Your weekly round up from St Joseph's Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 23rd October 2026

A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe how quickly Autumn 1 has flown by, despite it being an eight-week term! It has certainly been a busy and productive few weeks, and as we reach the half-term break, I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

It was wonderful this morning to gather for assembly amidst a sea of colour — red, blue, green and yellow — as we celebrated our first **House Day of the academic year**. The children spent the afternoon working within their houses, creating their very own house motto and individual promise. They also learnt more about the saint who inspires their house and explored the Gospel value at the heart of ttheir house identity. It was lovely to see the children embracing this opportunity to strengthen their sense of belonging, live out our Gospel values and begin building a strong sense of house spirit!

I would also like to thank you for your patience and understanding while we waited for Southwark Council to repair the damage to our pupil entrance following the gas works. I am pleased to confirm that the repairs have now been completed and we have returned to our normal drop-off and collection arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation and support throughout this time.

A little reminder that **school reopens on Tuesday 3rd November**, as Monday 2nd November is a staff INSET day.

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful half-term break. With some rather heavy rain forecast, let's hope the sun makes an appearance so we can enjoy a little autumn sunshine! Whatever the weather brings, I hope you have the opportunity to spend some precious time together, relax and recharge ready for the next half term.

I look forward to seeing you all bright and early for the start of Autumn 2!

Mrs M Nicolaou.

Prayer at Home

Dear God, please help me learn how to share and help others. Show me ways I can be kind, generous, and caring. Help me think about how others feel and help when someone needs me. Thank You for teaching me to love and give as You do. Amen.



This week's attendance

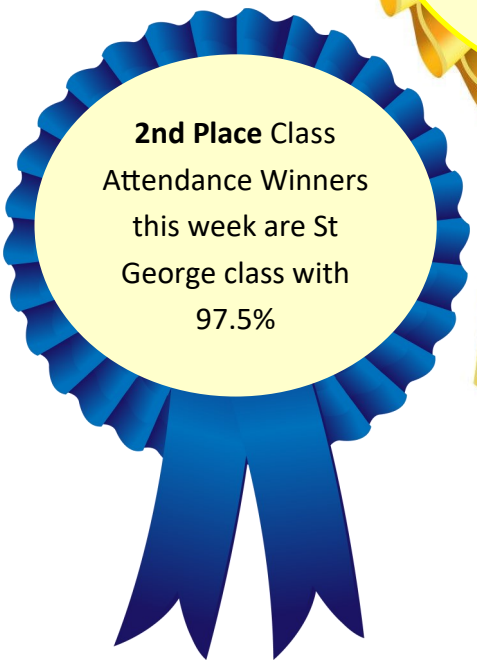
Regular attendance and punctuality are vital to ensuring that every child achieves their full potential.
Raising our attendance to **100% with no late arrivals** is a whole-school priority, and the children are fully aware of this important goal. We are encouraging them to take pride in excellent attendance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



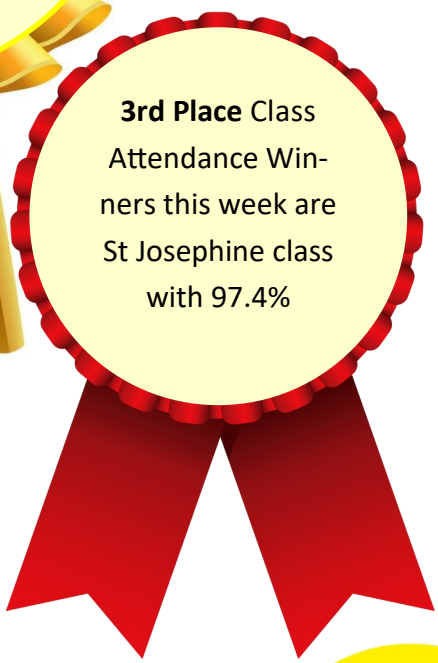
1st Place Class

Attendance Winners this week are St Rose class with 99% and will

enjoy some extra playtime!



2nd Place Class Attendance Winners this week are St George class with 97.5%



3rd Place Class Attendance Winners this week are St Josephine class with 97.4%

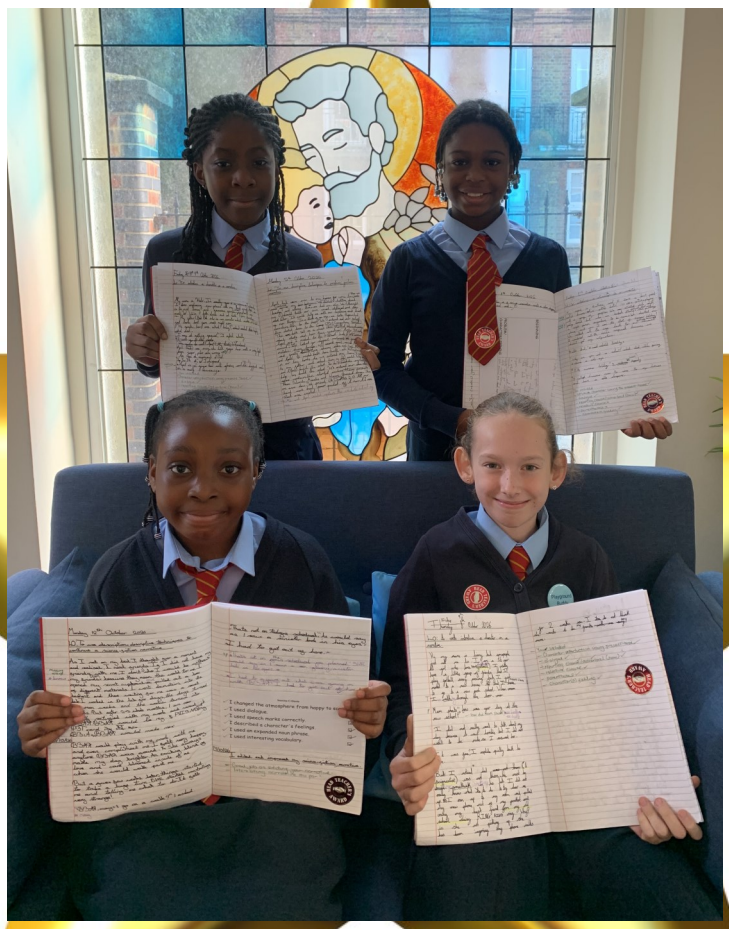
Whole school attendance this week is:

94.9%



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.



Special Mentions

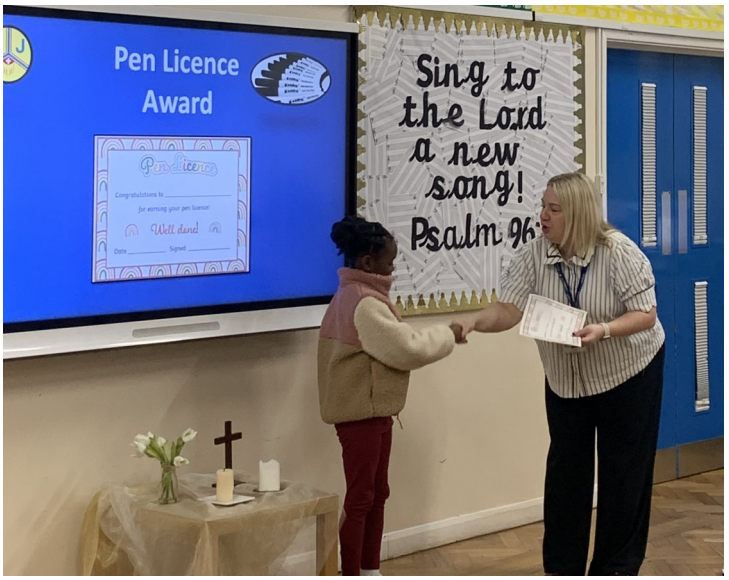












House Day

Today, we enjoyed an exciting and meaningful House Day at St Joseph's! This afternoon, all four houses came together to explore the special values that help us follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Each house discovered its patron saint and listened to the inspiring story behind their saint and how it connects to their house. The children then got creative by coming up with a simple house motto that reflects their values and brings their team together.

To finish, each house worked collaboratively to create a colourful poster displaying their house value, patron saint, motto and a special promise explaining how they will put their value into action around school.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about their house identity, work as a team and think about how they can show their values through kindness, respect and their every-day actions. We look forward to seeing our four houses live out their promises and make a positive difference in our school community!





























Party Bag Treats

To keep everyone happy and healthy, please make sure party bags contain any of these items:



✓ A fruit juice drink



✓ A packet of crisps



✓ A little bag of Haribos

Prohibited Items



No chocolate



No hard sweets



No lollipops

If you are considering bringing party bags for your child's class this year, please be mindful that some children have allergies. To help us keep everyone safe and included, please ensure that party bags contain only the permitted items listed above.

Thank you for your support!

Lost Property

Please help us to help you by ensuring that all of your child's items and uniform are labelled with their full name. This will assist us in returning any found items quickly to the correct person.

Any unlabelled items will be dealt with in the following way:

- Lost property is now located in a blue box in the main reception area, please ask reception for access to the lost property if your child is missing an item.
- All lost items will be brought to main reception where they will be labelled with the date that they were found.
- Items will then be kept in the blue lost property box for 3 weeks to allow them to be collected
- Once an item has been in lost property for 3 weeks without being claimed it will be washed and moved to the pre loved uniform



Pre Loved Uniform

We understand that children grow quickly and the replacement of school uniform can be costly. To assist with this, we do offer pre loved uniform which is available for a donation of £1 per item to the school. Should you wish to access the preloved uniform then please request this at main reception or let them know what you are looking for an we can see if we have any within the pre loved uniform for you.



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



Autumn 2 term date of the diary.

- On the 23rd October, House Day.- Children to come in wearing house colours.
- The **23rd October** is our **last day of term** and will **close at 3:30pm**.
- **Tuesday 3rd November Students return to School.**
- Wednesday **4th November**, SEN Parent workshop/coffee morning at **9:15am** in the Upper Hall.
- Wednesday **11th November**, Remembrance Day.
- Friday **13th November**, St Martin Class Assembly at **9:05am.**
- Friday **13th November**, Children in Need. Students can wear yellow, spotty outfits and Pudsey related items.
- Tuesday **17th November**, Reading parental workshop for whole school at **3:45pm**.
- Wednesday **18th November**, Red Wednesday. Each student will be provided with a red arm band to wear.
- Monday **23rd-Friday 27th November**, Autumn term assessment week.
- Friday **27th November**, St Rose Class Assembly at **9:05am.**
- Monday **30th November**, St Andrew Day. Students can wear **one item** of blue.
- Tuesday **1st December**, EYFS application workshop. For Nursery parents at **9:15am** in ICT suite.
- Wednesday **9th December**, Parents evening for whole school. Appointments will start at **2pm.**
- Thursday **10th December**, Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch. Students to wear a Christmas Jumper **on top of uniform.**
- Friday **11th December**, Senior Citizens Christmas Tea. Year 6 will arrange.
- Tuesday **15th December**, Nursery and Reception Nativity at **2pm** in the Upper Hall.
- Wednesday **16th December**, Year 1 and 2 Nativity at **2pm** in the Upper Hall.
- Thursday **17th December**, Christmas Carol Concert at **2pm** in the upper Hall. Whole school to wear Christmas Jumpers over uniform.
- Friday **18th December**, House Day. Students to wear the colour of their house.
- Friday **18th December**, **Last Day of Autumn Term**. School will **close at 2pm** and there will be **NO** afterschool club.
- **Students return to school on Tuesday 5th January.**

School Announcements

- *School Term Dates for 2026-2027 are now attached and also available on the school website.*

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

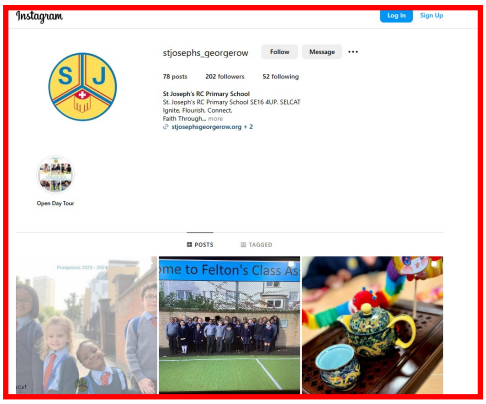
To be used for instances where you wish to contact the Headteacher privately. Please do not use this email for absence requests or notifications.

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.

ParentMail

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



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