St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 20th November 2026

ATTENDANCE AWARD
Reception 100%

HOUSE POINTS
John

STARS OF THE WEEK
Nursery
Anastastia & Sophia

Reception
Jude & Aoife

Year 1
Eliora & Ava

Year 2
Samuel & Ellyana

Year 3
Leonor & Sade

Year 4
Myra & Janice

Year 5
Vanya & Dreinan

Year 6
Maxwell & Tadiwa

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Theresa

Reception
Ezra

Year 1
Malyk

Year 2
Maryam

Year 3
Isaac

Year 4
Rory

Year 5
Beatrice

Year 6
Lia

A Remembrance Prayer for November



Heavenly Father,
During this special month of November, we take time to remember all those who have gone before us and those who are no longer with us.
We thank You for the love, kindness and memories they have left in our hearts. We remember those who have served our country and sacrificed so much for others, and we pray for peace throughout our world.
Lord, help us to be grateful for the people who surround us, to show kindness to one another and to keep the light of Your love shining brightly in everything we do.
May we find comfort in knowing that those we love are always held in Your loving arms.
Amen.

Children In Need

We are delighted to share that, thanks to the generosity of our wonderful families, we raised an amazing **£649 for Children in Need**, plus an extra **£149.25 through Gift Aid**. Thank you for helping us make a difference and showing such kindness and community spirit!

Anti-bullying week

This week, we have been recognising Anti-Bullying Week, taking the opportunity to remind our children of the importance of kindness, respect and friendship. Through class discussions, activities and reflections, the children have explored what bullying means, how our words and actions can affect others and the importance of speaking up if they see or experience unkind behaviour.
Our children also embraced the theme by celebrating individuality and the importance of standing together to make sure everyone feels valued, included and safe. At St Joseph's, we are proud to promote a culture where kindness matters, everyone belongs and we look after one another, living out our Catholic values each and every day.
Together, we can make a difference – choosing kindness, standing together and making sure every child feels they belong.

Year 5 Prayer Service

On Thursday afternoon, Year 5 led a thoughtful prayer service.
Our focus was on the story of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments from God, as told in the Old Testament book of Exodus. Having explored this story in our RE lessons, the children shared why the Ten Commandments are important and how they guide us in following Jesus and living our lives as Christians.
We also reflected on the importance of remembrance during the month of November, taking time to remember and pray for all those who have died.
Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us for this special occasion.

CHEXS Community Project

We are delighted that our children have had the opportunity to take part in a fantastic enrichment project in partnership with our local charity, CHEXS. The project gave the children the opportunity to explore and engage with a local community area, developing their understanding of the environment around them and the importance of caring for and contributing to their community. Through this valuable experience, the children developed teamwork, confidence, resilience and a sense of responsibility as young citizens. We are incredibly grateful to CHEXS for providing such wonderful opportunities for our children to learn beyond the classroom and make a positive difference within our local community.

Admissions Reception 2027

Reception and **Nursery** applications opened on **Monday 2nd November 2026** and will close on **Friday 15th January 2027.**

Supplementary Information Forms are available to collect from the school office.
In addition to submitting the **Reception** Supplementary Information Form, parents must also apply online through Hertfordshire County Council via www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
Reception 2027 applies to children born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.**

Nursery - September 2027

Nursery applications should be made directly through the school.
Supplementary Application Forms and supporting documentation should be submitted to the school office before **Friday 15th January 2027.**
Nursery 2027 applies to children born between **1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024.**
Please note: We are a 30-hour childcare provider and welcome applications from all children aged 3+ and of all faiths to our Nursery.

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:

- scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on school premises.
- 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.

- 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			REMEMBRANCE SERVICE		GOVERNOR MORNING
3	16th November	ANTI -BULLYING WEEK SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER	ODD SOCKS DAY		YEAR 5 PRAYER SERVICE 2:45PM	
4	23rd November	DT WEEK	YEAR 3 & 4 STEM WORKSHOP	YEAR 1 & 2 STEM WORKSHOP	NUR & REC STEM WORKSHOP	YEAR 5 & 6 STEM WORKSHOP
5	30th November		ADVENT ASSEMBLY			YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY 9.10AM
6	7th December			CHRISTMAS DINNER		
7	14th December			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						

At St. Joseph's we live, love and learn by the example of Jesus.
Aspiring for excellence for all, together as a catholic community.

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.




DANCEWORKS
ACADEMY
Christmas
Camp
TUESDAY 22ND
& TUESDAY 29TH
DECEMBER
9AM - 1PM
£20 PER CHILD
EACH DAY
YEAR RECEPTION
TO YEAR 6
Includes a day of
dance, games, arts
& crafts and more!
Please contact us to book on:
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