St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 13th November 2026

ATTENDANCE AWARD
Year 3 99%

HOUSE POINTS
Matthew

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Zachary & Lorena

Reception
Anne-Marie & Azreah

Year 1
Jasper & Tony

Year 2
Raluchukwu & Jayden

Year 3
Elizabeth & Oseyemere

Year 4
Aren & Filippo

Year 5
Lula & Deandra

Year 6
Samuele & Yusuf

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Ronnie

Reception
Jude

Year 1
Aylin

Year 2
Naomi

Year 3
Asaiah

Year 4
Alex

Year 5
Oscar W

Year 6
Rafa

A Remembrance Prayer for November

Loving Father,
Help us to be thankful for the courage, kindness and sacrifices of others. May we always remember to show love, respect and compassion, living as Jesus taught us and bringing hope to those around us.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Remembrance Service

We held a beautiful and reflective Remembrance Service in school, led by Father John and our wonderful Chaplaincy Team. It was a special opportunity for our school community to come together in prayer and reflection, remembering all those who have given their lives in the service of others and those who continue to work for peace today.
Through prayers, readings and moments of quiet reflection, the children demonstrated great respect and understanding of the importance of remembrance. We were incredibly proud of our Chaplaincy Team for leading such a meaningful service and helping us to remember the importance of peace, hope and love. **We will remember them.**

Children in need

What a fantastic day we had celebrating Children in Need! The children had so much fun wearing their spotty clothing and enjoying our very popular cake sale. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, showing such enthusiasm and generosity to support this very worthwhile cause. A huge thank you to all our families for their kind donations of cakes, biscuits and sweet treats, as well as their generous contributions. It was a great day for everyone and, most importantly, we raised money to help make a difference to the lives of children and young people across the UK. We are incredibly proud of our school community for coming together to support such a worthy cause, so far we have raised an incredible **£541. THANK YOU!**

Parent voice

A huge thank you to all the parents who took the time to attend our recent Parent Voice session. It was a truly worthwhile opportunity to come together, share ideas, celebrate the many successes within our school and offer valuable recommendations for the future. We really appreciate your honesty, contributions and willingness to work in partnership with us. These conversations are so important in helping us reflect, grow and continue to make our school the very best it can be for our children and families. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

SEA Visit

We were delighted to welcome our School Education Adviser (SEA) into school for our autumn visit. It was an incredibly positive and successful visit, with lovely feedback shared about the high quality of education we provide and the wonderful, nurturing environment we create for our children. It was particularly pleasing to hear such positive recognition of the dedication and hard work of our staff team and the positive experiences our children enjoy every day. We are incredibly proud of our school community and the loving, caring and supportive environment we continue to build together, ensuring every child is happy, confident and able to flourish.

Governor Morning:

We were delighted to welcome our Governors into school for a special Governor Morning. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience daily life at St Joseph's, enjoying a learning walk around the school, joining us for our celebration assembly and spending time talking with our children about their learning and achievements. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our Governors for their continued time, commitment and dedication to our school. Their support, challenge and excellent collaboration play such an important role in helping us to maintain our high standards and ensure the very best outcomes for all our children. We truly value the partnership we share with our Governing Body and are grateful for everything they do to support our school community. Together, we continue to grow and flourish!

Follow Us on Instagram!

Stay connected with life at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School by following our Instagram page! 📸

Our Instagram page is a wonderful way to keep up to date with the latest news, events and celebrations happening across our school. From exciting learning experiences and special achievements to our Catholic faith celebrations, school trips, community events and everyday moments that make St Joseph's so special, we love sharing our school journey with you. Follow us to celebrate our children's successes, discover the wonderful opportunities they enjoy and see how we live out our Catholic values and school ethos each day.

We are proud of our vibrant, caring and inclusive school community, and Instagram helps us share the many ways our children learn, grow and flourish together.

Follow us on Instagram and be part of our St Joseph's journey!

https://www.instagram.com/stjosephswalthamcross/&

REMINDERS:

Parking

Parents/visitors to our school are kindly reminded:

- Be considerate of road markings and neighbours when parking near our school.
- do not park or stop on yellow lines or zigzags.
- do not ignore road markings.
- do not park over driveways.
- do not cause increased danger for road users.
- do not be abusive or rude to the local residents or other members of the community.

Scooters

Please be reminded that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on school premises.
Please disembark at the school gate and walk/wheel the scooter/bike from the school gate and leave them in the designated bike/scooter area next to the library.
As always, we thank you for your continued support.

- Please remember those healthy items for packed lunches.
- Children are NOT to play on the Adventure Trail or in the access road outside the Royal Avenue gate, as this vehicular gate is in constant use.
- St Joseph's is an 'Allergy Aware School'

AUTUMN TERM 2

Week	Date-	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2nd November			CHAPLAINCY SELL POPPIES	GUY FWAKES BONFIRE PARENT CONSULTATIONS	DIWALI ASSEMBLY
2	9th November 2026			REMEMBRANCE SERVICE		GOVERNOR MORNING
3	16th November 2026	ANTI - BULLYING WEEK School Photographer	ODD SOCKS DAY		YEAR 5 PRAYER SERVICE 2:45PM	
4	23rd November 2026	DT WEEK				
5	30th November 2026		ADVENT ASSEMBLY			YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY 9.10AM
6	7th December 2026			CHRISTMAS DINNER		
7	14th December 2026			YEAR 1&2 NATIVITY 2:30PM PARENTS	RECEPTION AND NURSERY SING ALONG (9:15AM) TALENT SHOW 10AM CLASS PARTIES PM	CAROL SERVICE 11AM SCHOOL CLOSES 1:30PM
Christmas Holiday's - Monday 21st December 2026 until Friday 1st January 2027– School returns Monday 4th January						

Healthy Packed Lunch

Suggestions for food to include in a healthy packed lunch

- **At least** one portion of fruit or vegetable every day.
- Meat, fish or other source of non-diary protein (e.g. lentils, beans, soya or hummus), every day
- Oily fish such as pilchards, salmon or tuna
- A starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice noodles, potatoes or other type of cereal every day.
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard.
- Cereal bars rather than cakes or biscuits
- Seeds, crackers and cheese, vegetables or bread sticks with a dip

Drinks

- Water bottles are to be brought into school – water is provided if children run out and need a top up.
- Water bottles are to be brought on school trips – NO other drink.

FUN FRIDAY

Suggestions for food to include **ON A FUN FRIDAY** in a healthy packed lunch.

- Snacks such as crisps
- Chocolate coated biscuits or wafers **or**
- Small cake e.g. fairy cakes, cake bars, muffins **or**
- Small pudding pot e.g. chocolate mousse)

Foods that should not be brought into school (These are foods that we have already asked not to be brought into school)

- Confectionery such as chocolate bars.
- Sweets
- **Nuts or nut products (although they can be healthy there is a very serious risk to other children with allergies).**
- Fizzy drinks or any soft drinks.

