



## Newsletter - Friday 19th December 2025

### A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has truly been an amazing term, full of wonderful memories and moments that we will cherish as a school community. The week certainly started with a bang as the children from St Bernadette Class had the incredible opportunity to meet Tim Peake and interview him. Some of our pupils were even lucky enough to represent our school on BBC Breakfast News - a fantastic experience and one we are immensely proud of.

Our Nursery Nativity was a huge hit, especially with Santa Sleggie making a special appearance! The children did a wonderful job of reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas through their joy, enthusiasm and confidence.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed the Key Stage One Nativity, told from the Little Donkey's point of view. The children were amazing - learning so many lines, showing brilliant stage presence and singing so beautifully. Their hard work and dedication shone through.

On Thursday, our Year 6 children hosted the St Joseph's Special Christmas Tea for members of our local community. They prepared, served and hosted the event with compassion, kindness and spectacular manners, living out our Gospel values in a truly meaningful way.

Today, it was lovely to see the children in their favourite outfits, bringing extra smiles and excitement, and the Christmas Cinema was a great success and a perfect way to end the term together.

As we now prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, I hope that you and your families have a peaceful, joyful and restful Christmas. Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 5th January for the start of the Spring Term.

### Prayer at Home

Dear God,

Please help us to make our school just like a family

Where everyone is welcomed

Where everyone is helped to do their very best

And where you are at the heart of everything we do

Amen

### Attendance Update...

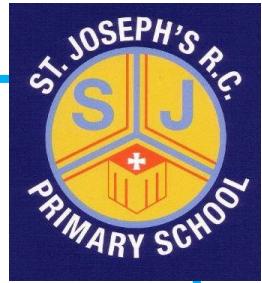
Attendance this week - Whole School - 93.66%

Highest attendance this week - St Rose Class with 99.52%

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



## Dates for your School Diary



**Children return to school after the Christmas break on Monday 5th January 2026**

A letter will detail the Spring dates when we return to school.

## A special reflection

This week, as we come to the close of the term, we hold a special thought and prayer for members of staff who have left our school community during this Autumn Term, including Miss Cook, Miss Francis, Miss Fearn and Miss Underwood.

Each of them has shown great dedication, commitment and care in their service to our school and, most importantly, to our children. We are deeply grateful for the time, talents and love they have shared with our community.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas and reflect on the gift of Jesus, we ask God to bless them abundantly in the next chapter of their journey. May they enjoy a peaceful and joyful Christmas and be guided, protected and inspired in their future paths. We thank God for their service and wish them every happiness and success. Amen

# School Lunches

To view our school lunch menus please visit our school website below:

[www.stjosephs-georgerow.org/lunch-time](http://www.stjosephs-georgerow.org/lunch-time)

# Packed Lunches

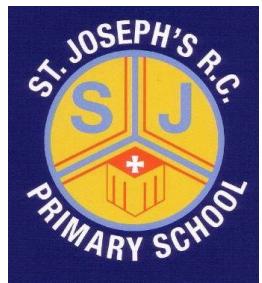


For healthy packed lunch ideas:

<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 bear 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!

# Communication



## Emails

info@stjosephs-georgerow.southwark.sch.uk

To be used for absence reporting, general requests and messages for Class Teachers.

headteacher@stjosephs-georgerow.southwark.sch.uk

To be used for instances where you wish to contact the Headteacher privately. Please do not use this email for absence requests or notifications.

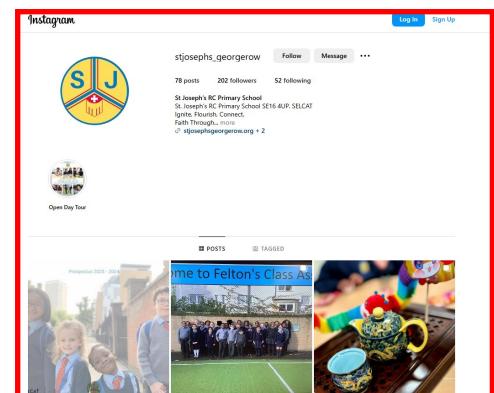
We will endeavour to respond to all emails in a timely manner. Depending on the contents of the email you may be requested to come into the school for a meeting with either the Senior Management Team or the Class Teacher to discuss or follow up further.



Correspondence from school will be sent through your parentmail, so please check your app regularly to stay updated.



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

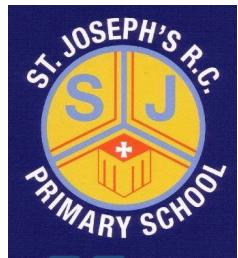


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# December Highlights

December has been a month full of joy, reflection and togetherness for our whole school family. We marked the beginning of Advent by lighting our candle on our Advent wreath, reminding us of hope and love as we prepare for Christmas. Our Advent Mass at Holy Trinity Church was a special time to come together in prayer and celebration. Festive fun followed with our much-loved Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day, filling the school with laughter and cheer. The children shone in their Christmas concerts and nativities, delighting everyone with their confidence and enthusiasm. We also shared a very special afternoon at our Christmas tea party organised by our Year 6 pupils, welcoming members of our community and spreading warmth and kindness. These moments have made December a truly memorable and heart-warming time for us all.





# Meeting Astronaut Tim Peake

On Monday 18th December, some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable visit to the Science Museum, where they took part in a very special celebration marking 10 years since Tim Peake's journey into space. The children were thrilled to meet Tim Peake himself and learn all about his incredible experiences as an astronaut. Some of our children were lucky enough to ask Tim Peake questions live on BBC Breakfast News, sharing their curiosity and enthusiasm with viewers across the country. It was a truly inspiring experience that the children will remember for years to come.





# After School Club News

Our highlight at end of this term was the After School Club Christmas party held yesterday. The children enjoyed tasty snacks, music and dance and thereafter a movie to wind down the day. The generous food contributions by our After School Club parents and carers made this event a success. Thank you all for making this event a memorable one for the children.

The After School Club takes place every day (term time only) between 3.30pm to 6pm. The club is staffed by our own school staff so the children already know them well. Whilst at the club, children are provided with healthy snacks, sandwiches or a hot meal and can enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor activities.

With our demographic ranging from Nursery to Year 6, it is great to see the brilliant effort they all put into supporting each other! The children continue to show excellent teamwork and genuine care for one another and it is heartwarming to see the older children playing with the youngest. Well done everyone!

We offer children a supportive environment to complete homework tasks. We understand the importance of developing good study habits to develop learning skills. Supervised Homework Sessions take place after school on Mondays and general supervision, especially for Key Stage 2 children, is provided during the rest of the week.

You can choose the days you would like your child to attend After School Club and I am pleased to inform you that we now offer **ad hoc bookings at any time**, as and when required and you only pay for the day your child attends. For further information and bookings, please contact me or the Main Office.

From all the After School Club staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Ms Sommeryll**

**ASC Manager**





# Headteacher's Award

We are delighted to share that even more Headteacher's awards have been presented this week, celebrating examples of brilliant writing from across the school. The children have shown great creativity, effort and pride in their work, and it has been wonderful to see such high standards in their writing. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who have received an award. Keep up the fantastic work!

