St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter - April 2026

Headteacher News

We have had a busy start to the summer term with trips and visitors (including some adorable chicks!) in school and we have lots to look forward to before the end of the school year. Please do make note of the key dates up until the end of the school year.

Year 6 had the wonderful opportunity of performing at the Coombe Cluster Concert at the Rose Theatre last week and I was incredibly proud to be there to witness their passion and joy in performing two songs from Oliver. Big thanks to Mr Bawn and Miss Christmas from Kingston Grammar School who worked hard to prepare the children for the performance. Thank you also to those parents and relatives who were there to witness their wonderful performance. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

With the better weather coming (hopefully!) we have lots to look forward to this summer term. 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:

Since returning refreshed from the Easter holidays, the children have been learning about the Risen Christ and followed the Gospel stories in our weekly whole school Gospel collective worships. We continue to celebrate Easter until the feast of Pentecost on Sunday 24th May.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Lenten Charity, the Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund. We had a visit to school from Melody Mwangi from the charity who explained more to the children about the wonderful and important work tat they do and they also extended their thanks to all of our families for their support.

Class attendance for April 2026

R = 94.2%
Yr1 = 97.2%
Yr2 = 95%
Yr3 = 95.1%
Yr4 = 97.3%
Yr5 = 97.6%
Yr6 = 98.9%

Congratulations

Y6



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Summer Dates - May 2026

Fri 8th May- Y3 library visit
11th-15th May- Y6 SATs Week
Weds 13th May- Y3 Trip to Hampton Court
Thurs 14th May- Author visit/book signing
Fri 15th May- Y2 library visit
Tues 19th May- Y1 Class Assembly 9am
Weds 20th - Great British Athletes
Thurs 21st May- Nursery Theatre Trip
Fri 22nd May- Y1 library visit
Fri 22nd May- PTFA - preloved uniform sale KS2 playground

Mon 25th - Fri 29th May - HALF TERM

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/

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.

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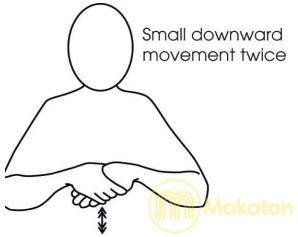
Should you ever have a concern about the welfare of a child or adult, please come and speak in confidence with the school's safeguarding leads. Our Designated Safeguarding Leaders for the school are Mrs Flower, Mrs Luccioni, Miss Kate and Miss Aziz. If you cannot speak to us in person we can be contacted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

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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

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Nursery



We have had a lovely start to the summer term in nursery, with the children settling back in well after the Easter break and being happy to see their friends again.

This month we have been learning about growth and new life. The children planted vegetables and checked how much their sunflowers had grown. A real highlight was watching our eggs hatch into chicks, and the children loved meeting them and helping to care for them.

We have shared stories such as The Tiny Seed and Rosie's Walk, practised our phonics sounds, and worked on sorting, counting and comparing in maths.

With the warmer weather, we have also spent lots of time outside, taking part in water play and exploring the environment.



Reception

Reception started the Summer term with a visit Bocketts Farm. We have been learning about Spring, Lifecycles and how things grow. We have been observing our class caterpillars and visited the Nursery to see the new chicks.



















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Year 1

It has been a jam packed term in Year 1 with lots of excellent work going on! The highlight was our trip to RHS Wisley. The children had a lovely day exploring the garden and identifying and drawing different types of plants and flowers. They were respectful of their surrounding and showed lovely manners as we passed through the different areas of the garden. A few members of the public mentioned how good their behaviour was so a huge well done to all of the children for representing our school so well.

In English we have been reading "The Man on the Moon". The children have loved designing their own aliens and writings dairy entires explaining what their aliens get up to whilst living on the moon. We have been learning about nouns, adjectives and verbs and have been identifying these in our writing.

In Maths we have been working on multiplication and division where the children have been practicing their 2, 5 and 10 times. We have learned a few catchy songs to help us remember these.

Finally in Science, we have been learning all about the four seasons and how our surroundings look during each season. Keep up the amazing work everyone!

Year 2

In maths the children have been learning about fractions. They are now more confident to identify half, quarters and thirds of shapes and numbers. They have embraced the mathematical terminology of numerator, denominator and what job they do in a fraction. In English year 2 begun the summer term honing their skills to write chronologically as they composed recounts using the first-person pronouns. They are now exploring the book 'The Tin Forest' as they develop their diary writing skills and use emotions and rhetorical questions to extend their creative writing.

The focus of RE this term has been to know what Eastertide is and how long it lasts. They have begun to understand that Jesus rose from the tomb to spend more time with his disciples and help them to fully understand his teachings. They are more knowledgeable about the story of Saul and how he turned away from his old life as a Roman to embrace the Christian faith and become baptised. They have learnt the gospel of Acts of Apostles was written by Luke and are beginning to learn about Paul and the letters he wrote on his travels.

The history of flight is the focus of year 2's history topic. They have discovered how long humans have been trying to fly and how the machines used to fly have improved and changed over a long timeline. They are excited to learn about space travel and who the first astronauts were. They witnessed history actually happening when they watched the launch of the Artemis II mission to travel around the moon and its return to Earth and splashdown in the ocean.



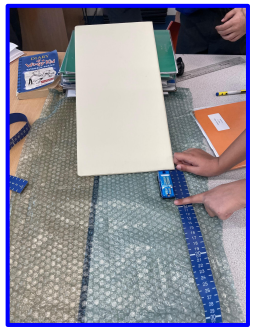
Year 3

Year 3 have had an amazing month! They have made us so proud with their talents and learning during two recent highlights: the Good Friday assembly and their Class assembly. They played their recorders beautifully and spoke their lines with great confidence.

In English, we have started learning how to write non-chronological reports. We are comparing Mesopotamian cats to street cats, using features such as subheadings and interesting facts. In Maths, we are continuing our work on fractions; the children are learning to add and subtract fractions, find unit fractions of a set of objects, and partition the whole.

Finally, the children are thoroughly enjoying our new Science topic, Forces and Magnets. They had great fun investigating how toy cars move across different surfaces to see the effects of friction in action!

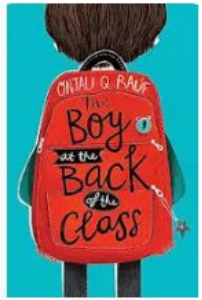


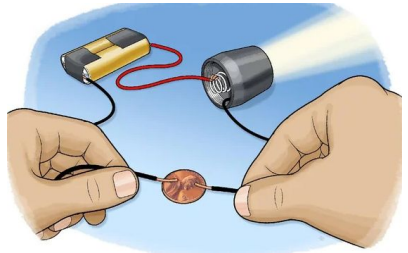




Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy start to the summer term! In maths, the children have been focusing on decimal numbers, including identifying tenths and hundredths and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number. This term, we have also begun reading The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Raúf. This story has prompted a research project on the experiences of refugees, which the class is now using to prepare speeches regarding the importance of school access for all children. In science, our focus has shifted to electricity, specifically looking at simple circuits and identifying conductors, while in RE, we have been studying Eastertide and the events of Pentecost. Additionally, the class has started rehearsing 'My Lighthouse' by Rend Collective in preparation for our upcoming performance at the Rose Theatre singing festival.

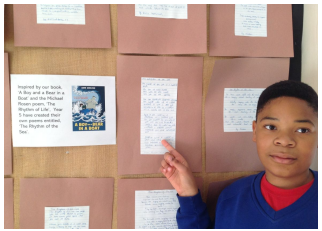




Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy start to the summer term. The year group were a credit to the school at our recent library visit, where the children quietly focused on choosing challenging fiction books to support their learning of reading skills. We have also begun swimming lessons at the Malden Centre on Fridays, in addition to dodgeball and cricket tennis in P.E lessons at school.

In Maths, the children have made an excellent start to their learning this term, becoming increasingly confident in their angles learning, in particular using a protractor with more ease and accuracy. We have recently begun a unit on position and direction, where the children can apply and further develop their understanding of coordinates and shape. In English, the children have written excellent letters of advice based on our book 'A Boy and a Bear in a Boat', using the subjunctive form and using formal language. They also completed wonderful poems about the sea based on the book also - well done to our star writers Roddy and Amina S!





The children have worked hard in science lessons, completing our work on Earth & Space before moving onto our new unit of Animals Including Humans. In History, the children have continued their work on Benin, finding our about different archeological finds and learning more about the Kingdom's leaders.

Year 6

This month has been a busy and exciting one for Year 6, filled with memorable experiences and fantastic learning opportunities. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the library, where the children explored a wide range of books and developed their love of reading. In class, our learning has been inspired by our core text, *The Hobbit*, which has sparked creativity across our writing. The children produced imaginative instructional texts on how to defeat mountain trolls, as well as detailed non-chronological reports about Smaug the dragon, showcasing their growing confidence in both structure and language. The highlight of this month, however, was undoubtedly our incredible performances at the Rose Theatre as part of the Coombe Cluster Concert. The children worked tirelessly to learn and perform a medley of songs from the musical *Oliver!*, demonstrating enthusiasm, teamwork, and impressive stage presence. We are extremely proud of their performance.



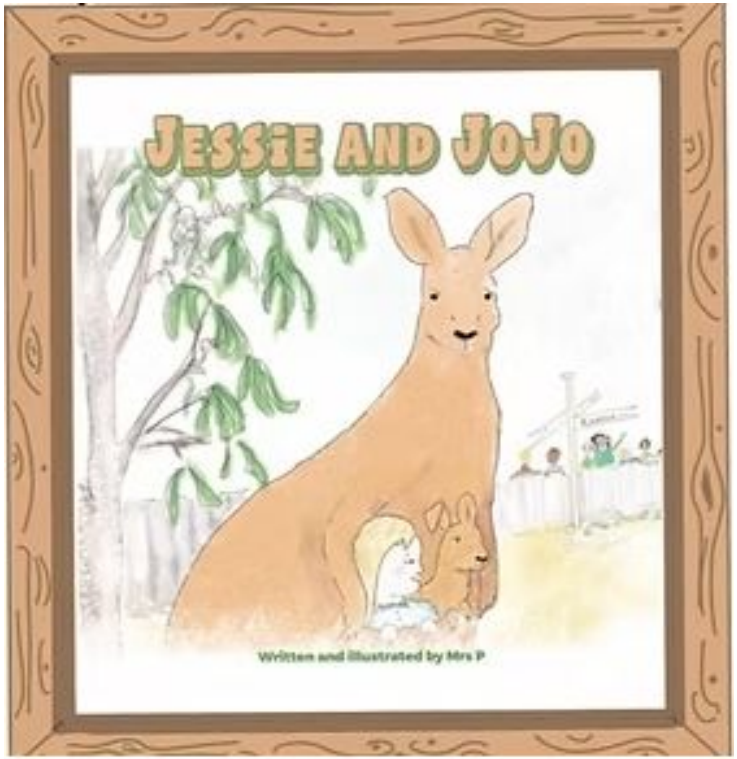
Author Visit – 14th May

We are excited to announce that on **14th May**, our school will be welcoming **Mrs P**, the author of ***Jessie and Jojo***. Children will take part in an engaging workshop where they will explore the story and its themes, including understanding and managing difficult emotions.

Families will also have the opportunity to purchase a copy of the book for **£8.99**. Books will be **personally autographed** by the author during her visit and given out that day. Children can bring the money to the class teacher beforehand to pre-order the book or on the day.

We are very much looking forward to this inspiring experience for our pupils.





WELLBEING NEWS

PARENT COFFEE MORNING DATES

All parents and carers can join us for coffee,tea and biscuits on the **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

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

MHST Information: At a Glance

General MHST information

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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May Half Term Camps

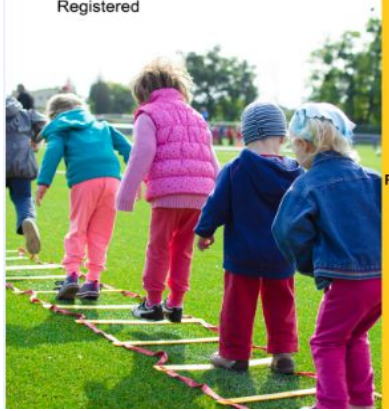




FUN PLUS MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

26th till 29th April at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School at Fairfield, Kingston

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Pick up 3:30pm - 4:30pm

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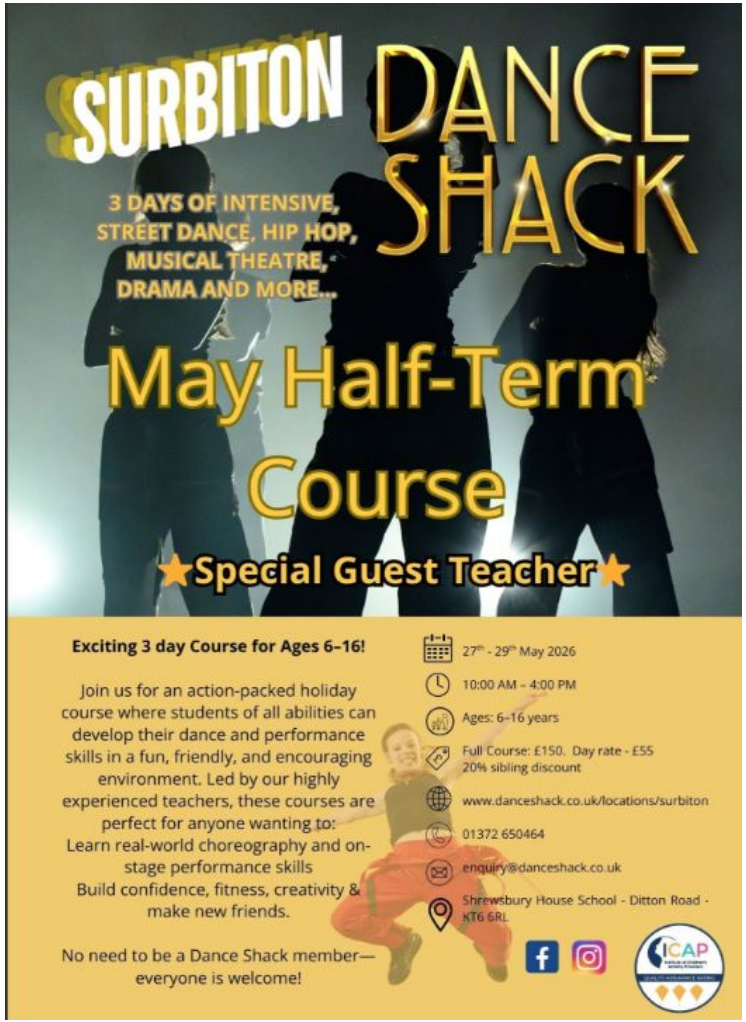
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Join us for an action-packed holiday course where students of all abilities can develop their dance and performance skills in a fun, friendly, and encouraging environment. Led by our highly experienced teachers, these courses are perfect for anyone wanting to:
Learn real-world choreography and on-stage performance skills
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No need to be a Dance Shack member—everyone is welcome!
27th - 29th May 2026
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
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Plant and Produce Sale
Saturday 9th May
11:00 – 13:00
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OPEN STUDIOS
8 May 6-8pm
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Dear parents and carers,

We are proud to work with BRITE Box, a project from Voices of Hope that helps children and families cook healthy, affordable meals together at home.

Each week, BRITE Box provides families with ingredients and a child-friendly recipe card for one meal. The project supports children to build confidence around food and cooking, while creating opportunities for families to share time together around a meal.

BRITE Box is offered free to families and is made possible through grants, donations and community support. If anyone in our school community would like to support the project, they can find more information on the attached poster.

Every donation helps BRITE Box continue providing weekly recipe kits for children and families locally, supporting healthy eating, cooking confidence and positive shared experiences at home.

Thank you for your support.



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