

A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

As we reach the end of the first half of the Summer Term, it is hard to believe how quickly the weeks have flown by. It has certainly been another busy and joyful half term here at St Joseph's.

It was wonderful to welcome and meet our new Reception parents this week – both those joining us from our Nursery and those who are new to the St Joseph family. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all properly in September and beginning this exciting journey together.

The school was certainly rocking on Tuesday as we launched our new Rock Steady School Band! The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed singing along and joining in with the performances from our very own budding musicians. If you would like your child to take part in the band sessions, please sign up online as soon as possible. The sessions have already proved extremely popular and there are now only a limited number of places remaining.

This morning, the children were a delight during Mass as we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us in worship.

I would like to wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable half term break. I look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 1st June in their summer uniforms.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs M Nicolaou.

Prayer at Home

Thank You, God, for this new day,

Guide my hands and help me play.

Keep me kind in all I do,

And let my heart stay close to
You





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 Josephine class with 100% and will enjoy some extra playtime!

2nd Place Class

Attendance Winners this week are St Patrick class with 98.9%

3rd Place Class

Attendance Winners this week are St Martin class with 98.1%

Whole school attendance this week is:

93.8%

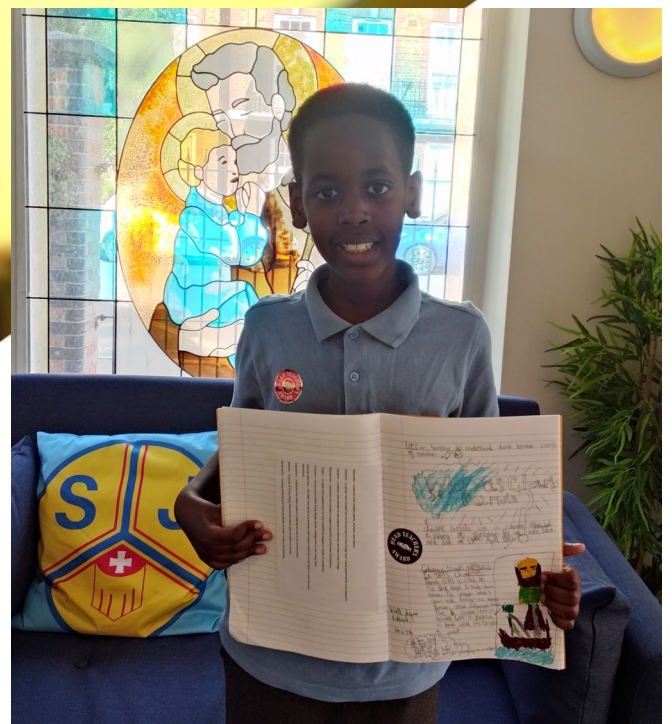
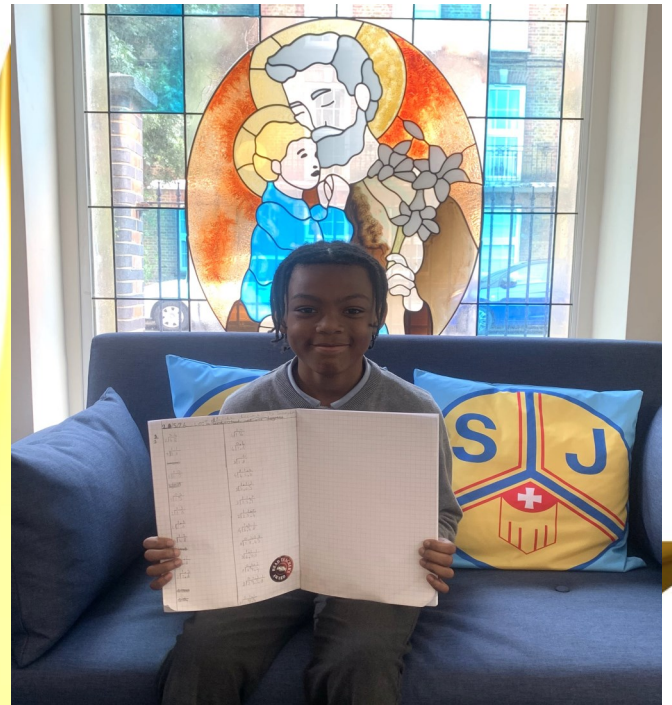




Headteacher's Award

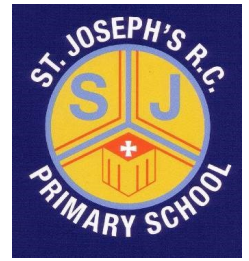


Here at St. Joseph's we are pleased to celebrate our pupils who have received a Headteacher's Award. These pupils have displayed outstanding effort, and positive attitudes to learning. These awards reflect not only academic success, but also kindness, resilience, and a commitment to our school values.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



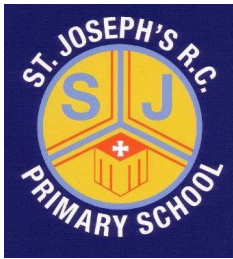


Youth Kitchen

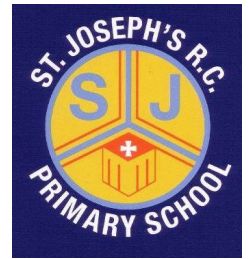


On Monday we had another visit from Youth Kitchen run by itsu, delivering another brilliant workshop to St Rose class. They learned how to safely chop, cut, and spiral a variety of vegetables to create their own ramen kits to take home, cook, and enjoy. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop new cooking skills, try different vegetables, and build confidence in the kitchen. The students had an amazing time in this workshop.





Rocksteady Music School!



On Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome the talented team from Rocksteady Music School for an unforgettable musical experience! The students enjoyed an energetic and inspiring assembly where the musician showcased a variety of instruments and amazed everyone with their performances.

The students also had an opportunity to get involved with a workshop after the assembly. They learned about the many benefits of learning an instrument, including how music can boost confidence, promote wellbeing, build resilience, and improve memory and focus. It was a fantastic opportunity that left everyone feeling inspired and excited about music!





Break for May School Holidays

- Today is our last day of term! We return back to school on Monday 1st June.
- Our last day of the school year will be the 17th July.
- From Thursday 4th June 2026, we will be partnering Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at St Joseph's RC Primary School! These weekly music lessons will take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun. It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, such as the Drums, Guitar, Keyboard and Vocals as well, make friends and have a great time- all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills.

School Announcements

- All children should now be wearing their summer uniform
- The May edition of the school Newsround is now live on the school website, have a look and see what our Reporters are bringing to you this month
- Class photos—links have been sent to all parents and the company are taking orders
- School Term Dates for 2026-2027 are now attached and also available on the school website.



St Joseph's RC Primary School Term Dates 2026/2027



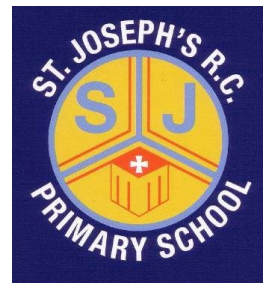
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	School Days
Autumn 1 8 Weeks	September		01	02	03	04	2
	September	07	08	09	10	11	5
	September	14	15	16	17	18	5
	September	21	22	23	24	25	5
	September	28	29	30	01	02	5
	October	05	06	07	08	09	5
	October	12	13	14	15	16	5
	October	19	20	21	22	23	5
	October	26	27	28	29	30	0
Autumn 2 7 Weeks	November	02	03	04	05	06	4
	November	09	10	11	12	13	5
	November	16	17	18	19	20	5
	November	23	24	25	26	27	5
	November	30	01	02	03	04	5
	December	07	08	09	10	11	5
	December	14	15	16	17	18	5
	December	21	22	23	24	25	0
	December	28	29	30	31	01	0
Spring 1 6 Weeks	January	04	05	06	07	08	4
	January	11	12	13	14	15	5
	January	18	19	20	21	22	5
	January	25	26	27	28	29	5
	February	01	02	03	04	05	5
	February	08	09	10	11	12	5
	February	15	16	17	18	19	0
Spring 2 5 Weeks	February	22	23	24	25	26	5
	March	01	02	03	04	05	5
	March	08	09	10	11	12	5
	March	15	16	17	18	19	5
	March	22	23	24	25	26 (GF)	4
	March	29	30	31	01	02	0
	April	05	06	07	08	09	0
Summer 1 7 Weeks	April	12	13	14	15	16	5
	April	19	20	21	22	23	5
	April	26	27	28	29	30	5
	May	03	04	05	06	07	4
	May	10	11	12	13	14	5
	May	17	18	19	20	21	5
	May	24	25	26	27	28	5
	May	31	01	02	03	04	0
Summer 2 7 Weeks	June	07	08	09	10	11	5
	June	14	15	16	17	18	5
	June	21	22	23	24	25	5
	June	28	29	30	01	02	5
	July	05	06	07	08	09	5
	July	12	13	14	15	16	5
	July	19	20	21	22	23	2

INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

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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](https://www.instagram.com/stjosephs_georgerow)

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