



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 30th January 2026

Our School Values Respect - Self-belief - Faith - Friendship - Resilience - Self-control - Perseverance - Aspiration

Prayer

God, you are the Father of us all.
 Thank you for making every person special and loving us all.
 As we gather together, help us to listen to your word.
 Help us to see you in one another, and teach us to be loving and kind,
 not just in what we say, but in what we do.
 We ask this through Jesus our Lord.
 Amen

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 1 97.8%
 Year 6 97.8%

HOUSE POINTS

Matthew

Art Week:

This week we have been diving back into our Art skills and have enjoyed being creative. Across the school we have explored different styles of art including printing and light and dark shading. It has been wonderful to see the progression of drawing skills through the school. Art week is something the children look forward to during the term, and it is wonderful to see the amazing pieces of art being created across the school. Hopefully you will see some of your children's work on our website class pages later today.

Year 3: Prayer Service

Well done to everyone who took part in the Year 3 Prayer Service this Thursday. It was a lovely service and it was a pleasure to share it with our parents. Father John led the service and everyone read their parts well and sang their hymn 'Shine, Jesus, Shine' beautifully.

Our Prayer Service was a celebration of the presentation of Jesus by Mary and Joseph in the Temple. It's a special day in the Christian calendar held every year on 2nd February and known as Candlemas. In St Luke's Gospel (Chapter 2; verses 22-40) Mary and Joseph present Jesus to Simeon at the Temple. Simeon recognised that Jesus was very special and would be like a bright light shining in the world. We lit candles to help us remember Simeon's words and to ask God to bless all children of the world and help them to walk in His light. At the end of the service, we prayed that God would lighten our darkness and help us to bring joy and hope into our lives.

Holocaust Memorial Service

The Year 6 Chaplaincy team and I were privileged to attend the Broxbourne Holocaust Memorial Service on Tuesday. The theme this year was Bridging the Generations and it was a very moving tribute to remind us of, not only the original Holocaust 80 years ago, but the fact that there have been other genocides since. Each person who attended received a candle to light at 8pm on Tuesday and put in a window as a tribute to all of those who died and a stone to add to the memorial in the garden.

Chaplaincy felt that the pile of shoes on display as part of the memorial was a stark reminder of how people were treated as if their lives were worth less than the shoes they wore.

Nursery Spaces – September 2026.

**St. Joseph's
Nursery School**

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023?
 Are you looking for a Nursery School for your child?

**Why not give your child the best start in Nursery Education at
 St. Joseph's Nursery School in Waltham Cross.**

We still have some Nursery spaces available for September 2026.

As a 30 hour provider, we also offer wrap around care from 7.45am until 5.30pm.

We welcome applications from children of all faiths to our Nursery.

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery
 Sebastian

Reception
 Alexander

Year 1
 Victoria

Year 2
 Oseyemere

Year 3
 Michalina

Year 4
 Selin

Year 5
 Emilia

Year 6
 Precious

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

Olympian Visit Coming Soon!

We're excited to announce that Commonwealth rhythmic gymnast and Olympian Saffron Severn will be visiting our school on **Wednesday 4th February!**

The children will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit, followed by a motivational assembly and Q&A, designed to inspire a love of physical activity and encourage pupils to pursue their passions. Funds raised will support new sports equipment for the school and help inspire future generations of athletes.

Please remember PE kits on the day!

PTA Valentines Disco.



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 a 'NUT-FREE' Zone!**

Spring Term 1

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	5 th January 2026	INSET DAY	SCHOOL OPENS EPIPHANY MASS 2PM		YEAR 4 PRAYER SERVICE	
2	12 th January 2026					
3	19 th January 2026					PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY
4	26 th January 2026 ART WEEK				YEAR 3 PRAYER SERVICE	
5	2 nd February 2026					YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY
6	9 th February 2026		SAFER INTERNET DAY		PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY AND VALENTINES DISCO	

Half term -16th February -20th February 2026

A 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-dairy 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

- No drinks are to be brought into school – water is provided.
- 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.

NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU