visit
8/5/25	VE Day - red, white and blue outfits
9/5/25	Reception Trip - Call of the Wild
9/5/2025	Sunflower Assembly - 9.10am School Hall
9/5/2025	Year 4 Swimming - 9.45am
12/5/2025 - 15/5/2025	Year 6 SATs Week

## HOUSE POINTS

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

## AWARDS

Congratulations to Miss David for passing her National Professional Qualification for Leading Literacy.

# John 19:25-27

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.



## Attendance

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Amber - 100% Well done!
KS2	Cobalt - 99.01%

## Punctuality

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EYFS & KS1	Scarlet & Amber - 100%
KS2	Fuchsia - 100% Well done!

## St Joseph's 90th Anniversary

What an amazing week it has been! On Tuesday we started off our celebrations with Mass in the Church and had lots of fabulous comments about the beautiful singing of the pupils. This was then followed by a whole school picnic and the weather did not let us down. We finished the day with our 'Dance through the Decades', and we were so grateful that so many parents and friends were able to join us. On Wednesday we continued our celebrations with a visit from Bishop Alan, who was kind enough to offer a blessing for our pupils and officially opened our Jubilee Prayer Garden.

## A visit to Downing Street

On Thursday I had the honour of escorting some of our Year 6 girls to 10 Downing Street, to promote our partnership with Inner Wings (if you would like to know more about this then please see our school website). After some photographs outside No. 10, we were then treated to a tour of Whitehall and the different departments were explained to us. It was a great day!

## Sapphire Assembly

We had a lovely assembly from Sapphire Class today on the benefits of mindfulness. Pupils were taught some techniques that they can continue at home. Well done Sapphire!

## Hot Weather

As we move into the Summer and begin to see temperatures rising, please make sure that your child is prepared. Please ensure that suncream is applied before school and that they have a sunhat and full water bottle each day. Unfortunately we cannot allow electric or battery-operated fans to be brought into school, so please make sure that they keep these at home.

## Dressing up clothes wanted

Our Reception and Nursery pupils are in need of items for dressing up. If you have any sparkly outfits, hats or bags that you no longer need, then please drop them in to the School Office.

## Word of the Week

Please see the new words for next week:

<u>EYFS</u> - messy	<u>Yr1</u> - backwards	<u>Yr2</u> - orbit	<u>Yr3</u> - pleasant
<u>Yr4</u> - delighted	<u>Yr5</u> - infuriate	<u>Yr6</u> - jovial	



Scarlet	Aria	Ruby	Kemi
Sunflower	Nana	Amber	Harvey
Pumpkin	Glodie		
Sage	Ini-Idara	Emerald	Chisom
Cobalt	Damilola	Sapphire	Tochi
Lavender	Ignatius	Amethyst	Frederick
Fuchsia	Cherish	Magenta	Aleksandra & Whole Class

### Walk to School Week

A date for your diary - the week beginning Monday 19th May 2025 is 'Walk to School Week' and St Joseph's will be taking part. Pupils will need to walk, cycle or scoot to school everyday that week in order to earn themselves an extra WOW badge.

### Governor Visit

On Wednesday we will be welcoming our School Governors in to see what pupils are learning in class and also talk to them about what they like about school. We are very much looking forward to showing them what we can do.

### Sunflower Assembly

Please note that Sunflower's Class Assembly will be next Friday 9th May 2025 at 9.10am in the School Hall. It would be lovely to see lots of family and friends there.

### May - the month of Our Lady

May is traditionally the month that we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus. We will be teaching pupils how to pray the rosary together. Please follow this link for more information about how you can do this at home <https://missiontogether.org.uk/prayer-resources/>

### A History of St Joseph's

St Joseph's was officially opened on the 29th April 1935 by Bishop Doubleday, who had approached the Ursuline Congregation in Brentwood during the early 1930s and asked them to build a school in the Holy Family Parish of Dagenham.

The school cost £12,000 and the capital was raised by the nuns at the Ursuline Convent in Brentwood, who remained trustees of the school until 1992, when they handed over the trusteeship to the Diocese of Brentwood.

The Headteacher when the school opened was Miss Eva Brewer, she had a staff of three lay teachers and three nuns from the Ursuline Convent in Brentwood. Miss Brewer only undertook the headship until such time as a Sister could take over. She had some difficult times during the war when she had to cope with the evacuation of eighty children to Woodbridge, Suffolk under the care of some of the teaching staff.

St Joseph's prospered and endeavoured to become an integral part of the local education system.

There have been six headteachers during the 90 year history of the school:

Miss Brewer

Sister Loyola

Sister Clare

Mr DeCruz

Mrs Horton

Mrs Holden

We remember each one of them and thank them for their dedication to the education and leadership of our school. Without them, we would not have the amazing school community that we have today.