Your weekly round up from St Joseph's Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 13th November 2026

A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

What a wonderful week we have had in school!

This morning, we were treated to an amazing assembly from St Martin Class. The children were absolutely fantastic in the way they spoke and delivered their message. Their words were truly inspirational and gave us all plenty to think about. Well done, St Martin Class – you should be incredibly proud!

Our children also showed great respect and thoughtfulness as we marked Remembrance Day this week. They observed the two-minute silence beautifully and showed wonderful support for the Poppy Appeal. A special thank you to our Playground Buddies, who did a fantastic job helping with the collection. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated.

We have also launched our very own News Team! The children have been busy filming the first edition of this year's Newsround. They were incredibly professional in their new media roles, and I am really looking forward to watching their confidence and skills grow as the year progresses. Please do visit our school website to watch this month's episode!

Today, school has been transformed into a wonderful sea of yellow, spots and Pudsey-inspired outfits as we come together to support Children in Need. Thank you so much for your generous donations and for helping us support such a fantastic cause. It is lovely to see our school community coming together to make a difference.

As we reach the end of another busy week, I would like to wish all our families a wonderful weekend. Please wrap up warm, take care and enjoy some quality time together.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday morning for the start of another exciting week in school.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs M Nicolaou.

Prayer at Home

Dear God, please help me make good choices today. Help me know what is right and give me the courage to do it. Even when others make wrong choices, help me stay honest and kind. Thank you for guiding me and helping me grow. 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 and St Rose class with 99% and will

enjoy some extra playtime!

2nd Place Class Attendance Winners this week are St Bernadette class with 97.6%

3rd Place Class Attendance Winners this week are St George class with 97%

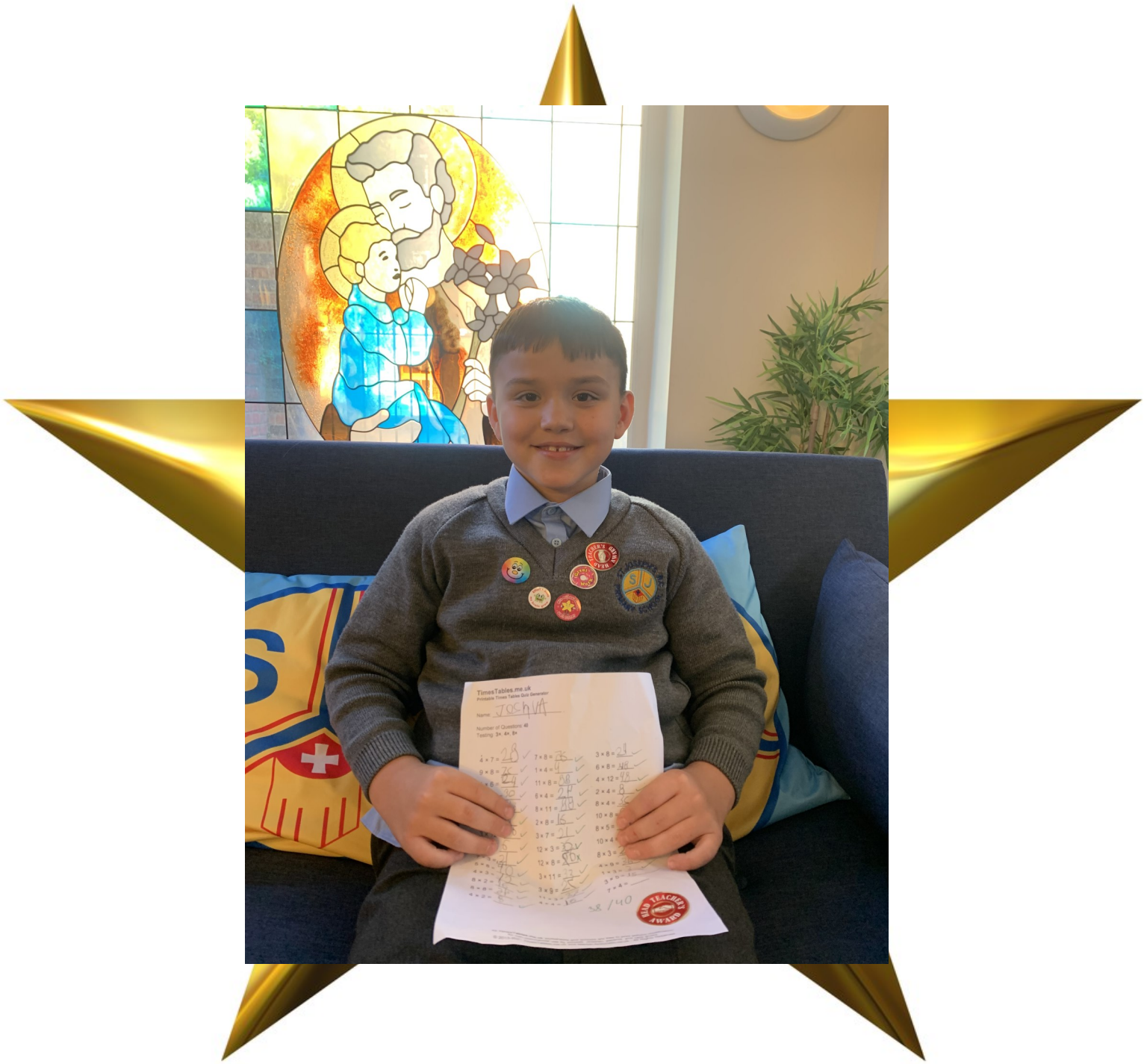
Whole school attendance this week is:

94.6%



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.

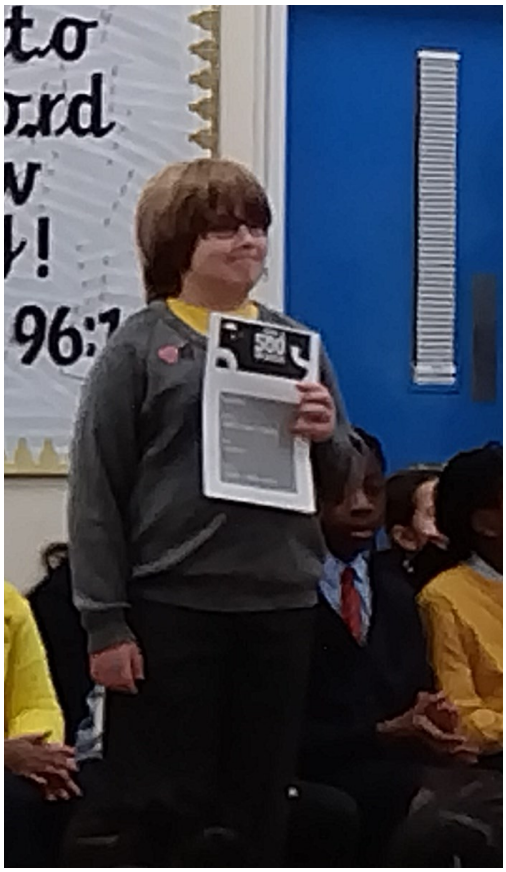


Special Mentions









Friends of St Joseph's

Last Friday, we hosted our **first-ever St Joseph's Firework Night**, organised by our wonderful Friends of St Joseph's! What an incredible evening it was! We hope everyone who joined us had a fantastic night filled with fun, laughter and special memories that will stay with you long after your time at St Joseph's.

We are delighted to announce that the event raised an amazing **£1,484.60!** A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered and helped make the evening such a success.

We also have some fantastic fundraising news to share! Our recent events raised:

Bake Sale: £350

PJ Day: £100

Firework Night: £1,484.60

We are so grateful for the continued support and generosity of our St Joseph's families. It is wonderful to see our school community coming together to create such special moments while raising money for our school. Thank you, everyone!














Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, we marked **Remembrance Day** by coming together as a school to observe a two-minute silence at 11am.

This was an opportunity for our children and staff to pause, reflect and pay their respects to all those who have served and helped to protect our country and secure the freedoms we enjoy today.

It was a lovely moment of reflection across our school community as we remembered the fallen and honoured their bravery and courage.

Lest We Forget.



Children In Need

Today, our children got into the fundraising spirit by coming to school dressed in yellow, spots or their favourite Pudsey-inspired outfits to support **BBC Children in Need!**

It was wonderful to see so many fantastic outfits, and the playground was a sea of yellow at lunchtime! The children looked amazing, and we loved seeing everyone getting involved and showing their support for such a fantastic cause.

Each child kindly brought in a £1 donation to help support the fundraiser. A huge thank you to all our families for their generosity and for helping us make a difference. We are so proud of our St Joseph's community for coming together to support children in need!









My Nametags

Keeping track of your child's school uniform can be tricky, but we've found a simple way to help!

We have teamed up with My Nametags to help parents order personalised name labels at a discounted price. These are a great way to ensure your child's belongings are clearly labelled and easier to identify if they get lost.

Interested? Information leaflets are available from the school reception.



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.

- 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.

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

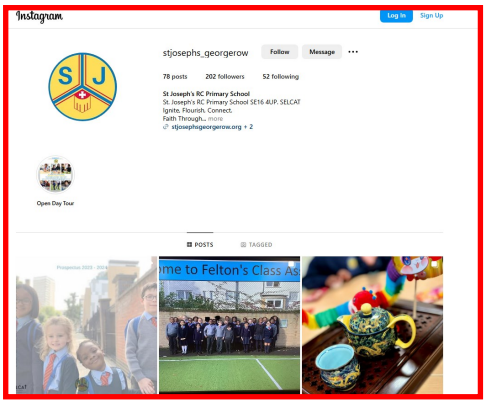
To be used for instances where you wish to contact the Headteacher privately. Please do not use this email for absence requests or notifications.

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



@sorcatrust is the Instagram page for St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust (formally SELCAT)