

A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

Despite it being a short week due to the bank holiday, it has certainly been a jam-packed week at St Joseph's!

Children from Nursery to Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed a drama workshop on Wednesday when Peter Pan came to visit the school. The children were taken on a magical adventure through the story of Peter Pan, using their acting skills, characterisation and improvisation throughout the session. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, creativity and confidence from all involved.

A huge well done to the children in St Patrick Class, who were absolute superstars during their visit to the Science Museum. Staff at the museum commented that they were the best behaved group of children they had seen – what a fantastic compliment and a real credit to both the children and our school community! The children greatly enjoyed the workshop all about forces, with a particular favourite being Phil the Frog!

I hope you have all had the chance to watch the latest episode of Newsround that was filmed this week. The news team were amazing as always, and we are incredibly proud of them.

Have a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday, bright and early!

Mrs M Nicolaou.

Prayer at Home

Dear God, bless our minds with curiosity, our hearts with kindness, and our hands with diligence. May we learn with joy and share our knowledge with 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 Josephine class with 98.6 % and will enjoy some extra play-

2nd Place Class

Attendance Winners this week are St Patrick class with 97.7%

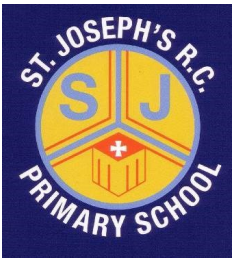
3rd Place Class

Attendance Winners this week are St Andrew class with 97.3%

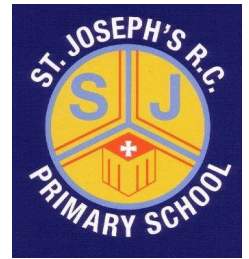
Whole school attendance this week is:

91.4%





School Trips



This week, St Patrick Class visited the Science Museum to take part in a "Feel the Force" workshop. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and learned lots of new things about forces. The children learned about magnetic forces and discovered how magnets actually work through fun, hands-on activities. It was an exciting and enjoyable experience for all.

On Wednesday, as part of our Science topic this term, St Patrick Class visited the Science Museum to take part in an exciting workshop about Forces.

We arrived early and had time to explore the museum, where we saw many fascinating examples of transport from the past, including displays on aviation.

Our workshop was led by a guide called Mars and her assistant, the famous Phil the Frog. Phil entertained the children throughout the session and made learning about forces exciting and fun. The children learned about famous scientists and their experiments, including Isaac Newton's Three Laws of Motion, Galileo's investigations into gravity, and Archimedes' discovery of 'upthrust' in the bathtub, which made him shout, "Eureka!"

The children also enjoyed an experiment involving electromagnets, which sparked lots of curiosity and excitement.

At the end of the workshop, Phil the Frog sat on Leo's head and even managed to appear in our class photograph!

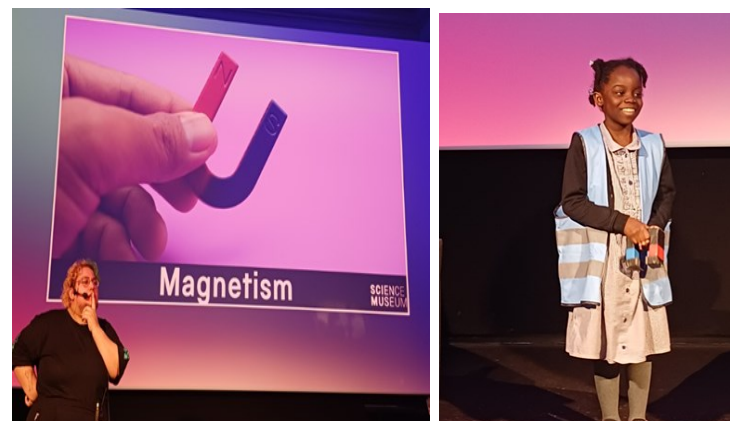
Children's views of the day

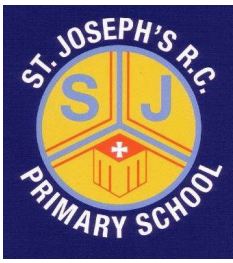
Dominik: "The trip was fun. I loved the workshop because Phil was there!"

Michelle: "I liked Phil because he went up in the rocket."

Elisa: "On the way out, we got to high-five Mars and Phil."

Alex: "I liked the photos of Phil on holiday as a spy."



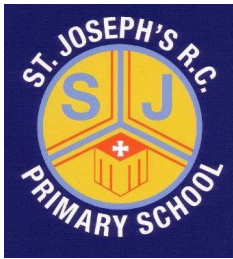


Headteacher's Award

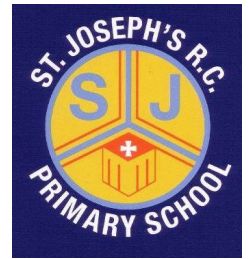


Here at St. Joseph's we are pleased to celebrate our pupils who have received a Headteacher's Award. These pupils have displayed outstanding effort, and positive attitudes to learning. These awards reflect not only academic success, but also kindness, resilience, and a commitment to our school values.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





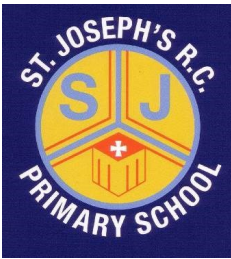
St Joseph's Day Celebrations



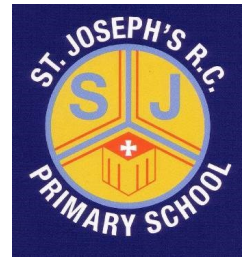
Saint Joseph's Day is celebrated to honour Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus, as a model of faith, humility, and diligent work.

Congratulations to St David's Class on such a brilliant assembly, you should all be very proud of yourselves.



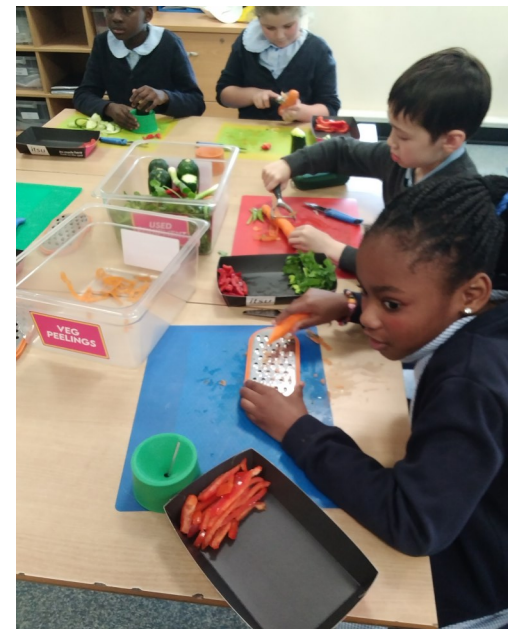


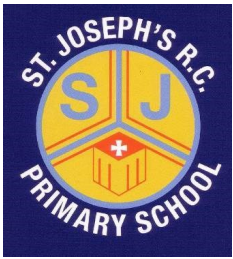
Youth Kitchen Workshop



This week, we had a visit from the Youth Kitchen workshops run by itsu. St Bernadette class learned how to safely chop, cut, and spiral a variety of vegetables to create their own ramen kits to take home, cook, and enjoy.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and were excited to finish preparing and tasting their ramen at home with their families. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop new cooking skills, try different vegetables, and build confidence in the kitchen.





Drama4All Workshop



This week, we had an exciting drama workshop for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. We were delighted to welcome Perform to school on Wednesday, the children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Peter Pan through drama, dance and singing activities. The workshop helped to develop their confidence, concentration and social skills, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed taking part.



- On Wednesday the 13th May St Joseph Class will be going to The London Museum Docklands.
- On Thursday the 14th May St Rose Class will be going to the Science Museum.
- On Friday 15th May St Oscar Class will be going to Surrey Docks Farm.

We hope to arrange more trips for more classes.

- Break for May School Holidays
- Monday 4th May is a Bank Holiday Monday so school will be closed
- Friday 22nd May is our last day of term and will be finishing at normal time. We return to school on Monday 1st June.

On the 9th May one of our governors and parent of our school is running 100km to raise money for the Parish Church community hall, to create a new community centre. No donation is too small, so if you like to support and help please click the link below. Good Luck Morne, from all of us at St Joseph's Primary School.

[Morne Adriaans is fundraising for Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark](#)

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



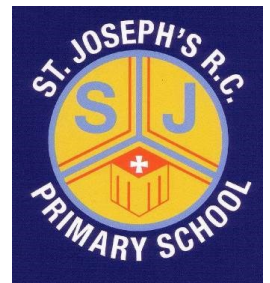
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	School Days
Autumn 1 8 Weeks	September		01	02	03	04	2
	September	07	08	09	10	11	5
	September	14	15	16	17	18	5
	September	21	22	23	24	25	5
	September	28	29	30	01	02	5
	October	05	06	07	08	09	5
	October	12	13	14	15	16	5
	October	19	20	21	22	23	5
	October	26	27	28	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

BANK HOLIDAYS

Communication



Emails

info@stjosephs-georgerow.southwark.sch.uk

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.



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



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

