Your weekly round up from St Joseph's Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 20th November 2026

A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

It has been another wonderful and busy week in school, with lots of opportunities for our children to learn, grow and live out our Catholic values.
A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for our whole-school parent workshop on Tuesday. It was fantastic for our English Reading Lead to share practical tips, strategies and skills to help you support your children at home and enable them to flourish as confident, enthusiastic readers. We really value the strong partnership between home and school.

On Wednesday, we stood in solidarity with Catholics around the world as we held a special liturgy to mark Red Wednesday. The children were incredibly reverent as they reflected, discussed and shared their promises to God, committing to speak out for others and stand up for those who may not have a voice. It was a truly meaningful moment for our school community.

On Thursday, our girls' football team headed off to the Millwall Lions Centre to compete against other schools from across South London. The girls have been practising hard, and they are always such a delight to have on the pitch. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship really shone through at the competition, and we are incredibly proud of them! We are delighted to share that the girls achieved an **amazing 3rd place!** This is a fantastic accomplishment, and they should all be incredibly proud of themselves.

A gentle reminder that next week is assessment week. The children will be working hard to demonstrate all that they have learned, and we look forward to sharing their progress and outcomes with you at our Parents' Evening on 9th December.
Mrs M Nicolaou.

Prayer at Home

Dear God, please help me listen and obey today. Help me follow rules and do what is right, even when it feels hard. Teach me to respect my parents, teachers, and helpers. Thank you for guiding me and helping me grow every day. Amen.



This week's attendance

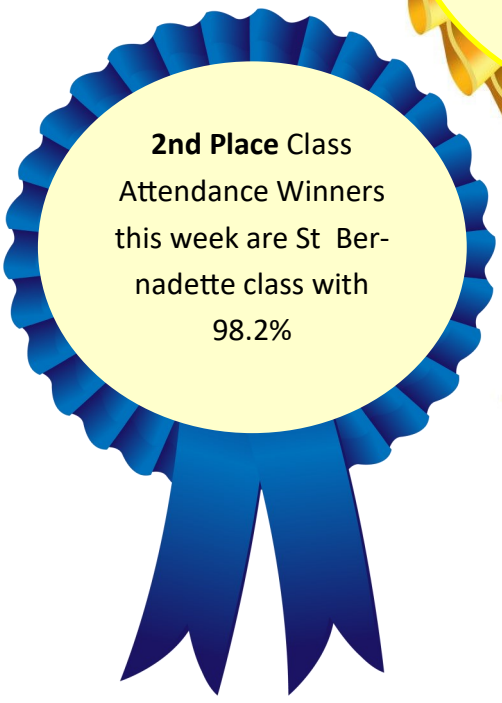
Regular attendance and punctuality are vital to ensuring that every child achieves their full potential.
Raising our attendance to **100% with no late arrivals** is a whole-school priority, and the children are fully aware of this important goal. We are encouraging them to take pride in excellent attendance 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 99% and will

enjoy some extra playtime!



2nd Place Class Attendance Winners this week are St Bernadette class with 98.2%



3rd Place Class Attendance Winners this week are St David class with 92.6%

Whole school attendance this week is:

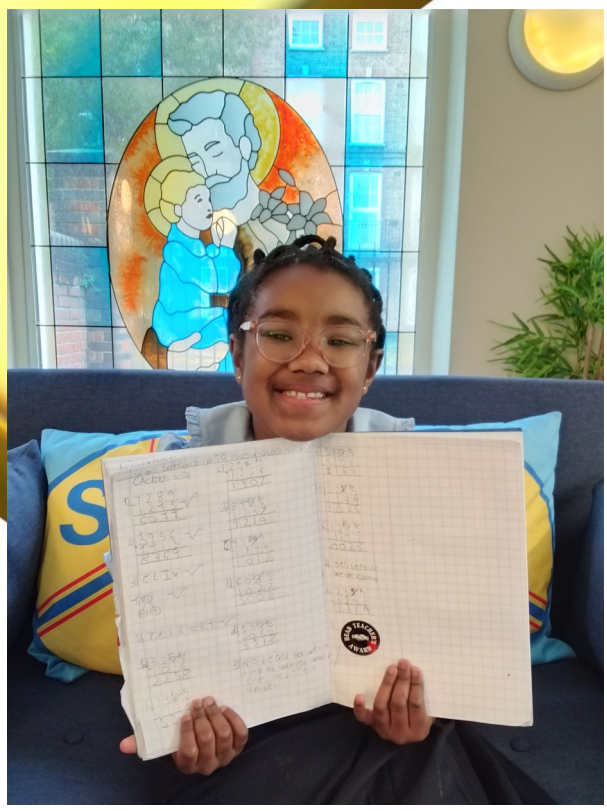
90.8%



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.



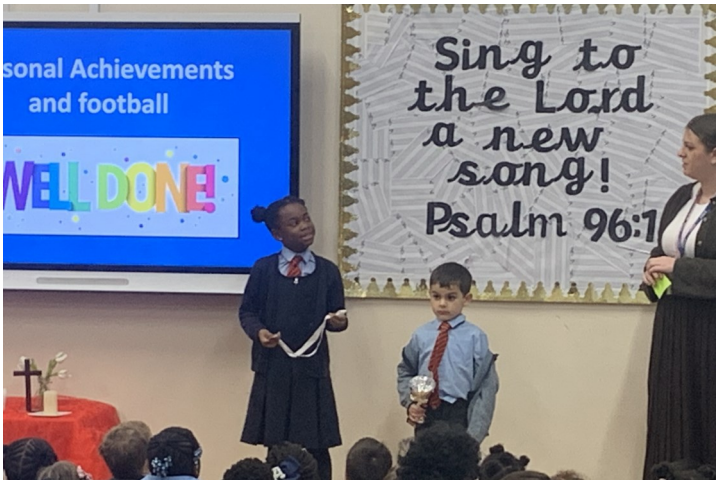


Special Mentions















Red Wednesday

On Wednesday, we marked **Red Wednesday**, an annual day when Catholics come together to remember and stand in solidarity with Christians around the world who are persecuted because of their faith. The children took part in a special assembly, where they learned about the challenges faced by persecuted Christians and the importance of showing love, kindness and support to those who are suffering.

During the assembly, the children explored the meaning of **solidarity** – standing alongside others and reminding them that they are not alone. They also reflected on how they can make a difference in their own lives by showing kindness, standing up for what is right and ensuring everyone feels welcomed, valued and respected.

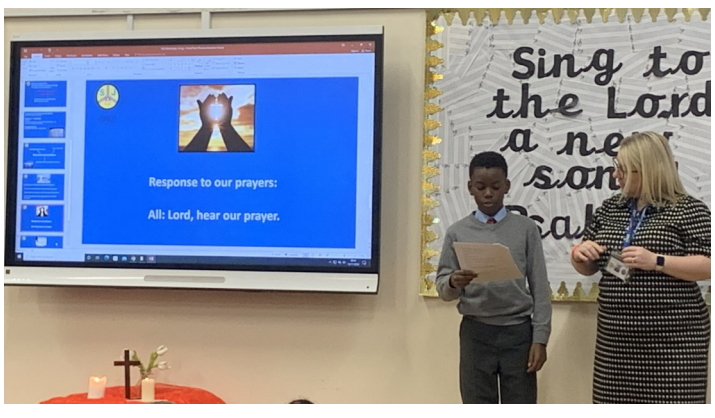
The assembly included a special prayer for Christians around the world, asking God to give them courage, hope and strength during difficult times. The children were also reminded of the words from Matthew 5:10: *"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

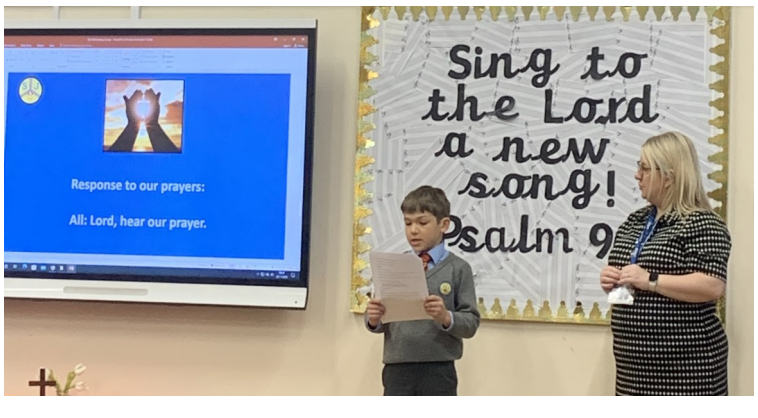
It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to reflect on the importance of faith, compassion and standing together as one community.











Girls Football Tournament

On Thursday, our girls' football team had the exciting opportunity to take part in a football tournament at **Millwall Football Club**. The girls represented St Joseph's brilliantly, showing fantastic team-work, determination and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

We are delighted to share that the girls achieved an **amazing 3rd place!** This is a fantastic accomplishment, and they should all be incredibly proud of themselves.

A huge well done to everyone who took part! You have represented our school wonderfully, and everyone at St Joseph's is extremely proud of you!









St Martin Class Assembly

Last Friday, St Martin Class treated us to a fantastic assembly! The children did a wonderful job, sharing their learning and showcasing all their hard work. They should be incredibly proud of themselves for their confidence, enthusiasm and brilliant performances.

A huge well done to everyone in St Martin Class. You were absolutely amazing, and we are all so proud of you!

