Your weekly round up from St Joseph's Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 6th November 2026

A Message from Mrs Nicolaou

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back to school this week. They have returned looking so smart, full of enthusiasm and eager to begin their learning for the new term. It has been lovely to see classrooms full of happy faces, children reconnecting with their friends and everyone settling back into school life.

One area that we do need to focus on as a whole school is attendance. Our minimum school attendance target is 96%, but unfortunately, this week we achieved 95%. We need to make a real push across all classes to improve this and work towards our aspirational goal of 100% attendance.
Being in school every day is so important. It is not just about academic learning; it is also about developing friendships, building social skills, sharing experiences and making those special memories with friends that children will carry with them throughout their school journey. Every day really does count, and I ask all families to continue to prioritise good attendance and punctuality.

A little reminder to please make sure that you have read the Parent Mail message regarding the updates to our home learning structure. These changes have been made following feedback from parents, and we are grateful to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts and suggestions. We hope the updated approach will provide a positive and manageable experience for our children and families.
I am really looking forward to seeing many of you this evening for the first of what I know will be many wonderful events organised by our fantastic Friends of St Joseph's. Thank you, as always, to our Friends for the time, energy and enthusiasm they give to bringing our school community together and creating special experiences for our children.

I hope you all have a restful weekend, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, ready for another wonderful week of learning at St Joseph's.
Mrs M Nicolaou.

Prayer at Home

Dear God, please help me have a kind heart today. Help me speak kindly, act kindly, and think kindly about others. Show me how to help people and forgive when someone hurts my feelings. Thank you for loving me and teaching me how to love others, too. 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 Bernadette class and St Joseph class with 100% and will

enjoy some extra playtime!

2nd Place Class Attendance Winners this week are St George class with 98.7%

3rd Place Class Attendance Winners this week are St Josephine class and St Martin class with 98.6%

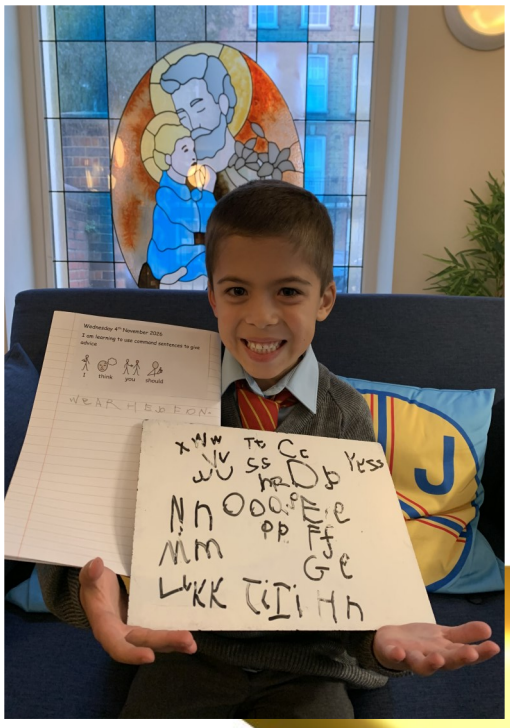
Whole school attendance this week is:

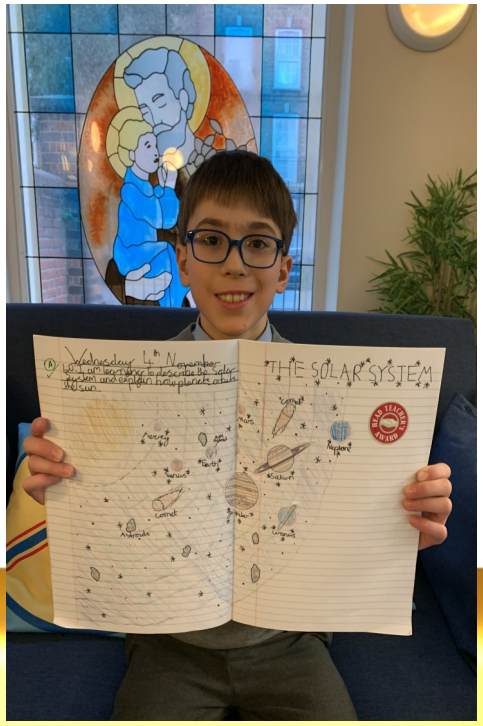
95.8%

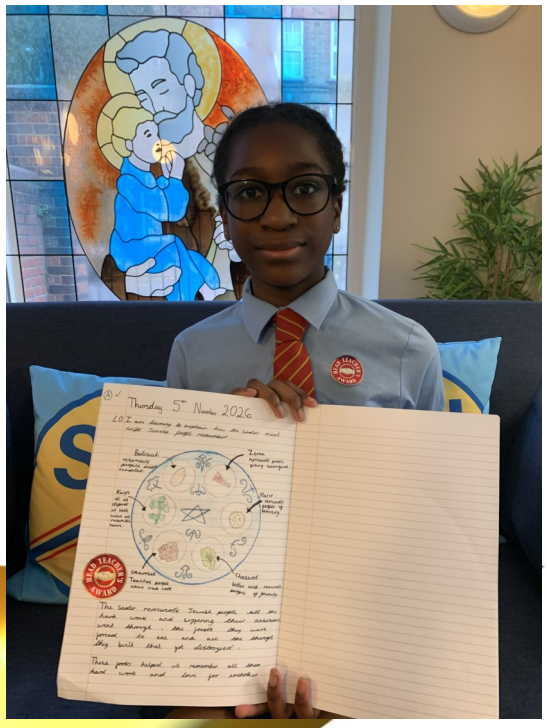


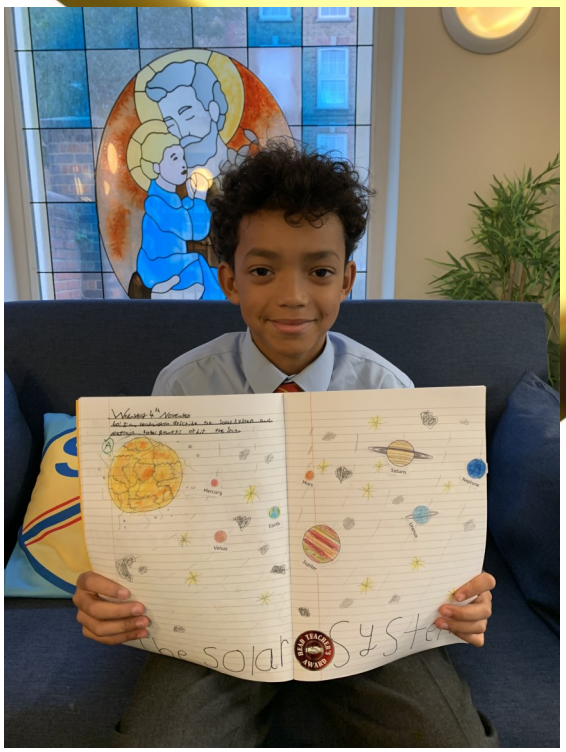
Headteacher's Award

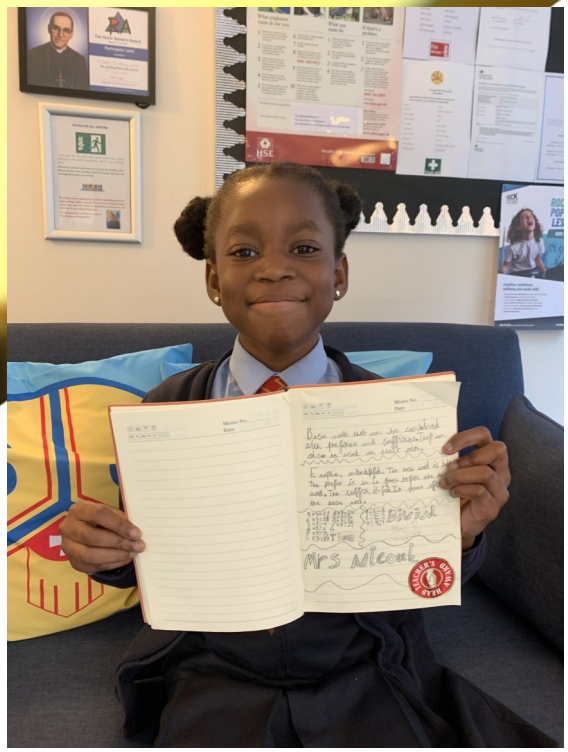
Here at St. Joseph's we are pleased to celebrate our pupils who have received a Headteacher's Award. These pupils have displayed outstanding effort, and positive attitudes to learning. These awards reflect not only academic success, but also kindness, resilience, and a commitment to our school values. 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



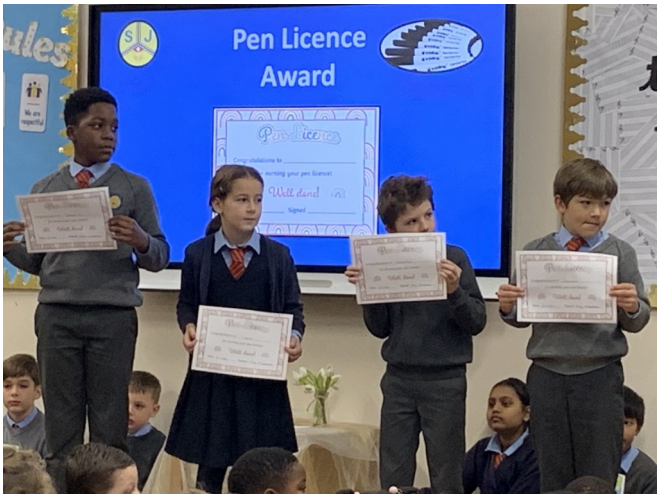








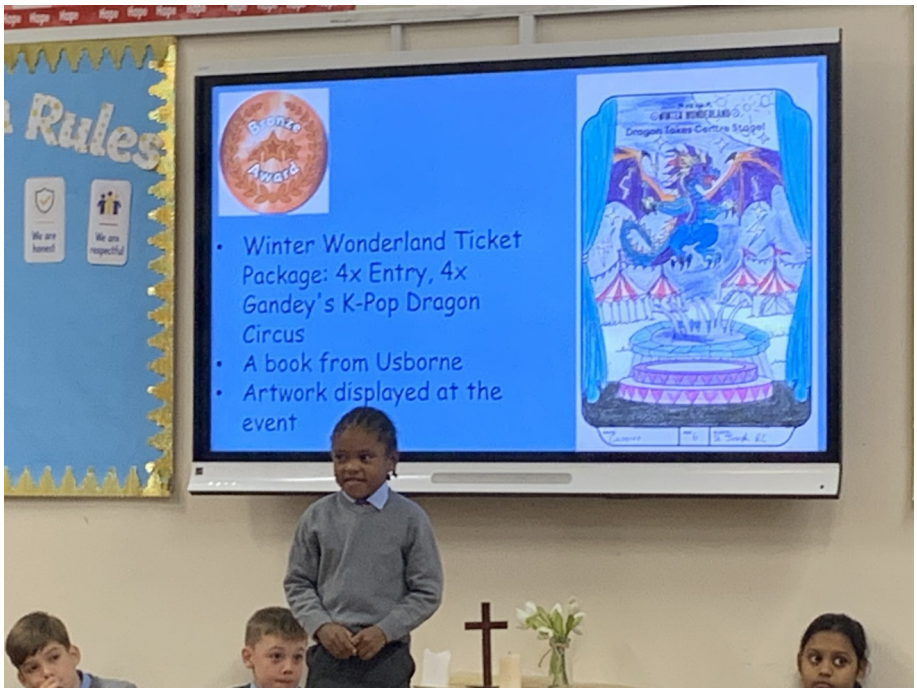




Hyde Park Art Competition

-Congratulations to our winners

A huge well done to all the pupils who took part in the Hyde Park Art Competition! I am delighted to announce that **Isaac Masiglat-Cook** has been awarded **Gold** and **Cassius Hylton** has been awarded **Bronze**. Both pupils have done wonderfully, and I am incredibly proud of their creativity and achievements.
Congratulations to Isaac and Cassius, and well done to everyone who participated!

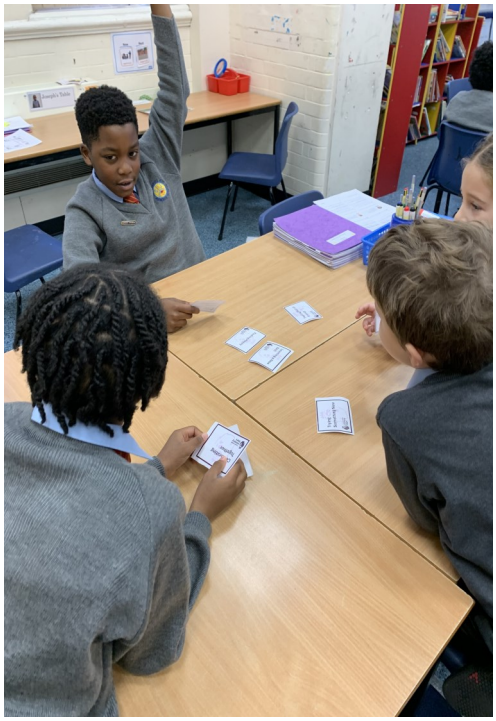




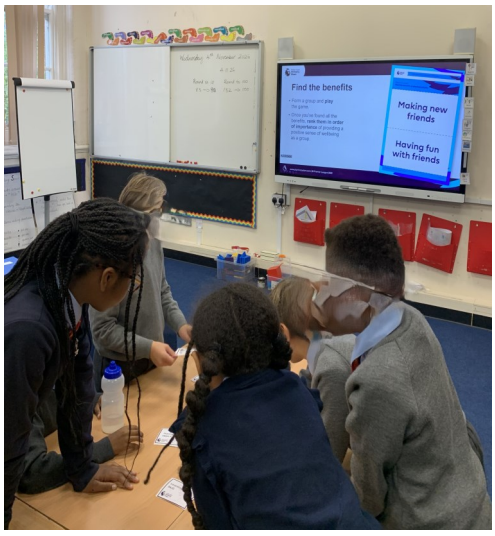
Millwall Community Trust workshop

This week, St Rose Class had a fantastic visit from Millwall Community Trust, who delivered an engaging and interactive workshop for the children. Through fun activities and teamwork, the pupils explored the importance of friendship, building positive relationships and supporting one another. They also discussed how spending time with friends and enjoying activities together can have a positive impact on our wellbeing. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting involved, sharing ideas and learning valuable lessons along the way!













SEND Coffee Morning

We recently welcomed parents and carers to our SEND Coffee Morning, which provided a lovely opportunity to come together, enjoy a cup of coffee and find out more about the SEND support available within our school.

Parents had the opportunity to meet our Educational Psychologist (EP) and Speech and Language Therapist (SALT), learn more about their roles and ask any questions they may have. They were also able to find out about additional information and support available to families.

It was wonderful to provide a welcoming space for parents to connect, share questions and learn more about the support available to help our children thrive.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us and to our visiting professionals for taking the time to support our school community!





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.

- 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

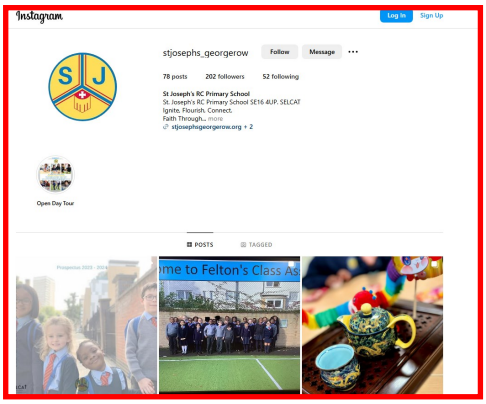
To be used for instances where you wish to contact the Headteacher privately. Please do not use this email for absence requests or notifications.

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



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