

A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school this week, ready to learn and full of enthusiasm. What a joy it was to see the sun shining – albeit just for a day – but what a glorious lunchtime it gave us! The children made the most of every minute outdoors.

Today, St Bernadette class led us beautifully in their class assembly. They helped us to reflect on the meaning of Lent and how we can each take part by making a special Lenten promise. They certainly lifted the roof of the hall with their fantastic singing – we were all incredibly proud of them.

We also marked St David's Day today, with children and staff wearing an item of yellow in celebration. Our Newsround team will be sharing more about St David in the next edition of Newsround, which will be filmed on Monday – we look forward to watching it together.

Unfortunately, Tuesday's Lent Mass has been cancelled. This was not an easy decision, but Father Alan has had a nasty fall and needs time to rest and recover. Please keep Father Alan in your prayers and pray for his speedy recovery.

Have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday morning.

Mrs Nicolaou

Prayer at Home

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for our family
and for the love we share each day.

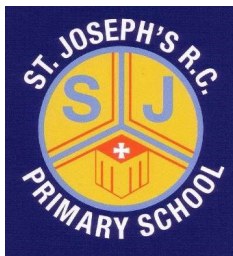
Help us to grow closer to You this Lent.
Show us how to be kind,
how to forgive,
and how to help others.

When things are difficult,
help us to make good choices.
When we make a mistake,
help us to try again.

Bless our home with Your peace
and fill our hearts with Your love.

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 Rose Class with 96.4% and will enjoy some extra playtime!

2nd Place Class

Attendance Winners this week are St Patrick with 96.3%

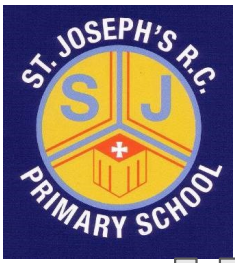
3rd Place Class

Attendance Winners this week are St Theres with 95.8%

Whole school attendance this week is:

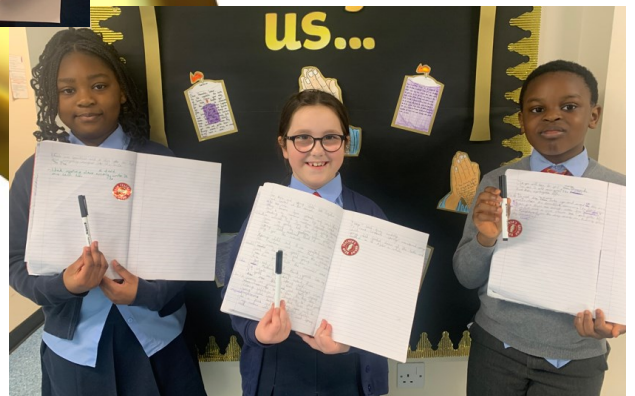
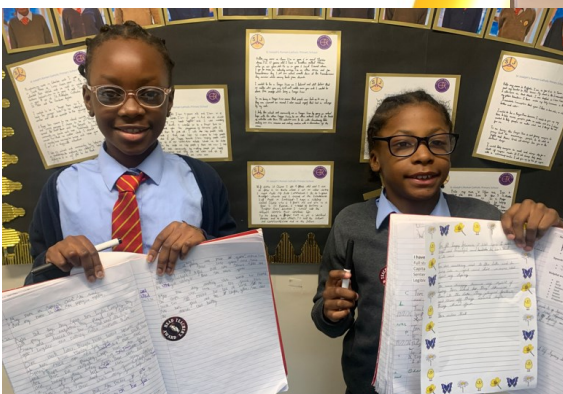
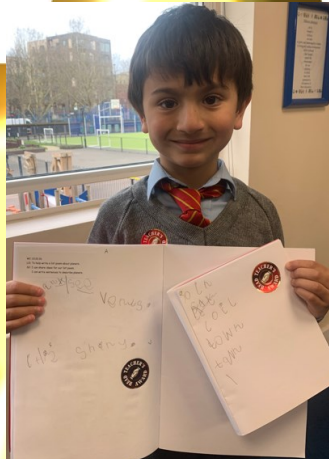
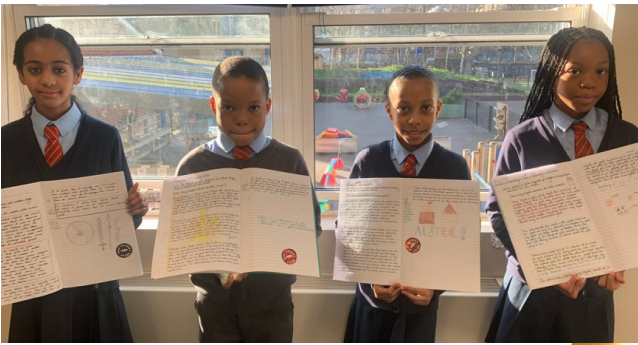
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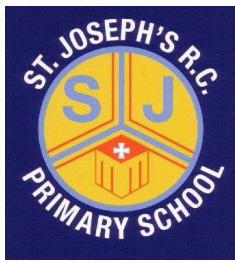




Headteacher's Award

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.

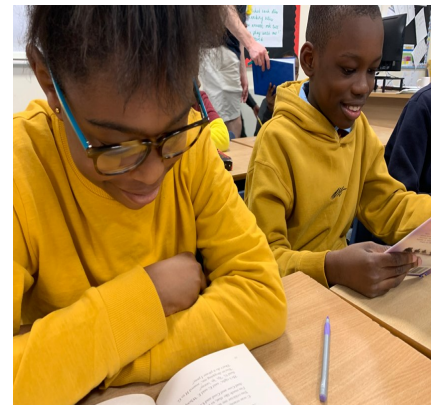
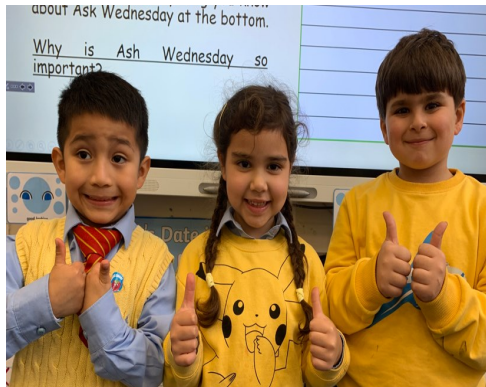




St David's Day



Today we were delighted to celebrate **Saint David** and mark **St David's Day** together as a school community. Children and staff added a splash of yellow to their outfits, and we spent time learning about why St David is such an important figure in Wales. St David is the patron saint of Wales. He was a Christian monk and teacher who lived over 1,400 years ago. He shared God's message of love, kindness and simplicity, encouraging people to "do the little things well." This simple but powerful message reminds us that small acts of goodness, care and faithfulness matter greatly in our daily lives. Through prayer, reflection and learning, the children explored how they too can follow St David's example by showing kindness, working hard and serving others in the small moments of each day.





Miss Sneath

Admin assistant

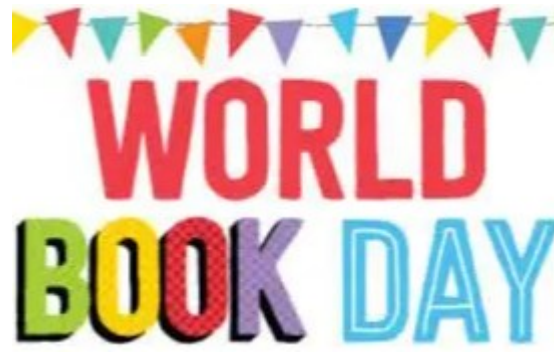
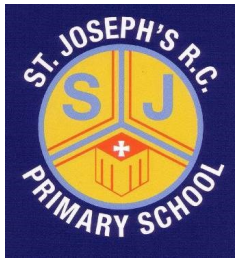
I am delighted to share that Miss Sneath joined our school on Monday 23rd February and has already made a brilliant start. She has quickly become part of daily school life and the children have welcomed her warmly.

Miss Sneath is the warm smile that greets you in Reception and the friendly voice who will be answering your telephone calls and responding to your email queries.

We are very pleased to welcome her into our St Joseph's family, and I know she will be a wonderful addition to our community. If you see her on the playground or in Reception, please do pop in and say hello and give her a true St Joseph's welcome.

We look forward to the many gifts and talents she will share with our school in the months and years ahead.





To celebrate World Book Day, we will be taking part in a special day of reading and book-related activities on **Thursday 5th March.**

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they would like to take part. Costumes do not need to be expensive or bought from a shop – simple homemade ideas are absolutely welcome. The focus of the day is to celebrate a love of reading and sharing stories together.

Throughout the day, the children will take part in activities, including creating our very own St Joseph's book - details of which will be revealed on the day.

If your child would prefer not to dress up, they are very welcome to come in their normal school uniform and bring along their favourite book to share with the class.

Some simple costume ideas include:

Where's Wally – Red and white striped top, jeans, glasses.

Harry Potter – School uniform, round glasses, lightning scar, a stick as a wand.

Matilda – Blue dress, cardigan, and a stack of books.

Charlie Bucket – Normal clothes with a homemade golden ticket.

Gangsta Granny – Floral clothes, glasses, and a hat or grey hair.

The Gruffalo – Brown clothes with paper ears or horns.

Winnie the Pooh – Yellow top with a red T-shirt.

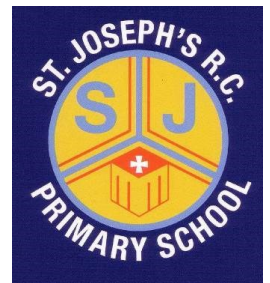
Alice in Wonderland – Blue dress with a white apron.

Mr Bump – Blue clothes with bandages.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a fantastic day celebrating books!



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.



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[@sorcatrust](https://www.instagram.com/sorcatrust) is the Instagram page for St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust (formally SELCAT)

