St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - May 2026

Headteacher News

It's hard to believe another month has passed us by! It's been a lovely month in school with trips, theatre groups to school and some adorable chicks! Special thanks to the newly formed PTFA for agreeing to fund the theatre group visit to school this week. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed watching The Secret Garden. The were enraptured by the story and set and Year 6 benefitted from a behind the scenes look too.

This month our Year 6 children have completed their national assessment tests (SATs) and I am incredibly proud of their perseverance and determination to do their very best. They have done incredibly well! Well done to everyone!

The deadline for resignations from teaching staff is the end of May so I will let you know after half term about the staffing arrangements for the next academic year. Have a good half term break. 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:

Congratulations to Oliver, Alex and Francesca who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion at St Raphael's Catholic Church on Saturday 16th May 2026. We hope you had a wonderful celebration with your families and friends.





Class attendance for May 2026

R = 92.8%
Yr1 = 93.7%
Yr2 = 95.3%
Yr3 = 96%
Yr4 = 97%
Yr5 = 94.3%
Yr6 = 96.7%

Congratulations

Y4



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Summer Dates - June 2026

Mon 1st June - School returns
Fri 5th June - Y5/6 swimming
Fri 5th June - Y6 library visit
Thurs 11th - Y1/2 Girls football competition
Fri 12th June - PTFA Meeting 9am
Fri 12th June - Y5/6 swimming
Fri 12th June - Y5 library visit
Tue 16th June- Rec Class Assembly 9am
Tue 16th June- Y4 to Rose Theatre -Singing Festival
Mon 22nd June- Y1 & Y5 - Meet the Author in Rose Theatre
Weds 24th June - Sports Day KS2 AM & KS1 PM
Fri 26th June - Mufti Day (bring sweets/chocolates)
Fri 26th June - Y5/6 swimming
Fri 26th June - Y3 library visit
Mon 29th- Fri 3rd July - Y6 Bikeability
Weds 1st July - Y6 Transition Day for Kingston Schools

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:

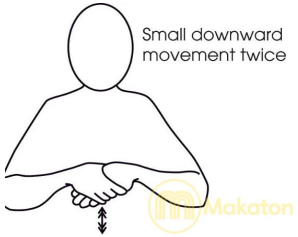
Should you ever have a concern about the welfare of a child or adult, please come and speak in confidence with the school's safeguarding leads. Our Designated Safeguarding Leaders for the school are Mrs Flower, Mrs Luccioni, Miss Kate and Miss Aziz. If you cannot speak to us in person we can be contacted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



Friend

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/

Join our PTFA whatsapp group and Instagram account by scanning the QR code.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary & Nursery School / Parents Community

WhatsApp community

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Nursery



This month in Nursery, we have been learning all about life cycles and minibeasts. The children enjoyed listening to stories including *Oi Frog!* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* while taking part in lots of creative activities linked to our learning. We explored frogs, butterflies and different minibeasts through crafts, small world play and sensory activities.

The children especially loved searching for minibeasts in our playground and were very excited to spot different bugs and insects outdoors.

We also had a wonderful trip to the theatre to watch *Tortoise and the Hare*. The children were so excited for the visit and thoroughly enjoyed the puppets, music and storytelling during the performance.





Reception





Reception have had a fantastic time learning about life cycles of humans, chickens, butterflies, plants, frogs and ladybirds. We observed real life caterpillars transforming into beautiful butterflies and even got to see tadpoles up close!

Reception have enjoyed lots of outdoor learning this month.



We planted carrot seeds, cress

and runner beans.







Year 1

It has been another jam packed month in Year 1. The children have been working as hard as ever and should be very proud of all they have achieved over this pasty half term. They did a fantastic class assembly which they worked so hard on. It is not easy standing up in front of the whole school and performing, especially at such a young age, however all of you made us so proud by delivering an outstanding performance. The children all remembered their lines and delivered them nice and loudy and even threw in some humor as well. They then finished off with a lovely song to top it all off. In the last week, as a special Marble Treat, the children were delighted to watch a wonderful performance of *The Secret Garden*. They were captivated from start to finish by the talented actors, beautiful music, and magical storytelling. It was lovely to see their excitement and enthusiasm as they followed the journey of the characters. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were full of smiles and conversation afterwards. A truly memorable treat for everyone! We have now finished reading The Man of the Moon in English and will be starting a new book this half term. In Maths we will be moving onto geometry and money and in RE we will start to study what is means to be a Christian.

Year 2

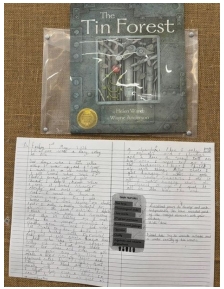
This month has been a wonderfully busy and creative time in Year 2, filled with rich learning experiences and moments of real excitement for the children.

Year 2 have been diving deeply into the beautiful book *The Tin Forest*. The story follows a man who lives in a grey, forgotten place made of rubbish, and dreams of a vibrant forest full of life. This sparked rich discussions about recycling, reusing materials, and how small actions can help care for our planet.

In Maths, the children have been working hard on telling the time. They practised reading o'clock, half past, quarter past, and quarter to, and began exploring time to the nearest five minutes. Using clocks, games, and practical activities, the children developed confidence and accuracy. Many enjoyed challenging themselves with quick-fire time questions and matching activities.

A highlight of the month was the whole-school theatre performance of *The Secret Garden*. The children were completely captivated by the storytelling, music, and characters brought to life on stage.





Year 3

Year 3 have been amazing this month! We had a fantastic trip to Hampton Court Palace, where the children took part in a workshop in the Royal Kitchens and learnt all about Tudor food and drinks. They explored the kitchens, compared modern cooking methods with those used in Tudor times, and discovered the different meats, vegetables and jobs that existed at the royal court. Despite the rainy weather, we had an incredible day and the children represented the school beautifully. In English, we have started our exciting new class book, The Ice Palace, which the children are already thoroughly enjoying. We are currently writing setting descriptions using lots of figurative language, including similes and metaphors. In Maths, the children have been learning all about money, including how to add, subtract and exchange amounts confidently.





Year 4

We have had a busy and productive few weeks in Year 4. Our classroom has been filled with music as the children have been enthusiastically practicing their songs for the upcoming Singing Festival. In English, the children have been deeply moved by our class book, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. They used their wonderful empathy skills to write powerful diary entries from the perspective of Ahmed, exploring his thoughts and feelings about arriving at a new school.

In maths, we have been working hard on time and shape. The children have been learning how to spot acute, right, and obtuse angles. They have also been exploring different types of triangles, sorting them into equilateral, right-angled, and scalene groups. I hope you enjoy a well-deserved, relaxing half-term break.





Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy half term, continuing to work hard on their learning as they approach Year 6.

In Maths, we have looked at Position and Direction, before moving on to Decimals, building on our work from the Autumn and Spring terms. In English, we wrote formal letters based on the book 'A Boy and a Bear in a Boat', before more recently moving on to a new book, 'There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom'. With the latter, the children have particularly enjoyed discussing the main character's motives, showing excellent insight into a complicated character. The children enjoyed the author visit last week, asking many questions relating to her career and the process of creating such a book, recognising the key themes in the book itself as shown through their answers and questions. It was great to see this inspire pupils to create more writing of their own outside of school too!

In Science, we have begun a new unit of Life cycles, looking at reproduction in plants and animals, as well as taking our own cuttings of a plant to demonstrate asexual reproduction in plants. In RE, they children used their acting skills to retell the story of Saul's transformation into Paul, building on their learning from last year. In Music, the children continued their hard work in Ukelele lessons in the build up to their show in the second half of the summer term. Swimming lessons have started for Year 5 and 6 too, with the children being excellent representatives for the school through their manners and behaviour.

Year 6

Year 6 have had an incredibly busy and exciting month of May and we are so proud of everything the children have achieved. The highlight of the month was undoubtedly completing their SATs, and every single child approached the week with maturity, determination and resilience. They conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout, showing not only how hard they have worked all year but also how supportive and encouraging they can be towards one another. We were extremely impressed with their positive attitudes and calm focus, and they should all feel very proud of themselves. Alongside their hard work, the children also enjoyed some fantastic enrichment opportunities this month.

We were delighted to welcome an author into school, giving the children the chance to hear first-hand about the writing process, storytelling and the inspiration behind creating books, which sparked lots of enthusiasm and creativity across the year group.
We also had a wonderful visit from a travelling theatre company who performed *The Secret Garden*, bringing the classic story to life in a truly engaging and memorable way. Year 6 were especially fortunate to remain behind afterwards to take part in an exclusive workshop with the performers, where they learned more about how theatre productions work behind the scenes, including acting techniques, stage production and performance skills.
This experience was particularly exciting as it linked perfectly to preparations for our own upcoming class production, which has now officially been announced as *The X Factory* — an entertaining and action-packed story about a school that is taken over by superstar teachers and students, while the original staff and pupils battle to win their school back! The children are already full of excitement and enthusiasm as rehearsals begin, and we cannot wait to see their confidence, creativity and teamwork shine on stage over the coming weeks.

WELLBEING NEWS

PARENT COFFEE MORNING DATES

All parents and carers can join us for coffee,tea and biscuits on the **5th of June** between 9 - 10am to meet family practitioner Marco Mesaroli from the Family Hub in Kingston to hear about all the great services on offer there.

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

Have you heard about **St Joseph's Family Group?**



We are a group of up to 8 families which runs every Tuesday morning 9-11:30am Children and their parents/carers work and play together to help create change.

Families join Family Group for lots of different reasons.

Some examples are:

- Children not getting the best out of school
- Children finding it difficult to learn and focus
- Children struggling to make friends
- Children feeling anxious or shy
- Children finding it hard to regulate their emotions

To find out more about our weekly Tuesday **Family Group** please speak with a member of staff from your child's class or get in touch with Carolina or with Miss Kate. Alternatively you can leave a message with the school office and either Carolina or Miss Kate will get back to you.

Carolina Jacome - Multifamily group therapist & Private counsellor BACP

Tel: 07724104641 **Email:** Carojsteffens.counselling@gmail.com

https://www.sfwfamilygroup.org/about_us

https://www.facebook.com/SFWFamilyGroup

What families say about Family Group:

"Family group has created a space where my child can feel safe, unguarded, and comfortable enabling her to share and open up, make meaningful friendships, and talk about how she feels."

"I myself have met and bonded with some wonderful parents who are always ready and willing to offer advice and comfort when needed. I truly believe that the close-knit friendships in our group have enabled our children not only to be confident, happy and willing to share their emotions with us, but also created a stronger bond between parent and child.

MHST

Parents: MHST Information at a Glance

General MHST information

MHST leaflet explaining who and what we offer

Self-referral for primary aged pupils

Self-referral for secondary school pupils

Leaflets on our universal groups

MHST website

MHST video library

Helping with…. Parent webinars (topics chosen by parents)

Webinars: Helping Children with Series 25/26



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MHST leaflet (for parents)

Early warning signs

MHST Whole School Approach

MHST Whole School Approach Audit Tool

MHST Parent self-referral e-posters

MHST Secondary self-referral e-posters

MHST ERSA offer

Webinars: Helping Children with Series 25/26

Webinars: Helping Teens with Series 25/26

Risk management audit tools

MHST referral form (for post consultation)

MHST Group folder: Leaflets about each universal group

School website text for informing about the MHST

MHST website (and video library)

MHST Webinar Library

Escalating mental health risk and complex needs

EHS waiting list resource

NAVIGATING CAMHS



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