



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2023-24 #17 24TH JULY 2024

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

Year 3 attended on 9th July for the the final Stay and Pray of the school year.

A new rota for attendance will be released in September.



Group	% Attendance
4B	97.1%
6S	96.9%
4A	96.4%
RW	96.4%
6B	96.1%
5M	96.1%
5C	96.0%
RD	95.9%
3T	95.7%
2F	95.4%
2P	95.4%
3R	95.1%
1CD	94.8%
1N	94.8%

Please remember that Mass in the parish, every morning at 9.15am, continues throughout the summer and families are very welcome to attend.

Attendance

This year, we have had a higher rate of attendance (96.2%, last year 95.4%). Good attendance is one of the key factors in future achievement in school, so well done to everyone with good attendance or who had better attendance this year compared to last.

Some St Joseph attendance facts:

Number of children with over 97% attendance: 223 – Well done!

Number of children with over 99% attendance: 55 – Excellent!!

Number of children with 100% attendance: 15 - Amazing!!!

From September 2024, there is a new national strategy related to school attendance, the details of which were previously sent via ParentMail. The application of this strategy is the same across all schools nationally. Please be aware that attendance data is shared with the DfE and is monitored by the Havering Attendance Team, who challenge absences and advise the school about absence codes and the need for absence evidence.

Well done RD for achieving the best attendance in the last 3 weeks.

This year, the class with the best overall attendance was...

4B

Very well done to them!

We completed our half term attendance prize draw today. Each week that your child is in school every day, they have a ticket entered into the prize draw. Those children who have been in every day this half-term had 7 tickets in the draw. There were 4 prizes for the Infants and 4 for the Juniors. Each prize is a £10 voucher – Roomes (Infants) or All4One (Juniors). Well done to our winners: Zach (RD), Hallie (RW), Darcey (1CD), Georgia (2P), Nancy (3T), Lissy (5C), George L. (5M), Penelope (6H)



<https://aquinaseducation.com/>

Thank you to Aquinas Education for donating the vouchers. They continue to support the school in so many ways, and this year have covered all the costs of vouchers for assemblies and they have donated a new football kit.

We are very grateful for their ongoing support.

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2024-25 Year 4&5 Swimming

There is a long-standing tradition of swimming lessons taking place in two year groups, which we are able to continue to offer next year. In Year 4, one class per half-term start their day early at Coopers (meeting there by 8am). They then walk back to school as a class after the lesson, arriving at about 9.15am. More details will be shared with you in September.

Year 5 also swim, but this is part of the Havering swimming provision, during the school day. This arrangement will continue as usual – and again details will be shared in September.

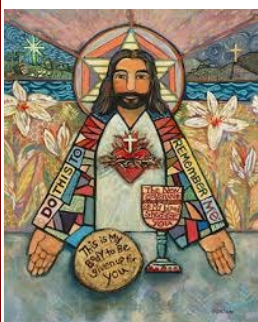


Each class had a chance to meet their new teacher in their new classroom earlier this week. Everyone was excited and now everyone is looking forward to September!

The PFA have had another successful year fundraising with our wonderful events! Our Summer Fete last month raised an amazing £3,000!!



Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the day and a huge thank you to all those who volunteered to help us run the day. We simply could not hold these events without your help and support so **THANK YOU!!!** We hope you all have a wonderful summer break. The PFA.



LEAVERS MASS

Last Thursday, Year 6 pupils led a wonderful celebratory Mass to mark the end of their time at St. Joseph's and the beginning of their new adventures. The children spoke and sang beautifully throughout.

500 Words

"Write a story you would love to read". BBC's 500 Words, the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11, returns in September 2024. Let us know if you take part in this competition, and send a copy of your story to your new teacher. Please find all details by clicking the link below

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge 2024

This year's Summer Reading Challenge aims to fire up children's imaginations and unleash storytelling and creativity through the power of reading. The annual challenge is for children aged 4-11 and is free to take part. It starts on Saturday 6th July and runs to Saturday 7th September. Children can discover new stories, join in the free craft activities at the library, and explore their creativity from junk modelling to music, dance to drawing and painting. Please refer to the previous email.

Year 6 Leavers Show

The Year 6 children entertained and amazed us all with their wide range of talents at the Leavers Show.

Audiences were treated to an array of acts including dancing, magic, singing and comedy! Everyone was so impressed by the performances and our Year 6 have created a wonderful memory for everyone involved in performing or watching.



Next step... BGT!!



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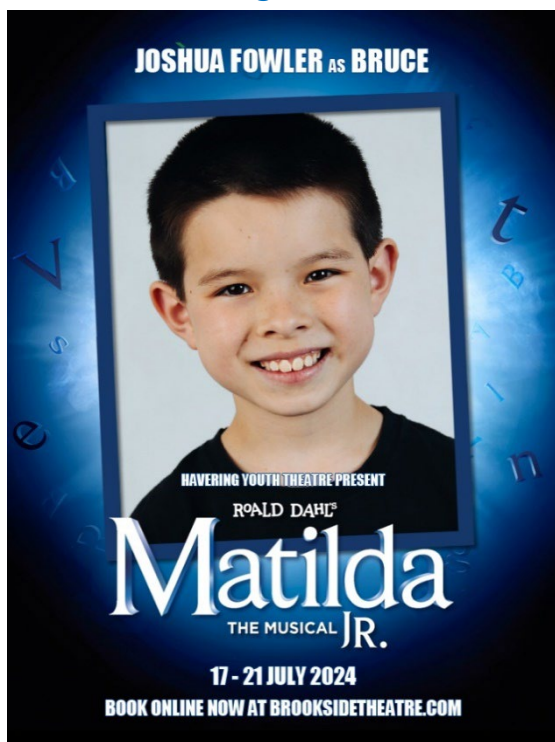
Reception Graduation



We had our lovely Reception Graduation Ceremonies. The children received their certificates from Mr Ross in the hall after we had performed songs and poems for the parents. We then had a lovely picnic in the sunshine! Good luck and lots of love to all the children as you move into Year 1.

Congratulations to Joshua Fowler who performed as Bruce in Matilda at the Brookside Theatre.

What an amazing achievement



Big well done to Jenson Bourne who managed to raise £970 by walking 100 miles in May to raise money for new outdoor toys for the junior playground! We are super proud of your achievement and your initiative.



Maths Week

Maths Week was incredibly fun and a great success. The whole school enjoyed putting their mathematical and teamwork skills to the test in an attempt to save Britain (KS2) or save the ancient artefacts (EYFS/KS1). The children also visited different classes to explore how maths is used across the curriculum and of course they made an incredible bunch of Rockstars and Numberblocks!

TTRS battle results:

1ST: 5C
2ND: 2P
3RD: 2F



Winners of guess the sweets in the jar:
KS1- Georgia, 2P
KS2- Suzy, 5C

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Year 4 Museum of Power

Year 4 had a fun day out at the Museum of Power in Maldon for their Electricity topic. They took part in a variety of activities during the day which included completing electrical circuits and investigating conductors and insulators.

They also enjoyed a ride on the model train. It was a great day and was enjoyed by all, even if some children did fall asleep on the coach on the way home!

Thank you to our parent helpers that came with us



For more info visit:

<https://young.rspca.org.uk>

Young Entrepreneurs –

Well done for achieving such a wonderful result running your businesses with the profit of ! We are very proud of you



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On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say a big "THANK YOU!" to everyone for their lovely cards and generous gifts.

It is greatly appreciated by all the staff.



Prayer to End a School Year

God of wisdom,
we thank you
for all the gifts you have given us
throughout this school year.
We praise you for giving us life,
for saving us in Christ,
and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year,
we voice our gratitude
for the good things you have done in us,
and we praise you for all who have shared
in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love
and give them refreshment and peace.
We praise you, God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

Wishing all our families a safe and relaxing summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 4th September.

We wish all our Year 6 children a fabulous summer holiday and wish them every success in their new schools. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers in September and beyond, and we look forward to seeing you soon and hearing all about how well you are doing.

September 2024

4 th -10 th September	Reception Parent meetings
11 th -16 th September	Reception Phased group sessions
19 th September	Y4 River Trip, Hornchurch Country Park: 4B morning, 4A afternoon – details in September
23 rd September	NHS Flu Vaccine – details in September
26 th September	6pm New Reception Parents Curriculum meeting – no children should attend

