



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
10/3/25	British Science Week Night Owls Visit
13/3/25	KS2 Reconciliation Service - Pupils only
14/3/25	World Sleep Day - Pjs & loungewear
17/3/25	Diversity Day - cultural dress
18/3/25	Year 1 Service - 1.15pm Holy Family Church
19/3/25	St Joseph's Mass - 9.30am
19/3/25	St Joseph's Day Discos - in school time

HOUSE POINTS

1st - St Mary's

2nd - St Angela's

2nd - St Joseph's

4th - St Ursula's

AWARDS

Congratulations to Zina and Emily who were chosen as runners-up in the Dagenham & Redbridge Diversity Programme Competition.

Enjoy the match!

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And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God,

and him only shall you serve.'" And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Attendance

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Sunflower & Ruby - 96%
KS2	Amethyst - 99%

Punctuality

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KS2	Fuchsia - 100% Well done!

Ash Wednesday

We had a lovely service on Wednesday to start off our Lenten journey with Jesus. Father Jean-Laurent spoke to the children about what it means to fast, and how fasting isn't just about giving up your favourite sweets and chocolates. But it is also about fasting from making the wrong choices or saying hurtful things to others. Please talk with your children this weekend and see what they can fast from during Lent.

Pancake Design Competition

Well done to Jozef, Grace and Tatiana for winning the pancake design competition - I hope you enjoyed your pancakes! There were lots of great suggestions and thank you to all those who entered.

World Book Day

Well this week has been extremely busy with all the reading activities that have been going on. Teachers and TAs have been reading traditional tales to pupils, hoping to give them some ideas for dressing up. Every day this week we have participated in DEAR (Drop Everything And Read), which pupils have thoroughly enjoyed. We also had Peer Reading, Character Day dress-up and a whole school swap with pupils enjoying activities in different classrooms and with different teachers. Not to mention all our wonderful parents who volunteered to come in and read with pupils in their child's class! A big thank you to Ms Nelson-Cole for all her hardwork in making this happen. Keep reading everyone!

Dagenham & Redbridge Diversity Day Football Match

Recently pupils were given the opportunity to create a Diversity Day Match Programme Cover where they could be awarded complimentary tickets to watch the match. All those who were lucky enough to be given complimentary tickets, will have received them already this week with follow-up instructions. If you weren't one of the lucky ones but would still like to purchase some cheap tickets, then please keep a look out for the email coming your way.

British Science Week - next week

We have plenty going on for Science Week next week, starting with a very exciting assembly on Monday and finishing off with World Sleep Day on Friday. More information has already been sent out, so please check your emails.

Prayers needed - Pope Francis

Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers, as he continues to battle with ill health.



Scarlet	Lucinda	Ruby	Jozef
Sunflower	Eustace	Amber	Andrea
Pumpkin	Isabel		
Sage	Deshaun	Emerald	Elijah
Cobalt	Tyrell	Sapphire	Adelise
Lavender	Victoria	Amethyst	Jessica & Daniel O
Fuchsia	Josiah	Magenta	JT

Reading Champions

Pupils who read can earn themselves rewards, which we mark off at 10 books (bronze), 25 books (silver) and 50 books (gold). As teachers let me know each week, I will be celebrating their success. So congratulations this week to Nicol and Helen for Bronze; Ini-Idara and Chisom for Silver; and Iris, Jessica, Cara, Deshaun, Estelle and Joyanne for Gold. Certificates will be presented in assembly next week.

Diversity Day

Just a reminder that our Diversity Day will take place on Monday 17th March 2025 and pupils should wear cultural dress or the colours of their flag.

St Joseph's Day

To celebrate our feast day we will be having a whole school mass at 9.30am on Wednesday 19th March in the Holy Family Church. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible. We have also organised a disco for pupils in the afternoon. There is no cost for this and all pupils will be provided with a drink and snack.

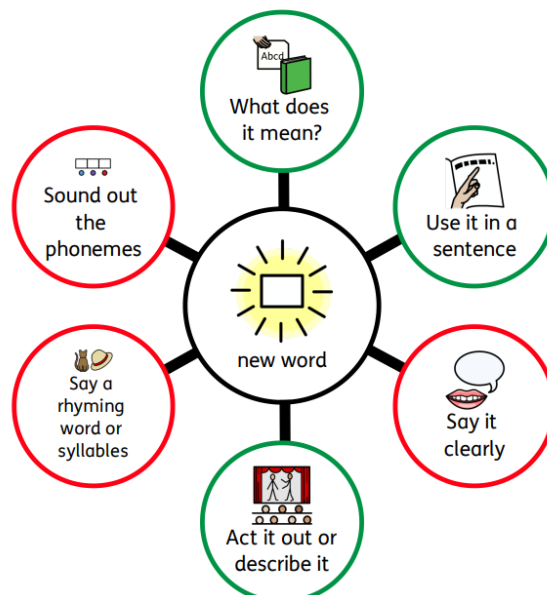
Save the date!

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is turning 90 on Tuesday 29th April 2025. We will be hosting a day of celebration for pupils, staff and families past and present, so please make a note in your diary.

Word of the Week

We hope that you had the chance to explore your words this week. Remember every time a pupil uses their 'word of the week' either verbally when answering a question or written down in their book, they will earn themselves 5 house points (Yr1-6) or a sticker (EYFS) - and there is no limit to how many they can earn each week. Below you will find a suggestion for how you can explore the new word with your child and support them in using it. Please see the new words for this week:

<u>EYFS</u> - shout	<u>Yr1</u> - delighted	<u>Yr2</u> - skeleton	<u>Yr3</u> - funnel
<u>Yr4</u> - circumference	<u>Yr5</u> - pursue	<u>Yr6</u> - heinous	



MISSION FILE

GOSPEL

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Wonder Questions

Why do you think the devil waited until the end of the forty days to test Jesus?

Where did Jesus' strength come from?

MISSION

Your Mission is to choose something to fast from that usually costs money to buy. This could be a particular food or another type of treat like a new game or something you collect. The money you save can be donated to Mary's Meals and help feed some of the world's hungriest children.

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HELPING CHILDREN
IN NEED

WORD OF THE WEEK

PRAYER

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God wants to help you know him more this Lent. Prayer is where we meet him in our hearts. Is there a prayer you can write asking God to help and guide you this Lent?

Read your prayer to God and spend some quiet time listening to his voice.



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