

Newsletter - Friday 5th December 2025

A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

It has been another busy and joy-filled week here at St Joseph's!

Our Year 6 children took part in a fantastic citizenship trip, where they represented the school wonderfully. They learnt so much about the role of the police, Transport for London, and how to transition to secondary school safely and confidently. A huge thank you to the parents who kindly accompanied the children—your support is truly appreciated.

St Rose Class enjoyed a brilliant visit to the Science Museum. The children were engaged, enthusiastic, and full of curiosity as they explored all things science! Once again, a special thank you to the parents who were able to attend and support the trip.

This morning, St Martin Class led us beautifully as they explored the real meaning of Christmas and reminded us how we can prepare our hearts during this Advent season. Thank you to the children and staff for such a thoughtful reflection.

I also sent out a letter this week containing the key dates for the last few weeks of term. This is always a very busy period in school, so please do double-check the information, and feel free to speak to any member of staff if you have any questions.

I hope that you all have a lovely and restful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Prayer at Home

Dear God,

Look upon us in love,

Protect us this Advent,

Help us to focus on the things
that really matter,

As we await the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen



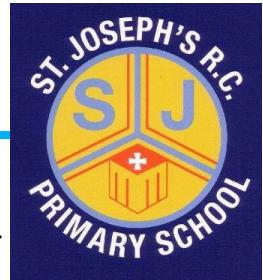
Attendance Update...

Attendance this week -
Whole School - 94.18%

Highest attendance this
week - St Patrick Class with
98.75%

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





Dates for your School Diary

Thursday 11th December - Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day (Day 1) **Children may wear a Christmas jumper over their uniform.**

Thursday 11th December—Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concert—2.30–3.15pm (Doors open at 2.20pm)

Friday 12th December—KS2 Christmas Concert, Years 3,4,5 & 6—2.30–3.15pm (Doors open at 2.20pm) Christmas Jumper Day (Day 2) **Children may again wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform.**

Tuesday 16th December—Nursery and Reception Nativity Performance—2pm (Doors open at 1.50pm)

Wednesday 17th December—KS1 Nativity Performance—2pm (Doors open at 1.50pm)

School Lunches

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

www.stjosephs-georgerow.org/lunch-time

Packed Lunches

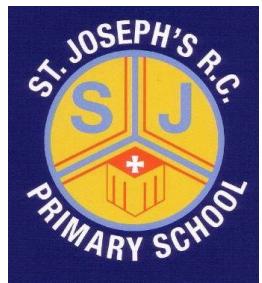


For healthy packed lunch ideas:

<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.

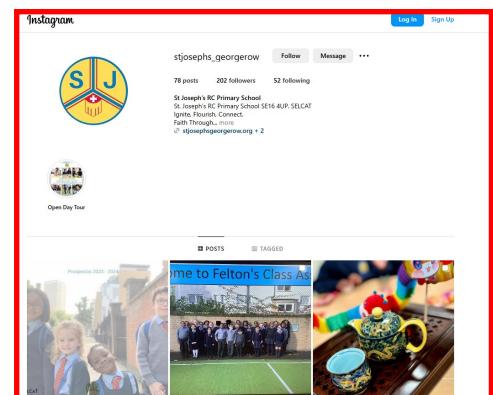
We will endeavour to respond to all emails in a timely manner. Depending on the contents of the email you may be requested to come into the school for a meeting with either the Senior Management Team or the Class Teacher to discuss or follow up further.



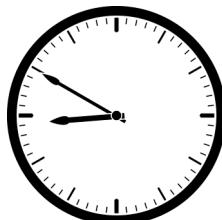
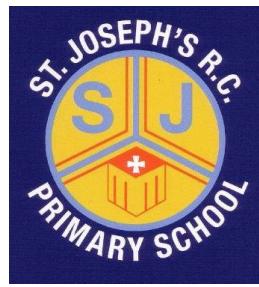
Correspondence from school will be sent through your parentmail, so please check your app regularly to stay updated.



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



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



Attendance & Punctuality

Good attendance helps set every child up for a brilliant day of learning, and arriving on time makes a huge difference! When pupils come in promptly, they can settle smoothly into the morning routine, feel confident, and make the most of every opportunity. Even small amounts of lateness can add up and affect a child's overall attendance, so we really appreciate your support in helping them start each day positively and ready to succeed. If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school office first thing in the morning—either by speaking to a member of the admin team or by leaving a voicemail on our absence mailbox—letting us know the reason for their absence. If the absence is due to your child being unwell, please detail which illness/symptoms they are experiencing. Thank you for working with us to ensure that attendance is strong across our school community. **Attendance codes have been listed below.**

\ -- Present PM

-- School Closed to all Pupils (#)

B -- Off site Ed. not dual (B)

C -- Absent with leave for exceptional circumstances (C)

C1 -- Leave of absence for the purpose of participating in a regulated performance or undertaking regulated employment abroad (C1)

C2 -- Leave of absence for a compulsory school age pupil subject to a part-time timetable (C2)

D -- Dual registration (D)

E -- Excluded (E)

G -- Holiday NOT agreed (G)

H -- Holiday agreed (H)

I -- Illness NOT appointments (I)

J -- Interview (J)

J1 -- Leave of absence for the purpose of attending an interview for employment or for admission to another educational institution (J1)

K -- Attending education provision arranged by the local authority (K)

L -- Late (before registers closed) (L)

M -- Appointments (M)

N -- No reason (N)

O -- Unauthorised absence (O)



St. Joseph's Head Boy & Head Girl

Here at St. Josephs, we're excited to announce that the votes from our school ballot have been counted, and we are delighted to introduce our brilliant new Head Boy and Head Girl! A huge well done to all the pupils who put themselves forward, their confidence, ideas and enthusiasm made this election truly inspiring. We can't wait to see the positive impact our new leaders will have across the school community.



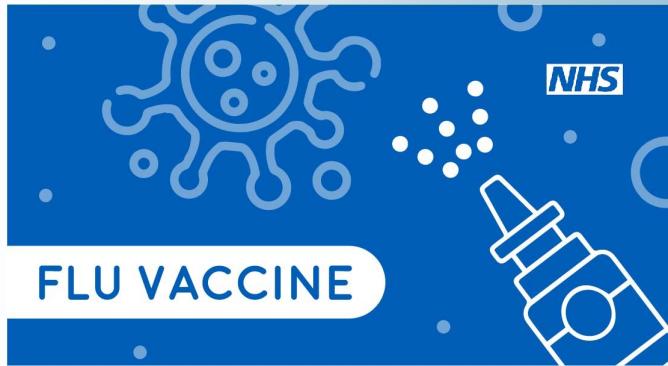


1st Class Santa Mail

Please make sure your **name and class** are on the letter
or the envelope.

Last collection is on **Wednesday 17th December 2025**





NHS

South London Children and
Young People's Community
Immunisation Service

Missed your flu vaccine?

**Live or attend school in the borough of
Southwark? Aged 4 – 16?**

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and
protect yourself!

Saturday 6 December
10:00 – 14:00

IRMO Centre, Warwick House, SW9 7JP

Saturday 20 December
10:00 – 14:00

Big Yellow Flexi Offices, SE5 7SW

**For more information
or to book an
appointment call 020
8614 5495**

