### Your weekly round up from St Joseph's Primary School

### Newsletter - Friday 12th September 2025



### A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year. The corridors and classrooms are once again filled with the joyful hum of children excited to learn, explore, and grow. It's a real privilege to witness their enthusiasm and energy as they settle into their new routines.

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to meet and discuss our updated Management of Good Behaviour Policy. Your partnership is vital, and it's so important that we work together to create a consistent and supportive environment both at home and in school. Please do keep an eye on the upcoming dates for further sessions if you've not yet attended – we'd love to see you there.

I'm very much looking forward to our Meet the Teacher sessions next week on Monday and Tuesday from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. If you haven't already booked your appointment, please do so as soon as possible – and if you're able, bring your child along with you. It's a great opportunity to build those early connections and set the tone for the year ahead.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

Mrs Nicolaou

#### Prayer at Home

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.

Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Amen



### Attendance Update...

Attendance this week - Whole School—91.07%

Highest attendance this week - St Bernadette 99.36%

Let's keep moving towards our goal of getting 100% attendance next week!





### Welcome

We are delighted to welcome two new teachers to our school family this year. Miss Wakefield has joined us as the teacher for St Martin de Porres Class, and Miss Ntumba is teaching St Bernadette Class. We are so pleased to have them with us and look forward to all the exciting learning and opportunities they will share with their classes throughout the year.









We would like to send our very best wishes to Miss Russell-Sharp as she begins her maternity leave. She is excitedly preparing to welcome a baby girl, and we know you will all join us in congratulating her on this wonderful new chapter. We wish her and her family every happiness at this special time.









### Dates for your School Diary

Wednesday 17th September - Management of Good Behaviour Meeting for Year 5 and 6 Parents, 3:45 pm—4:45 pm



Friday 19th September—Management of Good Behaviour Catch up meeting, 3:45 pm -4:45 pm

Monday 15th September—Meet the teacher 1:1 meeting, 3:30 pm—6:00 pm

Tuesday 16th September—Meet the teacher 1:1 meeting, 3:30 pm—6:00 pm

Tuesday 23rd September—Secondary School Transfer meeting, 4:00~pm-5:00p~m

Tuesday 30th September—Year 6 School Residential meeting, 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

## **School Lunches**

To view our school lunch menus please visit our school website below: www.stjosephs-georgerow.org/lunch-time

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For healthy packed lunch ideas:

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/

We are a NUT-FREE school as we have children who have severe nut allergies, so please bare this in mind when preparing your child's packed lunch, nut allergies can be fatal. Please do not send any food which contains nuts or nut traces in your child's lunch. Thank you!

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### www.stjosephsgeorgerow.org

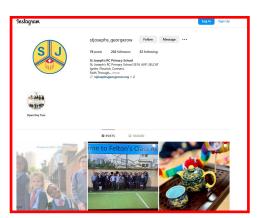
Our Instagram account is live and posts regular updates so please give us a follow, our username is stjosephs\_georgerow

Please rest assured that we will never post images in which your child is named, however if you do not want your child's image used on our social media platforms, please inform the school office.

@sorcatrust is the Instagram page for St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust (formally SELCAT)









You can find updates from St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust (formally SELCAT) on X (formally Twitter)

We are part of the St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust and they regularly post updates on their X page.

ParentMail

You will also be sent any correspondence from school through your parentmail, so please check your app regularly to stay updated.

#### Useful links for a safer Internet...

https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/



# Welcome Back!



We've had a wonderful start to the new school year, and it has been a joy to see our classrooms and playground filled with happy faces once again. A very special welcome goes to our new Nursery and Reception children, who have settled in beautifully and are already bringing so much energy, curiosity, and happiness to our school. We started the year with a welcome back Mass at The Most Holy Trinity Church. We are looking forward to all of our children having a fantastic year ahead, full of learning, growth and achievement.





#### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Penny Noble – Senior Specialist Children's Community Occupational Therapy and Rebecca Hoffman – Children's Occupational Therapist

#### NHS TRANSITION FROM CAMHS TO ADULT SERVICE

Danielle Ashley – Clinical Nurse Specialist for Adolescent Health & Transition and Bridget Nichola – Designated Clinical Officer for SEND in Southwark

#### THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025. 10am until 1pm

VENUE: The Links Community Centre, 353 Rotherhithe New Rd, SE16 3HF

### TOPIC – WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OT) AND HOW TO ACCESS IT plus AUTISM SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Occupational Therapy is often thought of as a service that helps with a "physical difficulty", this is true, but it is so much more that. Their role is to help children and young people develop the skills needed to participate FULLY in school and everyday life. This can include fine and gross motor skills, sensory integration, and self-care skills, as well as addressing emotional regulation and social skills.

The Occupational Therapists will explain the ways they can help and how you can access their service plus how to reapply if you have previously had support.

Penny and Rebecca want to hear your experiences to help identify gaps in support for autistic children and their families throughout their journey from prediagnosis to post-diagnosis.

They want to hear from families on how the Occupational Therapy Service can improve their offer for autistic children and their families.

### TOPIC – FAMILIES EXPERIENCES OF MOVING FROM CAMHS to ADULT SERVICES

Danielle and Bridget want to hear your experiences of your child's transition from CAMHs to Adult Services. Did you feel informed and supported? What were the barriers you faced? Do you think there is support during this period and once your child leaves CAMHs? Do you know what happens once your child reaches 18?

Refreshments available – please note our events are for adults only