

A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

As we reach the end of Spring 1, it is hard to believe how quickly this half term has flown by. It has been a full and productive few weeks, and the children have worked tremendously hard.

Next half term will be even shorter, with only five weeks in school as Easter is celebrated earlier this year. There is certainly plenty to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

It has been a particularly busy week here at St Joseph's, as always. I was especially delighted to hear the wonderful feedback about our Year 6 children during their visit to the National Portrait Gallery. They represented our school beautifully!

As we break for half term, I hope you are able to enjoy some well-earned rest as a family. I hear that tomorrow could be the first day of 2026 without rain – let us hope the sunshine makes an appearance!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school, bright and early, on Monday 23rd February.

With every good wish for a restful half term
Mrs Nicolaou

Prayer at Home

Dear God,

Thank you for looking after our School.
Thank you that you love each and everyone of us here.

Help us to learn, play and share together, so that the wonderful world you have made becomes more beautiful everyday.

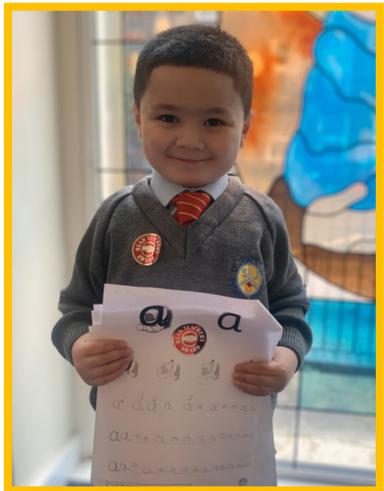
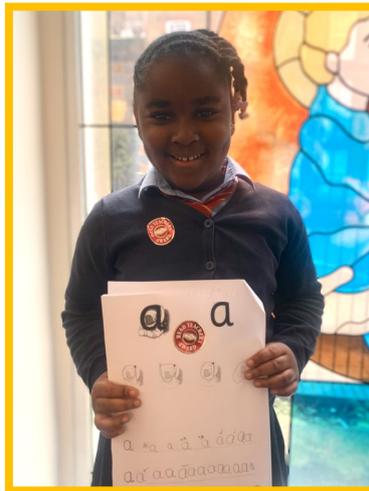
Amen





Headteacher's Award

Here at St. Joseph's we are pleased to celebrate our pupils who have received a Headteacher's Award. These pupils have displayed outstanding effort, and positive attitudes to learning. These awards reflect not only academic success, but also kindness, resilience, and a commitment to our school values. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who received an award and congratulate them on being excellent role models within our school community.





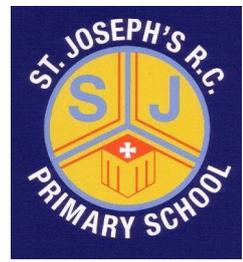
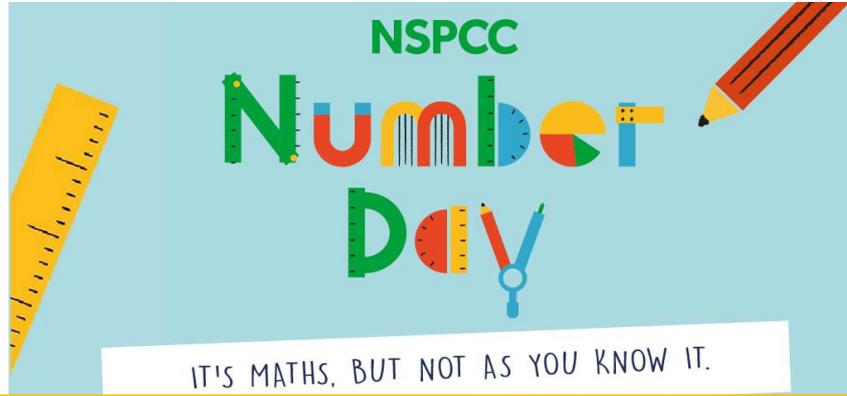
Today we say a fond farewell to Miss Ryan as she begins an exciting new chapter.

Miss Ryan has been a valued and dedicated member of the St Joseph's school community for the past 12 years. During that time, she has given so much to our school through her hard work, care and commitment. She has been the friendly voice answering the telephone, the calm and organised presence delivering messages, and the person behind the scenes arranging and organising countless school trips and events. We are very fortunate that we will still see Miss Ryan each day as she continues to drop her children off at school.

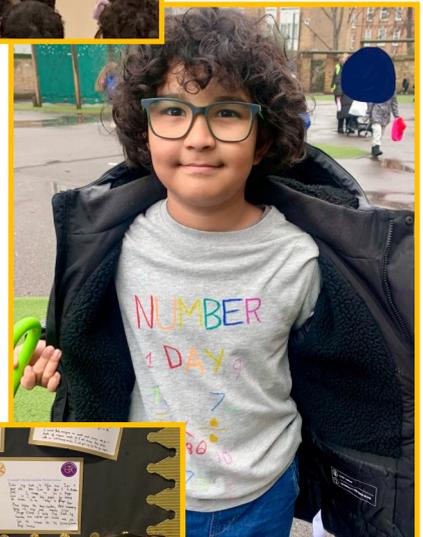
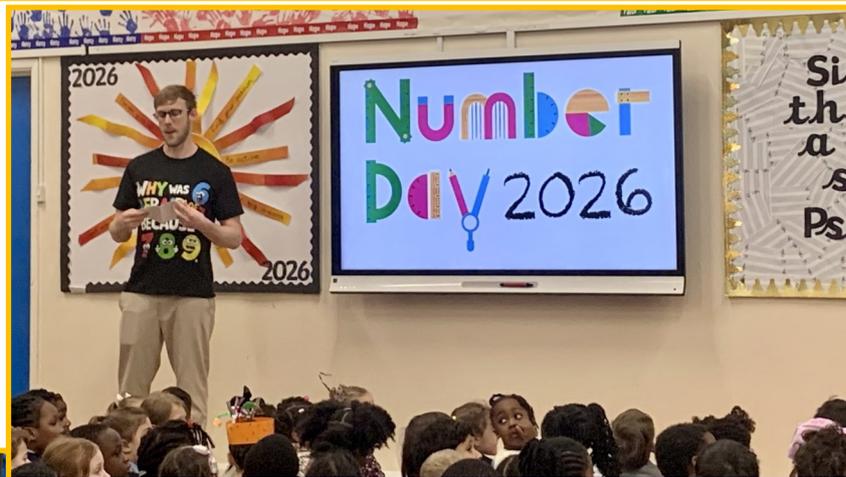
She will always remain a part of our St Joseph's family. Miss Ryan is taking some well-deserved time to be with her family and we know many of you will join me in wishing her every happiness as she looks ahead to fulfilling her dream of becoming a florist.

Please join me in thanking Miss Ryan for her years of dedicated service and in sending her lots of love and very best wishes for the future.





On Friday 6th February, we had great fun celebrating Number Day across the school. The children arrived in wonderfully creative outfits inspired by numbers, maths equipment and even colourful number blocks, filling the school with excitement and smiles. Throughout the day, pupils took part in engaging maths activities that celebrated the joy of numbers and problem-solving, while also highlighting how maths is part of everyday life. We were also delighted to welcome two parents into school for a special assembly, where they spoke to the children about how they use maths in their jobs, helping pupils see how important and relevant maths is beyond the classroom. A big thank you to the parents that spoke in assembly, we are extremely grateful to you both for taking the time to inspire our pupils.

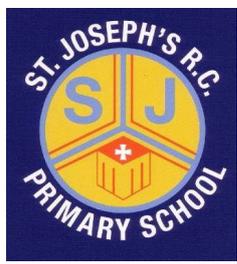




St Therese Class Trip to the National Portrait Gallery

On Wednesday, our Year 6 St Therese Class enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to the National Portrait Gallery. The students had the opportunity to explore a wide range of fascinating portraits, learning about significant figures from history and how art can be used to tell powerful stories. They took part in engaging discussions and activities that helped deepen their understanding of portraiture, identity and historical impact. The children represented the school beautifully with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day. It was a wonderful experience that enriched their learning and sparked lots of thoughtful conversations back in the classroom.





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Our After School Club provides a welcoming, safe and structured environment for children to build friendships and engage in activities such as football, soft play, arts and crafts. We provide a selection of sandwiches, hot meals, fruits and yoghurt.

In addition to regular bookings, we also offer **ad hoc places** for families seeking flexible attendance. Please note that an advance payment is required and can be made at the main office.

Booking forms are available from the school office. Alternatively, I am on hand at the end of the school day for immediate booking enquiries.

Ms Sommergyll
After School Club Manager

