

A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

This week began with the long-awaited call from Ofsted. Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete the parent survey – your support is greatly appreciated. As a school, we are now happily anticipating the inspectors' report and will, of course, share it with you as soon as it is published (this is usually within a 30-day timeframe).

Even with our special visitors, it was a busy and exciting week as usual. We celebrated National Storytelling Week, and it has been a joy to see the children producing their own unique versions of *Little Miss* and *Mr Men* books. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to stories throughout the week, and their love of reading truly shone.

On Thursday, the middle hall was filled with wonderful music as we celebrated Ukulele Day. We were delighted to showcase the children's ukulele skills, with classes performing confidently and proudly. Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us to support and celebrate the children's musical talents.

We ended the week by participating in NSPCC Number Day. The children arrived dressed as their favourite numbers, pieces of maths equipment and Numberblocks – the creativity on display was fantastic! We started the day with a whole-school number assembly, and I would like to thank the two parents who shared their careers with the children, helping to bring maths to life in a meaningful and inspiring way.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a fantastic weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone bright and early on Monday morning for the final week of this half 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





This week's attendance

Regular attendance and punctuality are vital to ensuring that every child achieves their full potential. Raising our attendance to **100% with no late arrivals** is a whole-school priority, and the children are fully aware of this important goal. We are encouraging them to take pride in excellent attendance and punctuality, understanding that every minute of learning counts.

During our weekly Celebration Assembly, we recognise success by announcing the classes with the highest attendance. Classes that achieve **100% attendance** are rewarded with an **extra playtime**, celebrating their commitment and teamwork.

Following consultation with **Southwark Borough**, please note that **no holidays or absences during term time will be authorised by the school**. We kindly ask parents and carers to support us by ensuring holidays are taken outside of term time and that children attend school every day unless they are unwell.



1st Place Class Attendance Winners this week are St Therese Class with 100% and will enjoy some extra playtime!



2nd Place Class Attendance Winners this week are St Josephine with 98.15%



3rd Place Class Attendance Winners this week are St Joseph with 98.07%

Whole school attendance this week is:

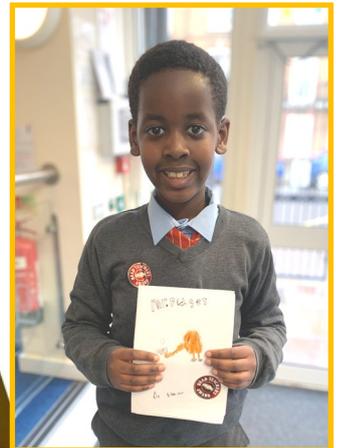
96.15%





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.

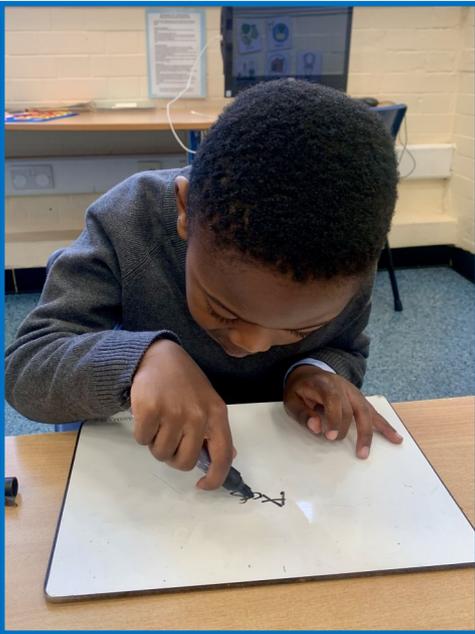




KS1 News



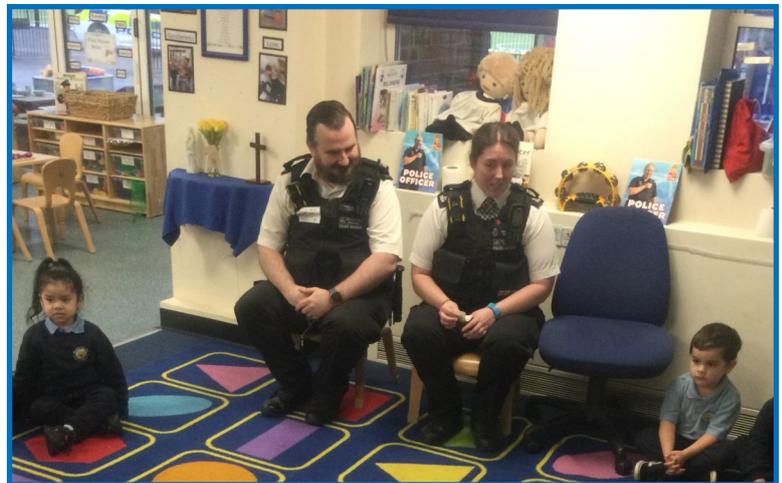
KS1 has been full of fantastic learning and creativity! In English, the children have been developing their reading and writing skills, sharing ideas and building confidence with their work. In maths, they have been exploring numbers through practical activities, problem-solving and lots of hands-on learning. Phonics sessions have been lively and engaging, helping the children practise sounds and blend words with growing independence. The creativity has continued with clay sculpting, where the children carefully shaped and designed their own models. Some of our children even worked together to create yummy biscuits!





Lights, sirens, and lots of smiles!

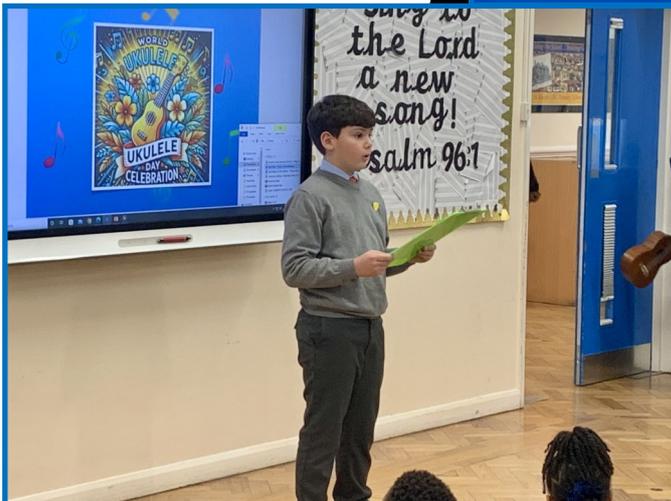
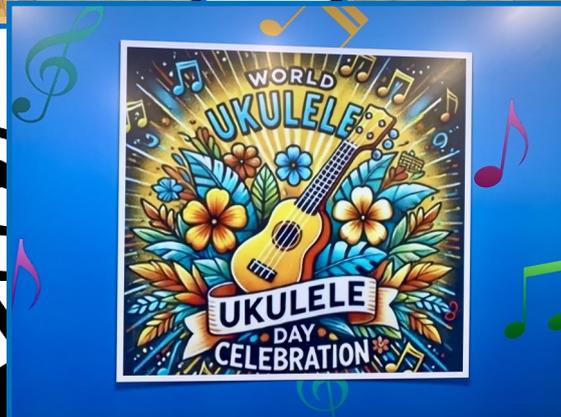
On Tuesday, our Nursery and Reception children enjoyed a very exciting and memorable day as they welcomed some special visitors—local police officers! The children were thrilled to meet the officers and learn about how they keep us safe. There was lots of excitement as everyone had the chance to see the police car and motorbike up close, with plenty of curious questions and big smiles all round. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that sparked lots of discussion back in the classroom, making it a day to remember for our youngest learners.





Ukulele Day

Our children in St Patrick, St Bernadette and St Therese classes had a fantastic time participating in a wonderful ukulele concert here at school on Thursday. Led by our music teacher, Mr Molloy, they proudly showcased all their hard work and practice, filling the hall with cheerful music and happy smiles. It was a joy to see their confidence grow as they played together. Well done to all the children for such a lovely performance, and a big thank you to Mr Molloy and everyone who helped make the concert so special.



Communication



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

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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.



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