St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter - February 2026

Headteacher News

It was lovely to see so many of you at the parent teacher meetings before half term using our new format in the school hall. Thank you for taking the time to attend to discuss your children's progress. If you couldn't make it please do make contact with your class teacher to make an appointment.

We will be looking to relaunch the PTFA (Parent, Teacher & Friends Association) at an upcoming coffee morning on Friday 6th March just after drop off. The PTFA is a key element of our school but relies on parents and families committing to organising some social activities for our children and families in school. In turn this can raise funds that can be spent on some lovely additional treats and opportunities for your children. It would be lovely to see lots of you at the coffee morning where a new committee will be elected and then we will hopefully have many exciting events to look forward to, including a Summer Fair. The more volunteers we have, the easier the role will be. Please do consider attending, or if you cannot, but are still interested in volunteering, please do let me know.

God bless, Mrs Flower

OFFICE HOURS

8.30-4.00 Monday-Friday – closed during school holidays.

SCHOOL HOURS

Registration begins 8.50a.m. (gates open from 8.40am) School finishes 3.15p.m. (Infants/KS1) 3.20p.m. (Juniors/KS2)

Nursery – morning session 8.30-11.30a.m. – afternoon session 12.20-3.20p.m.

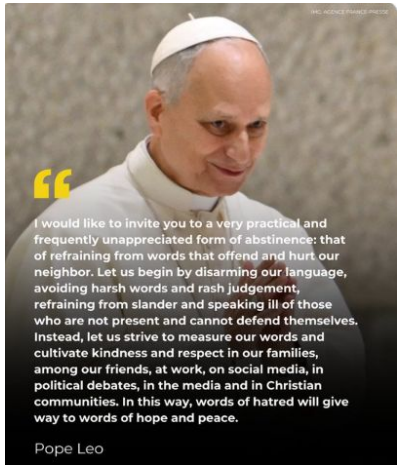
CHANGES TO FAMILY DETAILS

For changes to your address, telephone numbers or email address please let the office know either in person or by e-mail.

MEDICATION

If your child needs to receive prescription medicine (4 times a day), medicines need to be brought to the office and parents are asked to complete a 'permission to administer' form.

R.E:



Lent began during half term with Ash Wednesday. In our first collective worship back in school we discussed ways we can pray, give alms and fast during Lent to prepare for Easter. We are aiming to follow the words of Pope Leo during Lent. He is encouraging us to:

Fast from hurtful words: Instead of just giving up treats, focus on not saying mean things, avoiding gossip, and using words that bring peace.

Listen more: Make an effort to listen to God, friends, and family, creating a "civilisation of love,"

Choose kindness: Replace pride with humility and selfishness with service to others.

Class attendance for Feb 2026

R = 95.2%
Yr1 = 92%
Yr2 = 93.9%
Yr3 = 97.6%
Yr4 = 96.8%
Yr5 = 90.2%
Yr6 = 96.2%

Congratulations

Y3



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Spring Dates - March 2026

Wed 4 Mar- Y5&6- Science Show at Surbiton High
Thur 5 March- World Book Day
Fri 6th March - PTFA Launch Coffee Morning 9am
Fri 6th March - Y6 library visit
Fri 13th March- Science Project Fair 3:20-4pm Hall
Fri 13th March- Y5 library visit
Tue 17th March - School Council-Houses of Parliament visit
Wed 18th March - Y4 Assembly 9:05am
Thur 19th March - St Joseph's Feast Day (Mufti Day)
Thur 19th March - Mass at 9:15am
Fri 20th March- Lifting Young Voices Concert Y3,4,5,6
Holy Week Assemblies:
Mon 23rd Mar- Reception 'Palm Sunday' 9:05am
Tue 24th Mar- Y2 'Last Supper' 9:05am
Wed 25th Mar- Y3 'Good Friday' 9:05am
Thur 26th Mar- Y1 'Easter Sunday' 9:05am
Thur 26th Mar- Art and DT Exhibition 3:15-3:45pm
Fri 27th March- **Early finish 1:30pm**

Easter Break 30th March - 10th April



Attendance Policy

Our School attendance policy can be viewed on the School website.
There is a direct link between attendance and attainment. Absence from school interrupts teaching and learning, and affects children's progress and wellbeing.
New legislation states that head teachers may only grant a leave of absence in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Holidays or unauthorised leave in term time will not be granted.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

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Appointments

We ask that where possible any appointments are booked outside of the school day. Where this is not possible, or for emergency appointments, please share the appointment confirmation with the school office prior to the appointment in order for the absence to be authorised.

If you need to collect your child early from school due to an appointment, please inform the office in the morning so this information can be shared with the relevant class teacher.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Fun Plus Out of School Club
Breakfast Club 8:00-8:40am
After School 3:15-6pm
Please book using the QR code below

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Safeguarding:

Should you ever have a concern about the welfare of a child or adult, please come and speak in confidence with the school's safeguarding leads. Our Designated Safeguarding Leaders for the school are Mrs Flower, Mrs Luccioni, Miss Kate and Miss Aziz. If you cannot speak to us in person we can be contacted via email at: dsl@stjosephs.rbksch.org

Should you not wish to speak to a member of the school team you can contact Kingston's Children's Single Point of Access (SPA).The SPA provides residents and people who work with children in Kingston with direct information, advice and guidance about where and how to find the appropriate support for children and families.

The Single Point of Access team is available from 8am to 5.15pm, Monday to Thursday, 8am to 5pm Friday.Call them on 020 8547 5008, or if you need to speak to someone urgently after hours or at the weekend, call the 'Out of Hours' team on 020 8770 5000.

This months sign is…

Makaton



Spring

Check out Suzanne and Tracy at the Singing Hands who have lots of wonderful resources online. Please use the link below:
https://singinghands.co.uk/

PTFA Christmas Raffle & Cake Sale

A huge thank-you to everyone who supported our PTFA Christmas Raffle and Cake Sale. Together we raised **£511**, a fantastic result and a real team effort.

Building on this success, we warmly invite all parents and carers to join our coffee morning next Friday, where we'll be relaunching St Joseph's PTFA.

March 6th - PTFA Launch Coffee Morning 9-10 am - please respond to let us know you will be coming with this link - https://forms.gle/KFom6XQzPmY54YKn7

PTFA

Nursery





We have had a busy and exciting month in Nursery. The children enjoyed taking part in **Big Birdwatch**, learning about different birds and exploring nature through creative activities. We also focused on **love** and **kindness**, sharing stories, making Valentine's cards and talking about our families and friendships.

To finish the month, we learned about **Chinese New Year**. The children practised using chopsticks, counted objects into takeaway boxes, made colourful lantern collages and enjoyed role playing in our Chinese restaurant. It has been a lovely month full of creativity, role play and hands-on learning!





Reception

Traditional Tales

We continued learning about traditional tales through role play, storytelling and writing our own stories.





Lent

As Lent begins we are learning about Jesus' sacrifice and his message of love.

Ice experiment

- We used salt water to melt the ice cubes.







Chinese New Year - The year of the horse

We made chinese paper lanterns





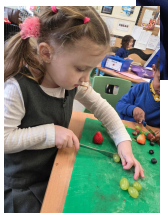




Valentine's Day

For Valentine's day, we made fruit kebabs.







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Year 1

It has been a busy month in Year 1. The children have come back refreshed from our half term week off and have returned with the same great attitude they showed last term.

In English we have started reading a new book called “The Traction Man” which the children have been enjoying. They have been using different vocabulary to describe the traction man and have also started creating their own characters based on the ones introduced in the story.

In Maths we have been working on subtraction. The children have been working really hard on this and are now subtracting numbers from 20 on a number line and also can find the difference between two numbers up to 20.

In RE we have been looking at Lent where we have discussed Jesus’ time in the desert and how we can try to follow in his footsteps and try to give something up for Lent in order to have more empathy and test our commitment.

Finally, in science we have done a few experiments relating to salt. We made an egg float in salt water and also used it to melt ice to help rescue the animals stuck inside. Keep up the great work everyone!






Year 2 In English Year 2 have worked tirelessly to improve their handwriting and grammar knowledge. They enjoyed learning actions to remember spelling rules to protect the short vowel sound, rule breakers for adding suffixes and knowing the difference between regular and irregular verbs. Their composition skills have improved as they adapted the ending to the story Stone Age Boy.

During their mathematics lessons, the children have been learning how to calculate multiplication and division and what is meant by sharing and grouping. They enjoyed using songs to recall counting in 2’s, 5’s and 10’s. During their maths mastery sessions, the children are proud of the improvements they have made in their mental recall of number facts.

As their history topic about Florence Nightingale came to an end the children had the opportunity to compare her achievements with Edith Cavell and Mary Seacole and the difference they all made to the nursing profession at the time.

The RE topic of *Galilee to Jerusalem* gave the children a better understanding of the teachings of Jesus. They discovered how different parables contained within the bible taught people the importance of forgiveness and everyone is special in God’s eyes.

It is always wonderful to see just how creative Year 2 are! To end a busy term the children used the knowledge they gained in their science lesson to create some artwork on the theme of ‘I grow on or in the ground and people eat me!’

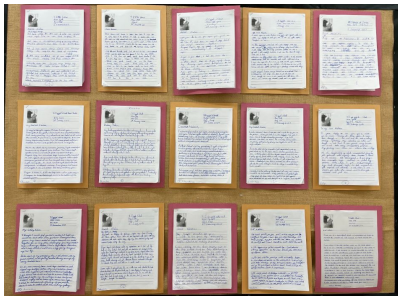


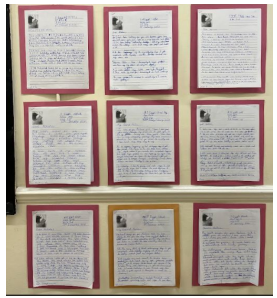


Year 3

What a fantastic and busy month we have had!

In Literacy, the children have been completing their letters written in role as Edward, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they have shown. They have worked hard to improve their handwriting, develop their sentence structure, and use ambitious vocabulary to make their writing more engaging. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow, and they are especially excited that their letters will be displayed in the Kingston Library for everyone to enjoy. In Maths, we have been exploring measurement. The children have been comparing and finding equivalent lengths, adding different lengths together, and measuring and calculating perimeter. They have shown great determination when tackling these new challenges. Our Science topic on Light and Shadows ended with some exciting investigations. Using torches, the children explored how shadows are formed and discovered how changing the position of the light source can make shadows bigger or smaller. There was lots of curiosity and thoughtful discussion! In RE, our topic "Journeys" has helped the children to deepen their understanding of the Christian family's journey with Christ and how His way of life is shared and followed. We also learned how the Church's year celebrates the key events in Christ's life.



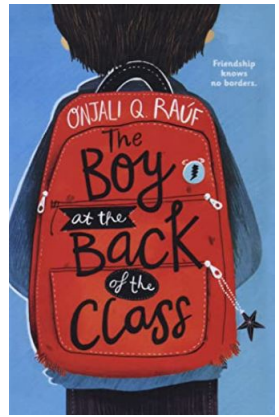


Year 4

It's been a busy February in Year 4. A huge highlight was our trip to the Rose Theatre to see The Boy at the Back of the Class. The children were captivated during the performance and came away really moved by the story. Back in the classroom, we've been putting our recount skills to the test in English, using our recent visit to the Science Museum as inspiration to write some brilliant reports. In Maths, we've been tackling the tricky world of fractions. The class have worked hard to get their heads around mixed numbers and improper fractions, and we are now starting to find our way through equivalent fractions.







Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic month. We have been working hard on our playscripts for English, based off the book Skellig. The children worked in pairs, focusing on clarity and accuracy of layout before acting them out in the assembly hall in a recent lesson. In Maths, the children have been working hard on decimals and percentages, making links to fractions and place value, using a variety of methods, manipulatives and representations to embed and demonstrate their learning.

It has been great to see the class so engaged with our science unit on Earth & Space, using diagrams, models and worded explanations to show their understanding of the Earth's place in our solar system, how day and night occur, as well as what causes the seasons. The children have continued on some excellent learning in History on the Romans, as well as continuing their learning about other Christian communities in R.E

In P.E, the children have begun their unit on Hockey, showing great determination to develop their skills and basic knowledge of the sport. We have enjoyed creating artwork for the upcoming Art Exhibition, as well as discussing our science projects for the Science Project Fair at the end of Science Week. The children are also quickly developing their confidence in French, working towards creating a weather forecast in upcoming lessons!

Year 6

It has been an incredibly busy, productive and exciting month for Year 6!
In English, we have been inspired by our class novel *Short*, using its themes and atmosphere to create our own imaginative spooky stories. The children worked hard to build tension, develop character and craft descriptive settings. We also explored persuasive writing through lively class debates, preparing detailed arguments around the question of whether school uniform should be banned. The debate was made even more exciting by the presence of a special guest 'judge', who listened carefully to both sides before delivering the final verdict!

In PE, we have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside students from Kingston Grammar School, focusing on developing our hockey skills. The children have been practising control, passing, positioning and teamwork, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence and collaboration grow each week.

Creativity has also been flowing in Art, where pupils experimented with striking handwriting graffiti designs as well as detailed Mayan-inspired drawings, linking to our wider curriculum learning.

To round off the month, Year 6 took part in the Chessington Junior Citizens trip, where they engaged in practical workshops designed to build awareness, responsibility and confidence as they prepare for the future.

WELLBEING NEWS

PARENT COFFEE MORNING DATES

All parents and carers can join us for coffee,tea and biscuits on the **6th March, 1st May and the 5th of June** between 9 - 10am to meet other parents and hear from us about things happening in the school community

Rainbows

St Joseph's is a rainbows registered school. We provide a structured 12-14 week program to assist children and young people through grief and loss facilitated by trained staff with small groups of children. Rainbows provides age related materials and supports self-esteem, trust, confidence and resilience. It promotes emotional development and positive, healthy relationships for children who are grieving through a death, divorce, separation or any other painful transition in their lives.

Please get in touch with Kate Shaw Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead for more details Kshaw@stjosephs.rbksch.org 0208 546 7178.



Mental Health Support Team at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

The Mental Health Support Team are an early intervention service from Achieving for children, supporting children and young people's wellbeing across schools in Kingston & Richmond.

The MHST will continue to offer varied early intervention support for common wellbeing difficulties this academic year. You can view information about the upcoming parent workshops we are offering on the school website, under the Child & Family Wellbeing Lead section.

If you have any questions or would like further information on how to access support, you can speak with your child's class teacher or the Mental Health Lead; Miss Kate Shaw. Alternatively, you can complete the self-referral form on the school website.

https://www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk/child-family-wellbeing-lead/

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WELLBEING NEWS

Places available on a number of parenting groups starting next term in Kingston

There are places available on free parenting groups which will be starting next term in the Kingston borough.

The Parenting Puzzle/Nurturing Program for parents and carers of primary school aged children.

Workshops for parents of children aged up to 10 years

Teen Life for parents and carers of children aged 10-16 years with a diagnosis of ASD

Please see attached posters for more information about each group.
Please contact **Karen Williams** for further information.

Wellbeing Mornings in the Community

Queen Mary Hall , Cambridge Gardens , Kingston upon Thames, KT1 3NJ

All welcome on the first Friday of every month at Queen Mary Hall, where volunteer-run charity RBKares and local partners support the mental, physical, financial and digital health of local residents in need. This free one-stop shop of vital services includes health checks, liver scans, haircuts, employment support, bike repairs, energy vouchers, benefit support, mental health support, Simcards, clothes, toiletries, as well as delicious soup and cake.



SKYLARKS

Skylarks offer a huge range of activities for children with SEND needs and their families such as -
events, activities, talks, workshops, clinics and therapies

https://www.skylarks.charity/whats-on?utm_source=Skylarks+main+mailing+list&utm_campaign=e75e550fcf-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_09_02_08_54_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-f58311dd8c-684049514

Warm Spaces www.kingston.gov.uk

In this time of crisis, Warm Spaces in the borough are opening up to the public. As part of Kingston's partnership response to the Cost of Living Crisis, there is a focus on using existing buildings and spaces across the borough which are easily accessible to residents, offering warm, welcoming and safe spaces for residents to come together. You can find more information via

Connected Kingston.

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HENRY Newsletter for Parents

March 2026

Update from Kingston's HENRY Coordinator

A warm and cheerful Spring welcome from the Kingston HENRY Growing Up Team!
As we hop into the spring season, the Kingston HENRY Growing Up Team are excited to meet and support parents throughout the months ahead. We're delighted to be offering **FREE group programmes and workshops** for parents, helping families to feel confident, supported, and ready for positive change.

We still have spaces available on our **April programme and workshop**—please see details below.

What is HENRY all about?

We know that everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to ensure a healthy lifestyle for the whole family.

The HENRY Growing Up team offer an 8-week programme and one-off workshop for parents and carers of children aged between 5-12. HENRY is for everyone, and topics covered in the 8-week programme include understanding children's behaviour, setting boundaries, parent wellbeing, healthy lifestyles, supporting children eating a wide range of foods, screen time, being active, family routines, sleep, self-esteem, and much more.

The HENRY ***Looking After Ourselves*** workshop is an online session that focuses on the benefits of parents taking time to recharge—supporting emotional wellbeing, physical health, and a deeper understanding of stress, its impact on the body, and practical strategies to cope and unwind.

The programme and workshops are FREE to attend for parents/carers of children attending Kingston Schools. You can self-refer by scanning the QR code or to find out more please feel free to email us on henry@yourhealthcare.org

Upcoming HENRY Programmes and workshops

Healthy Families Growing up programme (for parents of children aged 5-12)

Venue: Online

Day/Time: Wednesday:10-11:15am

Dates:
29th April – 24th June 2026
Break over May half term

Looking After Ourselves (for parents of children aged 5-12)

Venue: Online

Day/Time: Wednesday

10 – 11.30am

Date:

22nd April 2026

Healthy families

- **What do parents say who have already accessed HENRY?**
- "What I enjoyed most about the programme was the opportunity to share experiences with other parents and hear different perspectives. It was reassuring to know that others face similar challenges, and I found it helpful to learn from their experiences"
- "This programme has helped me realise that small changes can make a big difference."




Music activities
for ALL ages
& abilities
22 March, 10am-5pm
SPRING
SOUNDS
Brazilian Drumming
Balinese Gamelan
Orchestral Instruments
Choral Singing
Composition Through Graphics
Taster Music Sessions
Early Years
Town House,
Kingston University
Free Entry
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
For more information scan


SUNDAY 8 MARCH 10.45AM
FREE
FUN KINGSTON
BIKE RIDE
GIVE YOUR CYCLING CONFIDENCE A BOOST
free sign up: tiny.cc/FunRideMarch26
MORE INFO & FREE SIGN UP
10.45AM - 12.30PM
MANOR PARK
MALDEN ROAD,
NEW MALDEN, KT3 6AU
ALL AGES WELCOME
KINGSTON CYCLING CAMPAIGN
FULL CYCLE
friends of MANOR PARK
JOIN OUR FAMILY-FRIENDLY GROUP CYCLE