

Newsletter - Friday 12th June 2026

A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

It is with great sadness that I share the news that Canon Alan passed away peacefully this morning. I have included the official announcement from Dockhead Church within this newsletter.

Canon Alan has been a much-loved part of our school community for over 30 years. Throughout that time, he touched the lives of countless children, families, staff, and parishioners. His wonderful sense of humour, kindness, faith, and passion for the community left a lasting impression on us all, and he will be remembered with great affection.

At this difficult time, I ask that you keep Canon Alan's family, friends, and all who knew and loved him in your prayers. We will share details of his funeral arrangements with you as soon as we receive them. On Monday morning, I will be leading a special liturgy for the children in memory of Canon Alan, giving us the opportunity to come together as a school family in prayer and thanksgiving for his life.

On a brighter note, this month's Newsround was filmed on Tuesday. It is always a wonderful way to celebrate the many achievements and events that take place across the school, while also helping everyone keep up to date with school life. I hope you enjoy watching it.

On Thursday, we welcomed representatives from HSBC Bank, who delivered engaging and age-appropriate sessions on financial education for all children across the school. The children learned about the role of banks, managing money, and making informed financial choices. I was incredibly impressed by their enthusiasm, thoughtful questions, and existing knowledge, they truly are a wealth of financial information!

I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

Mrs M Nicolaou.

Prayer at Home

Dear God, thank You for this new day.
Thank you for waking me up and giving me another chance to learn, play, and grow.
Please help me be kind, brave, and thankful today. Walk with me wherever I go and help me do what is right. 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 Joseph class with 98.2% and will enjoy some extra playtime!

2nd Place Class

Attendance Winners this week are St Patrick class with 97.2%

3rd Place Class

Attendance Winners this week are St Therese and St Josephine class with 96.5%

Whole school attendance this week is:

93.2%





CANON ALAN

Rest In Peace

It is with great sadness that we announce that Canon Alan passed very peacefully on this morning. His sister, Sarah and Emerson were with him.

Canon Alan was in no pain and although much weaker these last few days, he did not lose his humour and concern for you all. His love continued to shine through.

At this time, we ask you to pray for his family and all those who knew and loved him.

Funeral details will posted, as soon as possible.

This will be posted in the school newsletter for the school community and I will have a special liturgy for Father Alan on Monday for the children.

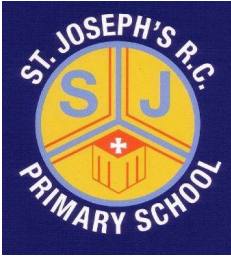


Workshop



On Thursday, we welcomed a special visit from HSBC Bank. The students learned valuable money-management skills, including different ways to save money, how to keep track of their spending, and why saving regularly can benefit them in the future. It was an informative session that helped students develop important financial skills for later life.





Sports Day



This is a friendly reminder that our annual Sports Days are taking place next week, and we are looking forward to welcoming families to join us for these exciting events.

Wednesday 17th June - 1:15pm

Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day

Nursery

Reception

St George Class (Year 1)

St Andrew Class (Year 1)

St David Class (Year 2)

Thursday 18th June - 1:15pm

Key Stage 2 Sports Day

St Patrick Class (Year 3)

St Bernadette Class (Year 3/4)

St Rose Class (Year 4)

St Martin Class (Year 5)

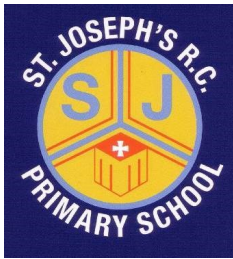
St Josephine Class (Year 5/6)

St Therese Class (Year 6)

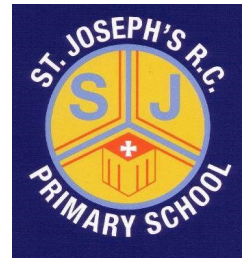
Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend and support the children as they take part in a range of sporting activities. The children have been practising hard and are very excited to showcase their skills, determination and teamwork.

Of course, no Sports Day would be complete without the traditional Parents' Race! I hope you have all been practising and stretching in preparation for what is sure to be a highly competitive event!

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Humm, our PE Lead.



Uniform

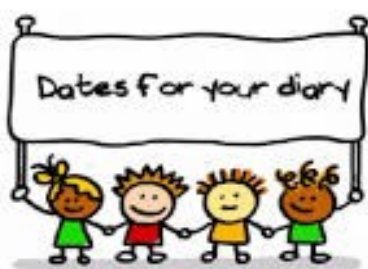


Uniform Orders

Please note that we currently have the following uniform in stock and available to purchase from the main reception:

Item	In stock for immediate purchase	Available for order	Price
Navy Tracksuit Bottoms			
Size 3-4 (24)	●		£13.00
Size 5-6 (26)	●		£13.00
Size 7-8 (28)	●		£13.00
Size 9-10 (30)		●	£13.00
Size 11-12 (32)		●	£13.00
Size 13 (34)		●	£13.00
Navy Tracksuit tops			
Size 3-4 (24)		●	£11.50
Size 5-6 (26)	●		£11.50
Size 7-8 (28)	●		£11.50
Size 9-10 (30)		●	£11.50
Size 11-12 (32)		●	£11.50
Size 13 (34)		●	£11.50
Blue Polo Top			
Size 3-4 (24)	●		£12.00
Size 5-6 (26)	●		£12.00
Size 7-8 (28)	●		£12.00
Size 9-10 (30)	●		£12.00
Size 11-12 (32)	●		£12.00
Size 12-13 (34)	●		
Size 14-15	●		£12.00
Black PE Shorts			
Size 3-4 (18-20)	●		£6.00
Size 5-6 (22-24)	●		£6.00
Size 7-8 (24-26)		●	£6.00
Size 9-10 (28-30)		●	£6.00
Size 11-12 (30-32)	●		£6.00
Blue PE Top			
Size 3-4 (24)		●	£8.50
Size 5-6 (26)	●		£8.50
Size 7-8 (28)	●		£8.50
Size 9-10 (30)	●		£8.50
Size 11-12 (XS)	●		£8.50
Small	●		£8.50

Boys Grey Jumper with Logo			
Size 3-4 (24)		●	£26.50
Size 5-6 (26)	●		£26.50
Size 7-8 (28)	●		£26.50
Size 9-10 (30)	●		£26.50
Size 11-12 (32)	●		£26.50
Size 13 (34)	●		£26.50
Size 14 (36)	●		£26.50
Size 15 (38)	●		£26.50
Girls Navy Cardigan with Logo			
Size 3-4 (24)		●	£26.50
Size 5-6 (26)		●	£26.50
Size 7-8 (28)	●		£26.50
Size 9-10 (30)		●	£26.50
Size 11-12 (32)		●	£26.50
Size 13 (34)		●	£26.50
Size 14 (36)		●	£26.50
Size 15 (38)		●	£26.50
Navy Reversible Jacket with Logo			
Size 3-4 (24)		●	£27.00
Size 5-6 (26)		●	£27.00
Size 7-8 (28)	●		£27.00
Size 9-10 (30)	●		£27.00
Size 11-12 (32)		●	£27.00
Size 13-14 (34)		●	£27.00
Size 15-16	●		
Navy Summer Cap with Logo	●		£7.00
Navy Winter Hat with Logo	●		£6.00
KS1 Bookbag with Strap	●		£11.00
KS1 PE Rucksack/KS2 Bookbag Rucksack		●	£21.00
KS2 PE Bag	●		£21.00
School Tie	●		£7.00
Water Bottle	●		£2.50
School Badge		●	£5.00



Break for May School Holidays

- Our last day of the school year will be the **17th July** and school with finish at 2pm.
- **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.
- On the **13th July** St Martin Class have a trip to the Supreme Court.
- On the **15th July** St Joseph class are going on a trip to the Unicorn Theatre to watch 'The Lion Inside'

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.

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.



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)

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

