



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2023-24 #5 24TH NOVEMBER 2023

St. Joseph's is a joyful community which follows the example of Jesus, helping, accepting and respecting everyone, as we learn and grow together, safe in His love.



Stay and Pray

On Tuesday 21st Nov Year 5 joined the parish for Stay and Pray. Year 2 will be attending Church on 28th and Year 3 on the 5th December.

Please remember that all parents are always welcome to attend morning Mass in the parish, every morning at 9.15am

During November, we will leave the 'Book of Remembrance' by the front door. Please take time to note the names of anyone you would like to be remembered by the school community during this month. If it is wet or windy, the book will be kept inside the front door.



THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Together we raised £312.32 this year.

On Thursday 23rd November, 6S performed their final class assembly to their parents and KS2. In a dynamic assembly, they explored the legacy of the Windrush generation, emphasising its influence on British society. The students also showcased their work on the history of the Maya Empire, delivering an engaging presentation that left a lasting impression on the whole audience. Mrs. Shepherd is immensely proud of how well they learnt, and performed, their lines and musical numbers!



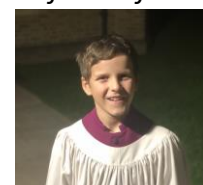
Group	% Attendance
4A	98
5M	97
4B	97
2F	97
1CD	96.9
6S	96.5
3R	95.5
1N	95.3
5C	95
2P	95
3T	94.7
6B	91.2

Well done 4A for achieving the highest attendance in the last 2 weeks

Performance of Carmina Burana at the Royal Albert Hall

Oliver was invited to start training as a chorister at Brentwood Cathedral in February of this year (despite not officially being old enough to join). Oliver rehearses on a Friday after school and again on a Sunday morning, before joining the full choir for sung mass. Most of what Oliver sings is in Latin and the music is very challenging.

On Sunday 29th October, Oliver joined 51 other boys from Champion, Southend Boys Choir and the Brentwood Cathedral Boys Choir in a performance of Carmina Burana, to a sold out audience at the Royal Albert Hall. Oliver was the youngest person on stage with most boys coming from secondary school. Oliver gave an incredible performance and should be commended for remaining so focused for such a long time in front of thousands of people.



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Years 3 and 4 were lucky enough to have the Dog's trust visit school on the 21st November. Through role play, Charlotte demonstrated the safest approach to dogs in a variety of situations. She also spoke about the actions to take if a strange dog approaches them in public. I'm sure the children would love to share this knowledge with you!

Year 6 Fun Day

On Thursday, December 7th, the Christmas Charity Fun Day, organised by the creative minds of Year 6, will take place. The day promises exciting games and activities crafted by the children for your pupils across the school to enjoy and win prizes. We're also hosting a toy and book stall and would greatly appreciate donations of pre-loved toys, games, and books in good condition. Kindly send these with your child or drop them off at the school office starting from the 4th December. Additionally, we're holding a raffle and welcome prize donations. Feel free to send your contributions to the school office, or email us directly. All proceeds will go towards supporting families in need across London this Christmas. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – INSET DAY

To confirm, the school will be closed to pupils this Friday, 1st December, due to a planned staff training day.

For all important dates, please refer to the calendar page on the school website: <https://st-josephs-upminster.net/term-dates/>



Dearest Lord,
teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve You as You deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward
save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.

Amen

SPORTS *news*

Last week, children from year 3 & 4 represented the school in a football competition at Noak Hill. Well done to all the children that took part and to the adults who took time out to assist them.

Spring Term 2024 Parent Workshops Focus – Reading @ 9.15 am

Wednesday 10 th January	Year 2
Wednesday 17 th January	Year 1
Wednesday 24 th January	Year 6
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 3
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 4
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 5