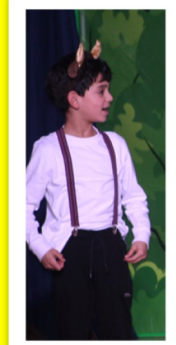


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are God's family, here to learn and try our best.  
God is at the heart of everything.  
Prayer is behind us in all that we do.  
We are called to serve others.  
We want everyone to be the best person they can be.  
As friends of Jesus we treat others with respect, as we would wish to be treated.  
We are all amazing in our own way.

## Friday February 6th 2026

### Year 2 Production—There's A Sunflower in my Supper



We were treated to a wonderful evening of music and storytelling in our recent production, Sunflower in My Supper, an environmental *moo-sical* brought together in just over two weeks. The audience enjoyed seven *udderly* adorable songs, performed with great enthusiasm and confidence by the cast, alongside a fun and engaging script packed with opportunities to learn about the wonder of plants, wildlife and the environment. The show follows Daisy the cow and her dream of growing a glorious garden, and the children told the story beautifully through their singing, drama and expressive acting. Given the short rehearsal period, the standard of performance was remarkable, with joyful singing, confident storytelling and clear enjoyment throughout. Combined with colourful costumes and effective lighting, it made for a delightful and memorable evening's entertainment. Our sincere thanks go to Miss Hill, Mrs McAdam and all the staff who supported the children and worked so hard to bring this wonderful production to life.



**Don't forget to read the office page for**

### Half Term

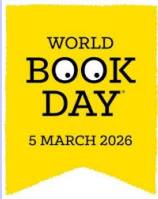
We break up for half term on Thursday 12th February returning Monday 23rd February. We wish all our families an enjoyable half term break. Mr Hallett.

### School Uniform Reminder

Following the last newsletter, in which we asked for parents' support with maintaining our school uniform policy, we have still noticed that a number of children are attending school in incorrect uniform. This includes the wearing of boots instead of school shoes and black coats rather than the required blue school coat. A full overview of the school uniform can be found on the school website. Teachers will be monitoring uniform closely over the coming week and, where children are not wearing the correct uniform, parents/guardians will be contacted to ensure expectations are clearly understood and consistently upheld. May I thank you for your support in maintaining our consistently high standards at St. Joseph's. Please refer to page 15 for our uniform policy.

Mr Hallett.

## World Book Day



On **Thursday 5th March**, it is World Book Day! To mark it, children are welcome to come to school dressed as a character from a book. The Poetry Recitals will be held on this day and, back by popular demand, St Joseph's Masked Reader will be returning!

Your children will also be coming home with book tokens. There is a wonderful array of free books the children can get with these tokens. Books are available from many places such as Asda or The Works.



## A Birthday Present Book for the School

If you purchase a book, email us to tell us so we can label it with your child's name. Scholastic do not tell us—we rely on you to do so.

### Scholastic Wish list link

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-josephs-kt18>

## Enterprise Week



Year 5 had a fantastic time taking part in their recent Enterprise Day. Working in teams, each group was given £15 to invest in a business idea with the aim of making a profit. The children showed great creativity and teamwork, designing their own products and developing services.

Other year groups thoroughly enjoyed visiting the stalls and playing the games. The event gave pupils a real-life opportunity to practise important skills such as problem-solving, communication and money management.

We are delighted to share that an amazing **£1,061.41** was raised for **Caritas Westminster**. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the children's hard work and enthusiasm.

Special congratulations go to Gnome of Arc and Crystal Planet who received certificates for the most innovative business ideas.

## News

### Year 4 Trip to White Spider

The Year 4 trip to White Spider climbing was a big hit with the children. We were proud to see all the children helping each other, working in teams and challenging themselves. They represented our school impeccably with their politeness and willingness to try their best. We look forward to our second trip in a few weeks.

Well done Year 4!



### Musical Recitals

Over the past two weeks our Year 3 to 6 pupils, who take music lessons, have truly shone during the music recitals. More than 60 children took part, with some confidently performing on two instruments — a remarkable achievement. The standard of musicianship was excellent, with pupils tackling challenging pieces showcasing their skill, confidence and real musical flair. These recitals were a joyful celebration of each pupils' dedication, perseverance and talent. **Congratulations** to each and every one of you!

### Epsom Music Festival

Epsom Music Festival is taking place on Tuesday 24th March and Wednesday 25th March, 5pm –7pm approx. The rehearsal will take place on Monday 23rd of March at the Epsom Playhouse during school hours. This is for Y6 choir only, communications will be sent today regarding which evening your child is performing on. Tickets can be purchased directly from Epsom Playhouse from Monday 9th February.

### Parent Evenings Monday 9th—Wednesday 11th March

<https://stjosephsepsom.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Thank you for your feedback in the Autumn Term regarding the Parent Evening format. The responses were very varied!

This term they will be structured as follows:  
Monday 9th March—face to face meetings in the school hall  
Tuesday 10th March—Online via schoolcloud  
Wednesday 11th March—Online via schoolcloud

**Children with IEPs: You will be able to access the above link** on Friday 6th February at 6pm to book your 20 minute appointment. Please book over the weekend.

**All other children: You will be able to access the above link** on Monday 9th February at 6pm to book your 10 minute appointment.

You will receive an email to confirm your booked appointment/s. You will then receive a reminder the day before the appointment and another an hour before. **Please note, teachers will not be able to make additional appointments if you do not attend this one.**

If you are choosing an online appointment, please log on to the system in advance of the meeting and ensure that you have given permission for Schoolcloud to access your video and microphone so that you have the full 10 minutes without technical hitches!

**Teachers will not be making up lost time if you enter the meeting late. Nor will they be asked to arrange meetings outside of these three days.**

Class teachers have been instructed to carry out a low mark/no mark of books for this week in order to ensure a better workload balance.

### Cyber Security Presentation

We were pleased to host Daniel Sykes from Surrey/Sussex Police last month to speak about cyber security issues to the older children, the staff and to parents. If you were not able to make the online meeting, we will shortly be sending round a link to the presentation.

## Events Coming Up

**Fri 6th Feb to  
Mon 9th Feb**



### Art Exhibition

Parents and the wider family are invited to come and view the Art Exhibition which will take place as below. The display will show you the art and craft that children have completed this academic year so far and it will be the usual amazing range and quality.

**Friday 6th February 2.00pm - 4.00pm and Monday 9th February 8.15am—9.30am.**

Please sign in. Your child needs to be in class for 8.40am.

We look forward to seeing you.

**Tues 10th Feb**

**Volunteer Induction by Zoom with Mr Hallett—please contact the office to be sent the link.**

**Weds 11th Feb**

**Japan Celebration Day**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Feast - Fundraising for HCPT.**

Children in Lourdes House may wear their blue house t shirts with school skirt/trousers. All children may bring in some pocket money.

**Thurs 12th Feb**

**China and Hong Kong Celebration Day (actual date is 17th Feb during half term so we will be celebrating on 12th Feb)**  
**3.15pm Break up for half term (clubs will be running on this day)**

**Hampers** - Children may wear mufti in exchange for a donation to the Easter Hampers.

**Fri 13th Feb**

**Inset Day - No school for children. Half term**

**Mon 23rd Feb**

**Return to School**  
**St Lucia Celebration Day**  
**Poetry Recitals in class over next fortnight**

**Tues 24th—  
Thurs 26th Feb**

**Scholastic Book Fair before and after school—see article**

**Weds 25th Feb**

**Open Afternoon 3.20-4.30pm. Parents to view children's work.** If your child is in Forest school club, please let us know and they will be sent back to their classroom at 4pm for you.

**Fri 27th Feb**

**Wales Celebration Day**

**Fitness Friday** - Children change in school, please ensure house t shirt and tracksuit is in their bag.

**Friends Event:** Collate Easter Hampers

**Mon 2nd March**

**2.30pm Mrs Davieson's Class Assembly**  
*Parents are welcome to attend.*


## Events Coming Up

<b>Tues 3rd Mar</b>	<b>Bulgaria Celebration Day</b>
<b>Thurs 5th Mar</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>  <b>Poetry Recital Rounds:</b> <b>9.00am Years R,1,2</b> <b>10.10am Years 3,4</b> <b>1.45pm Years 5, 6</b> <i>Parents of performers are welcome to attend.</i>
<b>Fri 6th Mar</b>	<b>Ghana Celebration Day</b>  <b>2.30pm Miss Lepore's Class Assembly</b> <i>Parents are welcome to attend.</i>
<b>Mon 9th Mar</b>	<b>2.30pm Miss Shanks' Class Assembly</b> <i>Parents are welcome to attend.</i>  <b>Parents Meetings 9th to 11th March.</b> See article for details.
<b>Weds 11th Mar</b>	<b>Lithuania Celebration Day</b>  <b>2.15pm St Joseph's Lenten Reconciliation Service</b> Whole school led by Mrs Braid's Year 4 class. <i>Parents are welcome to attend.</i>
<b>Thurs 12th Mar</b>	<b>Mauritius Celebration Day</b>
<b>Fri 12th Mar</b>	<b>Hungary Celebration Day</b>  <b>2.30pm Miss Cudmore's Class Assembly</b> <i>Parents are welcome to attend.</i>
<b>Tues 17th Mar</b>	<b>Ireland/St Patrick's Celebration Day</b>  <b>Our Lady of Knock Day</b> – Longest Line... Fundraising for Faith in Action. Children in Knock House may wear their green house t-shirts with school skirt/trousers.

### Privacy Notice for Pupils 2025/2026

In keeping with our commitment to transparency, we have updated our Privacy Notice for Pupils to explain how we collect, use, and protect pupil information in accordance with data protection legislation. It sets out the lawful basis for processing data, who we share it with, and your rights under UK GDPR. A copy of the updated notice is attached to your email today.

## Events Coming Up

<b>Weds 18th Mar</b>	<b>9.00am Poetry Recital Finals.</b> <i>Parents of performers are welcome to attend.</i>
	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Year Four Climbing Trip to White Spider, Tolworth</h3> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Thursday 19th March</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Year Four will take part in an introduction to climbing course at the climbing centre at Tolworth.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">The 2nd session will take place on the morning of <b>Thursday 19th March.</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">The children will wear their PE kits, changing at school ready for the trip. The children will be back at school for lunch.</p>
<b>Thurs 19th Mar</b>	<b>Friends Event—Sound Bath Evening</b>
<b>Fri 20th Mar</b>	<p><b>World Down Syndrome Day—Wear 3 socks day.</b></p> <p><b>Friends Event: 9.00am Friends Meeting</b></p> <p><b>2.30pm Miss Murphy’s Class Assembly</b> <i>Parents are welcome to attend.</i></p> <p><b>Hamper Draw Day</b></p>

### Half Term Holiday

**All children are expected to learn a poem to be recited after half term.**

The first stage takes place in classrooms, with all children reciting a poem they have learned. This contributes towards a speaking and listening assessment, recorded in each child’s achievement records. Teachers select children who have performed well to go forward into a grand final. Reception children might recite a nursery rhyme or similar of their choice.

## Would you like to Join the 100 Club?

Each month, three lucky people win great prizes.

### Congratulations 100 Club winners

1st Claire Gordon £147  
2nd Cora Murphy £88  
3rd Gajasinghege Silva £59



### 100 Club

If you would like to join, or increase the number of tickets you hold, please contact the school office for information.

Just £5.00 per month

## Events continued:

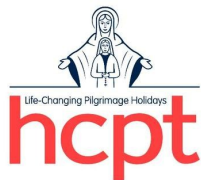
### Forest School Easter Clubs



Mrs Fonticoba will be running a Forest School club during the upcoming Easter holiday.

- Dates: Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March, Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd April
- Times: 8.30am – 4pm
- Cost: £50.00 per child per day. Booking for the Easter club will be open from 6pm today via Arbor.
- Children will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle but additional snacks will be provided as part of our programme of activities.
- Clothing: Children will need to dress appropriately for the weather conditions on the day but long trousers must always be worn.
- There is no minimum number of days that must be booked.
- **Summer dates are Monday 20th July until Friday 31st July, booking for the summer club will be open later on in the year**

*Please note, a minimum number of children will be required for a day to run.*



### Lourdes House Day Wednesday 11th February —The Raffle!

For Lourdes day, we will be holding a raffle for the children. Children will be able to buy individual tickets for 20p or a strip of tickets for £1.



**Please could we ask the children in Lourdes to donate the prizes for the raffle.** The money raised goes to HCPT. **Lourdes House Teachers:** Miss Wheeler, Miss Murphy, Miss Szilagyi and Miss Burden

### Year 6 Junior Citizen Trip

Year 6 children will be attending the Junior Citizen event at Epsom Racecourse on Thursday 26th February.

Transport is by coach and the children will leave school at 12 noon and return to school by the end of the school day. Children should wear school uniform.

**We need 2 parent helpers per class** who have been DBS checked, you would be back at school by 3.15pm. Please email the school office.

Please make payment and give consent on Arbor. No charge for children in receipt for Pupil Premium funding but you will still need to give consent.

## Catholic Life Prayer and Worship

### Lent 2026 —a Fairtrade Focus

Again this year, we are having a Fairtrade focus to our Lent Almsgiving alongside our usual donations to the Foodbank.

Each week we are asking a house group to bring in Fairtrade items which we will then share with Epsom Foodbank.

If you are able to, we would like the following Fairtrade items please:

- wb. 23rd February Fatima—Fairtrade coffee teabags (instant coffee only please)
- wb. 2nd March Walsingham —Fairtrade cocoa/ hot chocolate
- wb. 9th March Knock—Fairtrade sugar
- wb. 16th March Lourdes—Fairtrade teabags
- wb. 23rd March Everyone—Fairtrade chocolate or Easter eggs.

These Fairtrade items are all readily available to buy in local supermarkets including Lidl, Aldi and Co-op.

These supermarkets have their own label Fairtrade products - just look for the Fairtrade logo!



**Distributive Justice**



### Lent Reconciliation

As part of our Lenten journey, Fr Gary and Fr Simon will be visiting our school to offer children in Years 4–6 the opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Lent is a special time in the Church year when we are called to turn our hearts back to God, say sorry for our sins, and prepare ourselves more fully for the joy of Easter. Reconciliation helps us to experience God's mercy, forgiveness and love in a very personal way.

We encourage parents and carers to talk with their children about this sacrament beforehand, helping them to understand why we go to Confession and how it brings us closer to God. Before the sessions, Fr Gary and Fr Simon will also visit on the Fridays beforehand to have a short chat with each year group, so the children feel comfortable and prepared.

Reconciliation times are as follows:

- Year 6 – Monday 2nd March, 12:00–12:40pm
- Year 4 – Monday 9th March, 11:30–12:20pm
- Year 5 – Monday 16th March, 11:45–12:30pm

We look forward to sharing this important part of our Lenten journey with the children as we grow together in faith and in God's loving mercy.



# Inclusion News

## February 2026 Update

THANK YOU to the Parents and Carers who joined us for our second Family Voice Surrey coffee-morning last month.

Going forwards, our plan is continue this collaboration with 2 sessions each term.

The first half-term will be school-led with a focus on information sharing and/or learning. These sessions are open to all parents and carers.

Then, after each half-term there will be a SEND focused session led by yourselves. This will be more of a social and support style session where you can connect with people who are on / may just be beginning an Additional Needs (SEND) journey with your child/children.

## Inclusion Signposting

### Next week is Children's Mental Health Week

The theme is 'This is My Place' with a focus on helping children feel a sense of belonging by strengthening the systems and relationships around them.



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**'Dealing with Difficult Emotions'**  
**Tuesday 28th April 9-11am**  
2 hour in-person Parent/Carer

Workshop about children's emotions and how we can respond most effectively. Focus will be on Anger, 'general' Anxiety and School Anxiety.

## Achondroplasia (Dwarfism)

On Wednesday we were treated to an inspiring whole-school assembly led by our Year 1 trainee teacher, Mr Gambrill.

He talked about his condition and some other high-profile people with dwarfism.

The children and staff were excited by his sporting successes, teaching ambitions and motivating message that we can all achieve our goals when we set our minds to them!

## Parents & Carers SEND Support Sessions

**Ana Moura De Brito** (mother to Mariana, Year 6 and Tiago, Year 3) has very kindly volunteered to coordinate the parent/ carer group in partnership with our Inclusion Team this year.

March Meeting Date TBC

If you would like to join / learn more, please do reach out to her on:

**07749 731364**  
**anamartabrito85@gmail.com**

This will be a safe-space for people to support one another but it is not a forum for airing complaints.

Any concerns, please continue to email [contact@stjosephs-epsom.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:contact@stjosephs-epsom.surrey.sch.uk)

## Sharing Our Learning

The PINS Project have created a general update video, available on YouTube - **'PINS Video Update 4'**:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZkhVu1r00k>

Class teachers recently had Wellbeing and Communication training from the Educational Psychology Service and TAs and LSAs will receive further training from their service on the Feb INSET.

This term we are also all upskilling through refresher training on Vocabulary Development and Colourful Semantics, guided by our Speech and Language team.



Mr Gambrill is the team captain of GB Dwarf Football. Here he is wearing his Gold Medal from October 2024.



### First Steps to Understanding My Neurodivergent Child (ADHD, Autism and other)



This course is a FREE three-week parenting course, parent/carers will develop an understanding of neurodiversity, including ADHD and Autism and the terms associated with neurodivergence and key features of different presentations.

For Parents and Carers only - Sorry no children

#### What will I learn?

- To gain a greater understanding and answer the question, 'Why does my child do that?'
- To have an understanding of neurodiversity behaviours in children.
- To apply techniques for understanding a child's profile and behaviour

Where: Ewell Family Centre

Riverview Rd, Epsom KT19 0JP

When: Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March - 25<sup>th</sup> March

Time: 09:30 - 11:30 3 x Weeks



SCAN ME

To book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code



### Building your Child's Resilience Workshop



This is a FREE 2 hour workshop to explore ways to help support and rebuild your child's resilience and wellbeing.

For Parents and Carers only - Sorry no children

#### What will I learn?

- To understand the term 'resilience' and review of current ideas about resilience.
- To explore strategies to help develop your child's ability to deal with difficult situations.
- To use at least one strategy to help build your child's resilience

Where: Ewell Family Centre

Riverview Rd, Epsom KT19 0JP

When: Wed 25<sup>th</sup> February

Time: 09:30 - 11:30



SCAN ME

To book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code



12:30-2:30pm  
Thursdays  
26 Feb 5, 12, 19 March

## Parenting Puzzle course

Free course at Epsom Family Centre.

Having children is rewarding, but it can also be stressful! Learn positive parenting strategies and tools in this four-week course for a calmer, happier home life.

To book a place, scan the QR code, email: [epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk)  
Or call: 01372 571 178



Epsom Family Centre, Pound Lane, Epsom, KT19 8RY  
(no parking on-site)

## Can Do!

Join our welcoming playgroup for families with children aged 0-11 who have additional needs. Chat with other families and professionals while your children enjoy fun activities and crafts.

Due to maintenance works, the session on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb will be held at Ewell Family Centre (KT19 0JP).

Booking is essential. To book a place, scan the QR code, email: [epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk)  
Or call: 01372 571 178



19/02 - Ewell Family Centre, Riverview Road, West Ewell, KT19 0JP  
09/04 - Epsom Family Centre, Pound Lane, Epsom, KT19 8RY

### Partnership drop-in, Thursdays 9am-1pm

@ Ewell Family Centre

Drop in with questions about all aspects of parenting, including behaviour, SEND, family conflict, domestic abuse & mental health.

Starting Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov we will be joined by CAB, offering advice around energy, benefits, debt, housing and more. CAB Energy Advice will join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in each month.

Where? - Ewell Family Centre, Riverview Road, KT19 0JP

No need to book, but if you want to contact us: scan the QR code, call 01372 571 178 or email [epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk)



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Tel : 0300 200 1044



## Information

### Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show



The Young Artist's Summer Show is a chance for students aged 4-19 to exhibit some of their original artwork.

Artists chosen by the Academy may have their work displayed on the online exhibition or within the onsite exhibition.

Work can be submitted to the RA website by parents/ guardians until 4th March and there is no theme.

For more details please look on the website: [www.roy.ac/youngartists](http://www.roy.ac/youngartists)

Miss Hill

### Scholastic Book Fair coming back to St Joseph's

24th—26th February  
2026

We last had a Scholastic book fair in 2020 just before lockdown!



Before and after school on Tuesday—Thursday of this week, the book fair will be open for you and your child to browse and order. Every purchase made earns credit for the school for books for our library. You will be able to pay with cash or card/device. Children will also be able to use their World Book Day vouchers.

Children will browse the books on Monday/Tuesday but you can see the books available here in advance: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents>

If you cannot attend the fair in person, you can send in cash in a labelled envelope—child's name and book title. You could also buy gift vouchers at the above website if you would rather pay online and send that in with your child's choice

Miss Cullen

## Regular Reminders from the Office

### Important Reminders of the Month

- Please do not park in the school car park at drop off/pick up, staff arriving for 8.30am are unable to park.
- Parking at Rosebery Heights (Dalmeny Way) - We have received a complaint from the Managing Agent on behalf of residents. Please do not park on their site and block resident bays during school pick up and drop off. Please be considerate to the residents of the surrounding area.
- Please do not dawdle on the double yellow lines on Whitehorse Drive as it is causing issues with traffic backing up.
- Meal choices for after half term are ready for you to choose.
- Club invoices are in the process of being sent to you for after half term. Please let the school office know if there are any queries.

#### **Baby Photos**

We have a display of new babies in the school hall. If you have had a baby please send in a photo, with the baby's name and date of birth.

#### **Earrings**

Earrings are not permitted. Plasters over the ears are not a solution. The only time it is suitable to have ears pierced is the first week of the summer holiday. This includes 'flat-backed' earrings.

#### **Uniform**

If items are labelled they will be returned to a child. Please label every item of clothing, including swim wear and after school club clothes.

#### **Lunch Box reminders**

We are a nut free school, this includes pesto, nutella and peanut butter in sandwiches and other nut based biscuits including cereal bars. By packing nut based food, you are placing at risk a group of children who have severe nut allergies. This also includes no sweets ie. Haribos.  
School lunches are entirely nut-free and are a good safe option.

#### **Reminder– post box**

Please use the post box for dropping items off to the school office. It is located on the wall outside the main entrance. This should mean that less people need actual contact with the office at busy times of the day. Thank you.

#### **Mobile Phones and Watches**

Only year six who travel to school alone and their parents consider they **need** a phone are allowed to bring them to school. Phones must be handed in to the school office and collected from there at the end of the day.

Any watch with a camera device is not permitted in school. This aligns with our policy on mobile

#### **Reminder– 48 hours clear**

Please remember that if a child is sick that they should be kept away from school for 48 hours.  
Thank you

#### **School Pens and Swim Hats**

The pen we prefer children to use is the pen we sell via the school office for £2.20. Class teachers collect the money and give the child a pen, which they will label. Swim hats can be purchased from the school office for £4 or on Arbor under school shop.

## Regular Reminders (continued)

### School Car Park

Only staff are permitted to park in the school car park. If dropping off for D2D in the morning, please do not park in the inner car park.

No parking if you are dropping off at nursery. Please park elsewhere and walk.

### Please Consider Our Neighbours

We have received a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate parking across driveways and on grass verges.

### Cool Milk

Once your child turns 5 and you would like them to continue to receive milk at school, please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

### Important– Keeping Safe

On arrival to school...

**Please use the pedestrian paths** behind the blue fences. Do not walk through the car park.

**If you drop and go**, direct your child to the blue fences and the paths.

Remember—no-one is permitted to park, hover or wait in a car in the car park. You may drop and go. Park elsewhere if you need to.

**Reception** –when leaving the school office reception area please refrain from letting others in through the door. Visitors should wait outside until a member of staff opens the door for them.

### Attendance and Penalty Notices

**Please be aware there are 2 types of penalty notice:**

- Unauthorised Leave of Absence (holidays, weddings, funerals etc)
- Unauthorised Absence (Low level attendance, late after register has closed, failure to provide medical evidence)
- A penalty notice will be incurred after 10 unauthorised absences in any 10 previous school weeks
- 1 day counts as 2 unauthorised absences

## Information

### School Fund Contributions—Payable now

In order to supplement a limited budget we ask each family for a voluntary contribution of £35.00 per child (£70.00 per family) per year which is payable in September. Child 3 or 4 goes free! How is the money used:

- One third is transferred into the Governors' fund. As a Catholic school, the Government holds our Catholic community liable for 10% of all building costs.
- To enhance the school resources and environment as identified during the school year where funding from the DfE does not meet needs
- To support school activities where other funds are not available, e.g. shortfalls in trip and events contributions.
- To support any social and welfare needs identified for any child in need.

### Uniform Reminders

Winter Uniform from September 1st to April 30<sup>th</sup>

*(Summer uniform may be worn until the end of September)*

All items of clothing must be labelled clearly with the child's name.

**Coats: Plain navy** with no motifs, no fur or no writing. **Reflector strips are encouraged but should be subtle.**

#### Girls

- Navy socks are NOT permitted.
- Blouse- standard pointed collar, not rounded. No puff sleeves.
- Shoes should have straps or laces for safety
- If trousers are worn by girls, they may be ordered via school office or from Marks and Spencer. **'Girls Regular Grey Leg Stain Resist'**. **Product code T761454**. Only these trousers are permitted. **Not slim. Not skinny.**



### Culture Days

We hope we have covered all culture days in the calendar. If you are new to the school and cannot see your culture celebration day, please let us know which day we should raise the flag!



## Good News to Share

	Week of 6th Jan	Awarded for	Week of 12th Jan	Awarded for	Week Of 19th Jan	Awarded for	Week Of 26th Jan	Awarded for
<b>St Francis</b>	Hazel	Set A Great Example	Dylan	Persevere	Christian	Set A Great Example	Mila	Set A Great Example
<b>St Nicholas</b>	Mia	Set A Great Example	Ameila	Persevere	Kimberly	Set A Great Example	Alex	Set A Great Example
<b>St Dominic</b>	Leo	Persevere	Jesse	Journey With God	Abigail	Show Kindness	Yin-Pak	Set A Great Example
<b>St Lucy</b>	Abdul Wali	Persevere	Declan	Persevere	Thomas	Persevere	Beatrice	Persevere
<b>St Leo</b>	Torres	Show Kindness	Zion	Persevere	Holly	Participate	Max	Participate
<b>St Therese</b>	Jasper	Participate	Leo	Participate	Evie	Journey With God	Oliwia	Persevere
<b>St Gabriel</b>	Anna	Serve Others	Jessica	Persevere	Lewis	Participate	Benedict	Set A Great Example
<b>St Raphael</b>	Willow	Participate	Frankie	Participate	Tiana	Journey With God	Jessica	Participate
<b>St Carlos</b>	Jackson	Participate	Pili	Journey With God	Serafina	Participate	Freya	Persevere
<b>St Bernadette</b>	Kitty	Persevere	Riley	Set A Great Example	Belle	Participate	Liza	Persevere
<b>St Kateri</b>	Thomas	Participate	Wilbur	Serve Others	Sophia	Journey With God	Isabelle	Journey With God
<b>St Joan of Arc</b>	Maya	Participate	Avery	Serve Others	Billy	Journey With God	Ryan	Participate
<b>St Paul</b>	James	Participate	Ana	Participate	Max	Persevere	Angelo	Persevere
<b>St Peter</b>	Evan	Persevere	Liliana	Participate	Tini	Persevere	Skylah-Rose	Persevere

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Outfit Sale

### What an incredible Family Bingo Night!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and made the night so much fun, and to all the amazing volunteers who worked behind the scenes to bring the event to life.

We are thrilled to share that the event was completely **sold out** days before the evening, and it certainly didn't disappoint. Due to the huge popularity, we will be looking into hosting another Family Bingo Night later this year.

#### Stay tuned!

Thanks again for being such a wonderful school community!



FRIDAY  
**30**  
JANUARY

**BINGO!**  
Night

Games begin promptly at 6pm

1hr30 of fun

**SOLD OUT**

£5 PER ADULT

3 ROUNDS

Friday Night Family fun!

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HALL  
TICKETS SOLD ON ARBOR

HOSTED BY FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

### The countdown to World Book Day is officially on!

The excitement is already building as we look ahead to **Thursday 5th March**.

Today's **Pre-loved Costume sale (6th Feb)** was a wonderful way to kick off the celebrations, and we loved seeing everyone getting inspired and prepared.

We can't wait to see the fantastic book characters the children choose and to spend the day celebrating stories, imagination, and a love of reading together.

GET READY FOR  
WORLD BOOK DAY!

**PRE LOVED  
COSTUME SALE**

FIND YOUR PERFECT CHARACTER!  
INCREDIBLE COSTUMES AT  
AMAZING PRICES.

FRIDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - 2PM TO 4PM  
SCHOOL HALL  
(DURING THE ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION)

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Students are invited to enjoy **Mufti Day** (non-uniform) on **Thursday 12th February**.

We kindly ask families to send in a small donation to support our **Easter Hampers**. While chocolate treats are always welcome, we would also love a variety of Easter and Spring-themed items to help create exciting and well-rounded hampers.

### Donation ideas include:

- \* Arts & crafts supplies
- \* Bubble bath, hand cream, soaps, etc.
- \* Candles or home treats
- \* Drinks (soft drinks, tea, coffee, or something special)
- \* Easter or spring decorations
- \* Any other fun, seasonal goodies you think would make a lovely prize.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support, every donation helps make our Easter Hampers extra special!



## Pre-Loved Sale

School Uniforms included.

Holy Communion Outfits



Donations appreciated for the preloved sale.

Friday, 27th February  
2.45pm to 3.30pm | School car park.

## Pre-Loved Sale Uniform & Holy Communion Outfits

We are holding a pre-loved sale on  
**Friday 27th February (2.45pm to 3.30pm)**

This is a lovely opportunity to donate outgrown items, pick up quality pieces at great value, and support our school community at the same time.

We would be very grateful for donations of clean, good-condition uniform and Holy Communion outfits **up to the day before the sale**.

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## Planning Ahead



## Fundraising Badges - Achievements

Thanks to the incredible support of our school community, we have achieved a fantastic fundraising milestone, raising



for the school since **September 2025**.

We are so proud of everyone's efforts and truly grateful to all the families and supporters who have helped make this possible.

## Save the Date - Sound Bath Evening | Thursday 19th March

A few days after Mother's Day, we invite you to give back to yourself - or to someone you love. Join us for our first-ever professionally hosted **Sound Bath** - a deeply calming experience designed to help you slow down, unwind, and fully relax.

Through gentle breathwork, grounding words of wisdom, and the soothing vibrations of crystal sound bowls and Koshi chimes, this session offers a rare moment of utter bliss. All are welcome - no experience needed.

The perfect, **Mother's Day** gift. *More details to follow.*

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### HELP US MAKE THE SUMMER FAIR AMAZING!

Got ideas? Want to help create a day everyone will remember?

We're setting up a **Summer Fair Steering Group** and would love you to be part of it! From dreaming up fun stalls and games to shaping the overall vibe of the whole event, this is your chance to get involved, have fun, and make a real difference to our school community.

We're also looking for volunteers to help connect with external stallholders and local businesses for raffle prizes. It's a great role if you enjoy a chat, like making connections, or fancy trying something a little different - and it makes a huge difference to the success of the fair.

No experience needed - just enthusiasm, creativity, and a willingness to pitch in. Many hands really do make a brilliant fair.

**Interested?** Let us know, or speak to your class rep today.

### Next Friends Meeting 20th March 2026 | 9am

We would love for you to be part of the **Friends of St Joseph's community**. You're always welcome at our friends meetings, whether you join us in person or online.

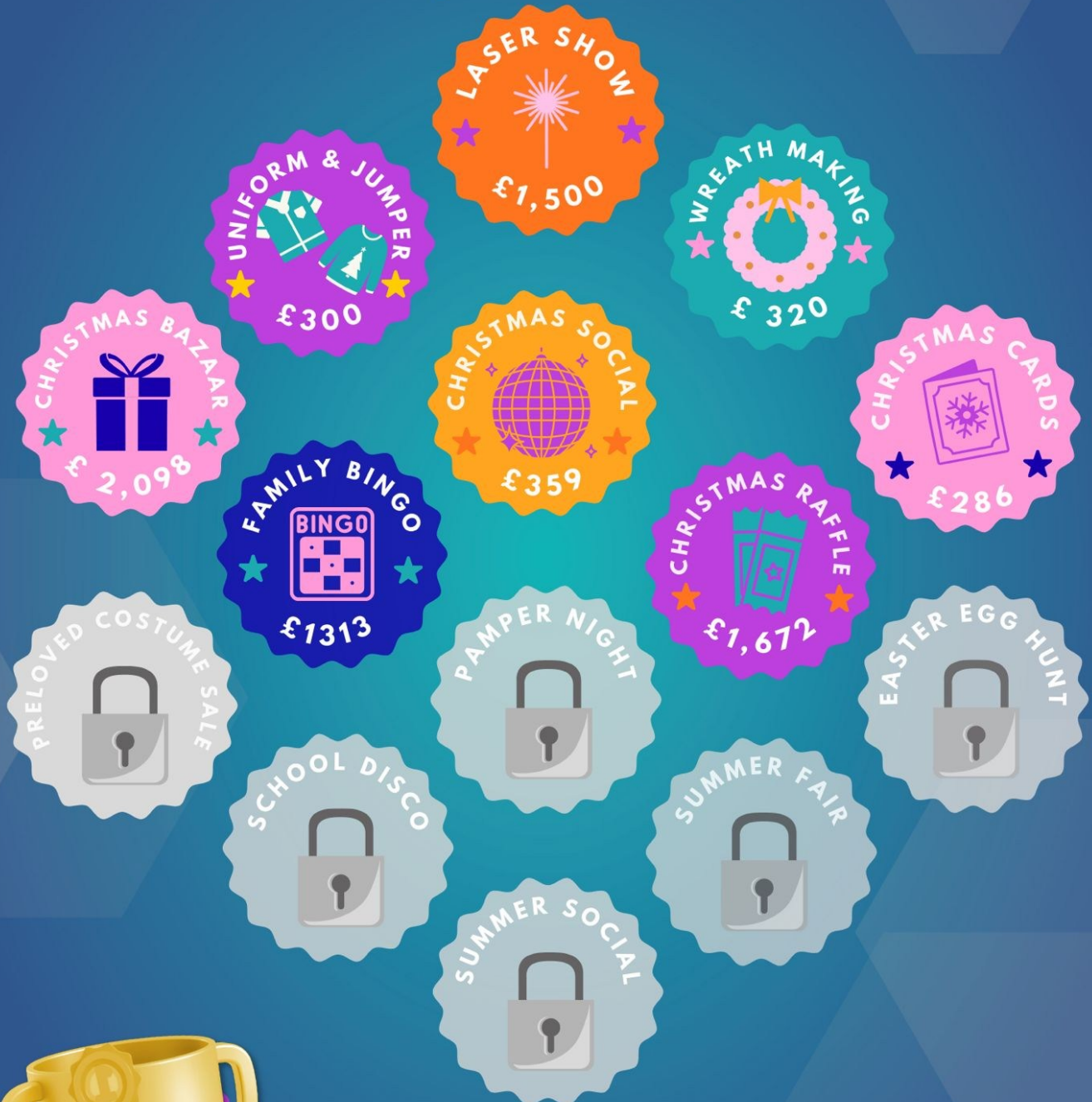


UPCOMING EVENTS		MARCH '26
19.3	DEEP RELAXATION SOUND BATH	
THU		
20.3	FRIENDS MEETING 9:00 A.M. SCHOOL STAFF ROOM	
FRI		
27.3	MUFTI DAY (NON UNIFORM) PLEASE SEND £1 DONATION FOR SUMMER FAIR	
FRI		
27.3	EASTER EGG HUNT	
FRI		

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# FUNDRAISING BADGES

See what our amazing school community has achieved!



We raised **£7,848** since September 2025

Thanks for supporting our School!

## Safeguarding

### Smart Phone Usage Survey

As you're aware, Year 6 will only be permitted 'dumb' phones in school.

**Smart phones will not be permitted.**

**Only year 6 children who make their own way home will be permitted a phone.**

No other children are permitted phones. No child is permitted to wear a smart watch.

### Smart Phone Free St Josephs

We have been smart phone free for a year and this has had a positive impact within school. We hope this can only continue! If you are a new parent to school, welcome! Many families here are part of Smartphone Free Childhood – a grassroots movement of parents who want to give our children a few more years to grow up free from smartphone pressure. Through the Parent Pact, we agree to delay giving smartphones, so it's easier to hold off together and no child feels left out. If you'd like to connect with other parents at our school who've signed, join our SFC WhatsApp group – it's a friendly place to share ideas and encouragement.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/H3s4wfeekxaFMGyc9LGYC9?mode=wwt>

#### Smartphone Free Update

Momentum is building!

Many will have seen the updates over the last few weeks, which have largely been driven by the national SFC campaign over the last two years.

Thank you to those in our school group who contacted our MP, Helen Maguire. She received 1000 emails from parents and carers across Epsom and Ewell, to put pressure on the government to raise the age of social media.

The government has now launched a formal consultation and this has also been voted on in the House of Lords.

The government has also issued new, stronger guidance saying that pupils shouldn't be using smartphones at any point during the school day – including breaks and lunchtime.

What's next?

We hope to host an event for parents at our school in the next term

We ask all parents to sign the parent pact (which re set at the start of the school year)

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/sign-the-parent-pact>

### Designated Safeguarding Lead

**If you have a concern over the welfare or safety of a child you should speak to Mr Tim Hallett as the Designated Safeguarding Lead.**

Even low level concerns should be reported.

If Mr Hallett is not in the building, you should speak to Miss Cullen then Miss Shanks, Miss Wheeler or Miss Mundy.

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is on the school website.

## Children's & Family Events



### Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Saturday 14th February, 11:30am

Box Tale Soup invite you down the rabbit hole into a timeless world of wondrous fantasy. Don't miss this playful journey through Carroll's timeless fantasy.



### Half Term – Full Day Children's Art Workshop

Tuesday 17th February, 9:30am – 3:30pm

A full day children's mixed media art workshop takes spring as its inspiration to explore nature with local artist Mel Bridgman.



### Family Concert – Ferdinand and the Little Bull

Friday, 3rd April, 11:30am

Bilingual (English / Spanish) concert, suitable for the whole family. Part of The Horton's Spanish Festival of Music and Dance 2026.



### Gaby Gulliver's Travels

Friday 10th April, 11:30am and 2:30pm

A contemporary reimagining of Gulliver's Travels by Indigo Moon Theatre, told through shadow theatre.



### Shadow Puppetry Workshop

Friday 10th April, 1pm – 2pm

Children and their carers will use light, shadow, and their imaginations to design their own shadow puppets and explore how to bring them to life.



### Flyaway Katie

Saturday 30th May, 11:30am

A captivating show bursting with colour, movement, surprises - and puppets.

Plus some great events for ages 0+ - check out [thehortonepsom.org](http://thehortonepsom.org) for more information

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16<sup>TH</sup> FEB - 20<sup>TH</sup> FEB



**EASTER\***  
30<sup>TH</sup> MAR - 17<sup>TH</sup> APR

**MAY**  
26<sup>TH</sup> MAY - 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**SUMMER**  
21<sup>ST</sup> JUL - 28<sup>TH</sup> AUG

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Monday 30 March - Thursday 2 April

Daily 10am-4pm

Children aged 8-13

## **4-Day Multi-Sport Course: £280**

Now in its 51<sup>st</sup> year, and as popular as ever, our Multi-Sport Course gives children, aged 8-13, the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sporting activities, including football, squash, swimming, tennis, rounders, table tennis, basketball and dodgeball.

## **4-Day Tennis Course: £280**

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