St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter - March 2026

Headteacher News

We have had a very busy month here at St Joseph's starting with World Book Day and ending with our Easter assemblies, with lots in between!
Thank you to everyone who visited the book fair. We will use any commission raised to buy some more new books for the school and class libraries. Children and staff enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas for World Book day and sharing their favourite bedtime stories in class. We have also had a visit from the Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Noel Hadjimichael who spoke in assembly about his role and with the help of his mace bearer, Brian, answered lots of questions about his job, what materials the robes and mace were made of as well as what car he drives before spending some time in Reception class as part of their people who help us topic. We thank Mayor Noel and Brian for visiting our school once again this year.
Thank you to the seventy seven parents who completed the parent questionnaire over the past couple of weeks. Your feedback and praise is always valued and welcome. We will be looking at the feedback in detail and will be in touch with our response in the coming weeks. Most welcome of all in the feedback was that 100% of respondents would recommend our school to others - thank you!

Wishing you all a blessed Easter, hopefully with lots of sunshine thrown in! 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:
This month we have come together to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. Fr Michael led a lovely mass to start the day and each class has learned more about the life of St Joseph and his dedication to his family. In the afternoon each class had a treat of their choice with some snacks and a drink too!
Over Lent we have been supporting the Catholic Children's Society through our fundraising. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.
On Monday 23rd March we had a visit from Melodie Mewangi, who works for the Catholic Children's Society, and she shared the wonderful and important work that the charity do each year. She also shared how grateful the charity are for our fundraising. I look forward to sharing a total with you in next month's newsletter.
During Lent we have also been focussing on the words of Pope Leo we shared last month and have been giving others kindness notes - it is such a lovely feeling to receive one so please keep spreading that kindness everywhere like confetti!

Class attendance for March 2026

R = 95.7%
Yr1 =94.2%
Yr2 = 95.7%
Yr3 = 97.8%
Yr4 = 96.3%
Yr5 = 94.6%
Yr6 = 95.6%

Congratulations
Y3



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Spring Dates - April 2026

Easter Break 30th March - 10th April



Wed 15th April - Y1 Phonics Workshop-9am
Wed 15th April - Y6 Coombe Cluster Concert at Rose Theatre 2pm
Thurs 16th April- National Offer Day for Reception
Fri 17th April - Reception Trip-Bocketts Farm
Fri 17th April - Year 6- library visit
Tues 21st April - Y3 Assembly
Fri 24th April - PTFA meeting
Fri 24th April - Year 5- library visit
Tues 28th April- Y1 Trip - Wisley
Weds 29th April - Class photos & Y6 leavers
Thurs 30th- Rec, Y1 & Y2 Drama workshop
Fri 1st May - Parent Coffee Morning
Fri 1st May - Year 4- library visit

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:

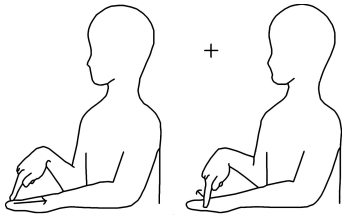
Should you ever have a concern about the welfare of a child or adult, please come and speak in confidence with the school's safeguarding leads. Our Designated Safeguarding Leaders for the school are Mrs Flower, Mrs Luccioni, Miss Kate and Miss Aziz. If you cannot speak to us in person we can be contacted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

Makaton

This months sign is…



Easter

(make the sign of a cross on the back of your hand)

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/

We are still accepting applications for our upcoming intakes:

Nursery Admissions: Join Us!

- **September 2026**
- **January 2027**

If you would like to see our setting in action, **visits to the Nursery are very welcome.** Please contact the school office to book a convenient time for a tour. We look forward to meeting you and your little ones!

Introducing Our Newly Formed PTFA!

We are very excited to announce the launch of our newly formed Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA). This is a wonderful step forward for our school community, and we're looking forward to the many events, activities, and fundraising opportunities that lie ahead.

The PTFA will play an important role in bringing families together, supporting the school, and helping create memorable experiences for our pupils. We can't wait to get started and hope you'll join us on this exciting journey.



Nursery





This month in Nursery has been busy and full of fun! We celebrated *World Book Day* by sharing stories, coming in pyjamas and listening to visitors read to us.

During *Science Week*, we explored animals, looking at their features and where they live through sorting, matching and drawing.

We also spent time outside looking for signs of *spring*, planting sunflower seeds and noticing flowers like daffodils.

Towards the end of the month, we started learning about *Easter* with activities like an egg hunt, making cards, dyeing eggs and creating Easter palms.





People who help us




Reception have had a wonderful time learning about the important roles of those within the community including doctors and nurses, dentists, police officers and firefighters. They even had a visit from the Mayor of Kingston!






3D shapes





RE

We have been exploring Jesus' life through scripture and learning about Lent and Easter traditions. We performed our class assembly, retelling the events of Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week.




World Book Day





Science Week






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Year 1

What a lovely month it has been in Year 1. Can I start by saying a huge well done to all of the children who brought in a Science project for this years British Science Week and also a huge thank you to all the parents for helping and supporting with this at home! There was such an amazing energy around the school on the Friday when all the children brought these in. They should be so proud of themselves.

We also carried out a few experiments in class as part of Science Week. We investigated which liquids would be most damaging to eggs after soaking them for a few days (turns out Vinegar and Lemon Juice were the worst), we also grew our own black bean plants using cotton wool buds to soak up water and giving them plenty of sunlight and air, and finally we used our forensic science skills to figure out who had stolen Mr Chewbacca from our classroom. The children took each others fingerprints to find out who the culprit was, turns out it was Mr Craig after all. Well done on an amazing half term everyone and we hope you all have a lovely and restful Easter!







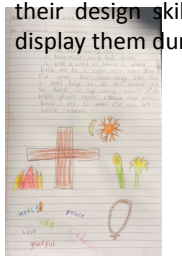

Year 2

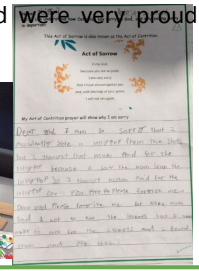
In English Year 2 have learnt how to use persuasive phrases to enhance their letter writing skills. We used the story 'The Secret of Black Rock' to construct a letter from the main character, Erin, to convince people in her village why it was important to keep Black Rock. Their persuasive writing was extremely impressive with well thought out reasons.

In mathematics the children have consolidated their understanding of measurements and the importance of knowing the correct unit of measure for each type of measurement. They know the difference between non-standard and standard measurements and enjoyed using the metre stick to measure different areas in their playground.

The RE topic of D*esert to Garden* helped the children to appreciate the events that surround lent. They explored the meaning of the 'Examination of Conscious' and how this relates to 'Sacrament of Reconciliation'. They enjoyed learning the songs for Joseph's Feast Day and sharing in discussions about the importance of Joseph in the life of Jesus. During the final week of term, we learnt about Holy week and why it is an important time in the Christian calendar. They were engaged in deciding on what they wanted to include in their assembly about the last meal Jesus had with his disciples. We used Leonardo Da Vinci's painting 'The Last Supper' as our inspiration and recreated the scene as the children talked about some of the symbolism and the message Jesus wanted to impart.

As part of our DT topic the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about levers, linkages and pivots and how they combine to create moving mechanisms. They used their design skills to create their own moving monsters and were very proud to display them during the school's art and DT exhibition.





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Year 3

We have had a lovely month in Year 3! To begin, a huge well done to all the children who brought in a science project for this year's British Science Week, and a big thank you to all the parents for your support at home—it is greatly appreciated. The children also enjoyed taking part in a range of exciting experiments in class. We explored how everything within an ecosystem is interdependent, and how the loss of one part can have knock-on effects on the whole system.In English, we have started our new class book, *Varjak Paw* by S.F. Said, which has been a big hit—especially with our cat lovers! The children are currently writing missing posters for Varjak, using lots of descriptive language to bring their ideas to life. In D.T. the children have been learning about castles. They explored their key features before designing and creating their own models using a variety of materials. The children also thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Waterstones for World Book Day. They had the opportunity to create their own comic books and spend time exploring and enjoying a wide range of texts. Well done to everyone for a fantastic half term. We hope you all have a lovely and restful Easter break!

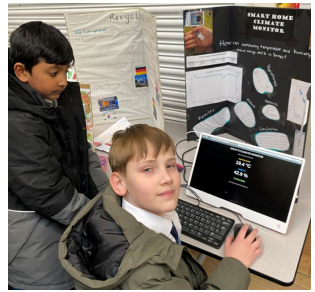




Year 4

What a whirlwind of creativity and discovery we've had this March! A major highlight was our school Art and DT Exhibition, where the children's hard work and technical skills were finally put on proud display for everyone to admire. We also dove headfirst into Science Week, with the class becoming mini-investigators to tackle hands-on experiments and explore how things connect in the world around us. Of course, the month wouldn't have been complete without the magic of World Book Day, where it was wonderful to see the children wear their pyjamas and celebrate their favourite stories.









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Year 5

Year 5 have had an incredibly busy month. The children have worked hard in Maths lessons, consolidating and extending their learning on decimals, before moving onto Area & Perimeter before finishing by looking at statistics. In English, we began a new book called A Boy and a Bear in a Boat, using this to create descriptive poems entitled 'The Rhythm of the Sea'. It was fantastic to see such creativity and vivid descriptive writing from the entire class!

In P.E. the children have shown great determination to improve their hockey skills, using this to play matches in small teams at the end of lessons. They have displayed their learning on the Lent period by creating their own illustrations and prayers in R.E. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for Science during British Science Week, with the class producing some fantastic projects for the Science Fair and engaging in great teamwork during our lesson on creating lunar rovers.

It was also great to see the class perform so well at the Lifting Young Voices concert at St John's Church. Well done on an excellent term Year 5!





Year 6

What a busy month Year 6 have had! We started off with a Year 6 Netball tournament at Surbiton High, where the team showed excellent resilience and teamwork, growing into the tournament game after game. Our Year 6 girls football team took part in one of the games of the century, but narrowly missing out on victory with a 7-6 loss to a strong Lovelace squad. We were lucky enough to visit Surbiton High for a Science assembly, looking at the effects of global warming on the planet. We had an excellent World Book Day, which was rounded off with a lovely visit to Waterstones book store, where the children each received a free book and created their own comic strips. We have been practicing hard for our performance at the Coombe Cluster Concert on Wednesday 15th april, where we will be performing a medley of songs from 'Oliver', linked to our Victorian book of 'Street Child'. We have been helped with this by the expertise of Miss Christmas and her volunteer helpers from KGS. The children enjoyed Science Week, completing a range of different experiments both at home and in school, with great outcomes and results. We also enjoyed a visit from Pete from Lego ™ , who conducted a lego workshop, looking at how we can use teamwork and cooperation to help achieve a shared goal. The children also enjoyed welcoming in their parents for the Year 6 Maths Parent Shop, where they looked at various methods and questions used in school. We enjoyed our treat on our St Joseph's Feast Day celebration, where we watched *The Hobbit,* linking to our class book. The children also performed very well at the Lifting Young Voices Concert at St John's church on Friday 20th March.

WELLBEING NEWS

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Hello! My name is Izzi.

I'm an Education Wellbeing Practitioner.

I work with children and families in schools, to help them to learn ways to keep happy and well.

We are positive about mental health!

I like:

Animals

Reading

Cheese

I dislike:

Cloudy days

Mashed potato

We are here to help when children are feeling:

Sad

Worried

Stressed

Or if you are finding things tricky at school.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share that Izzi will be taking over from Serena as our Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner. After the Easter holidays, Izzi will begin visiting classes and getting to know the children. She will also be joining us at a future coffee morning so that parents have the opportunity to meet her in person. We look forward to welcoming her into our school community.

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

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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Explore Our Summer Term Clubs!

Our Summer term clubs offer is now live, and we're thrilled to share a fantastic range of activities. There are some exciting new clubs joining our line-up this term, so it's the perfect time to try something different or discover a new passion.



NEW!

SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

⋆ NEW PERFORMING ARTS CLUBS STARTING AFTER HALF TERM ⋆
Christina Marks School of Performing Arts

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are delighted to announce that **Christina Marks School of Performing Arts** will be launching **exciting new after-school clubs** at **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School** after half term.

Our sessions are designed to help children **build confidence, express creativity and have fun**, all within a supportive and energetic environment led by experienced performing arts specialists.

Street Dance
High-energy routines inspired by modern dance styles that children absolutely love.

These sessions are suitable for **Y1-Y6** and are a fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, build friendships and grow in confidence.

⋆ **Spaces are limited and we expect them to fill quickly.**

to book your child's place please visit:

https://christina-marks-sopa.class4kids.co.uk
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to help.

We look forward to welcoming your child to a fun and inspiring term of performing arts.

Warm regards, **Christina Marks**

cmsopa.enquiries@hotmail.com
Director
Christina Marks School of Performing Arts

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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
YEARS 3 - 6

Afterschool Code Club_



Our first term starts with RETRO GAMING! You won't just play classics like Pong, Asteroids, Space Shooter, and Doodle Jump – you'll rebuild them and then remix them into something totally NEW and AWESOME! Imagine coding your own power-ups, designing crazy characters, and building mind-bending worlds. Then, the ultimate challenge: battle your friends in the games you created! Ready to level up from gamer to game creator?

In the second term, get ready for MINECRAFT ESCAPE ROOMS! An epic adventure where your coding skills will be put to the ultimate test! Using visual code, tackle exciting escape room challenges inside Minecraft. Build bridges, solve mind-bending puzzles, and use your coding knowledge to unlock the secrets of the castle. For the grand finale, take on an adrenaline-pumping parkour challenge and escape the castle once and for all! Do you have what it takes to solve the puzzles, code your way to victory, and make it out in time?

"You can't use up creativity.
The more you use, the more you have"

DATES	TIME	PRICE
Fridays 24th Apr - 10th Jul	3:25 - 4:25 PM	£102.50 for 11 weeks of fun learning

BOOK HERE: https://tinyurl.com/jc26sumstjoseph

Click the link above to view course details OR visit our website and head to the booking tab. Enter your postcode in the locations field and click search to view courses. Then select the school or venue you require. N.B. You can only attend courses held at the school that your child attends. You can also search by the school postcode.

For more information, please contact your Area Manager on:
london.tw@jamcoding.co.uk | 0207 183 2935

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YEAR 2 - YEAR 6

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NEW! Time to learn Polish

Join us for a fun and interactive Polish Language Club!

Club Details
Start Date: Monday 20th April
Day: Every Monday
Time: 3:30 – 4:15 pm
Location: Nursery Classroom

Who Can Join
Open to all children

Activities Include
- Learning basic Polish words
- Songs and games
- Fun interactive activities
- Exploring Polish culture

Led By
Miss Andreasik & Miss Wegner

Sign-Up Information
Spaces are limited – please sign up via the school office

Spanish Amigos

Language, Fun & Culture



BOOK A CLASS

Join the FUN with SPANISH Amigos!

What We Offer

- A fun and engaging way to learn Spanish for children.
- Interactive classes with songs, games, and cultural activities.
- Our programmes follow the National Curriculum guidelines

Monday 20th Apr–6th Jul inf 12-12:30 Jr 12:30-1:00

EXISTING return students	FIRST TIME students
10 weeks incl. materials £59.00	10 weeks incl. materials, activity book and CD - only £75.99

Why Learn Spanish?

- Early exposure to a second language improves maths, grammar, and creativity.
- Spanish builds your child's confidence in communication and learning.
- Spanish is the second most important international language, spoken by 400 million people.

BOOK NOW

https://spanishamigos.co.uk/book-a-class/

Enroll today and give your child the gift of a second language!

If you speak Spanish, French or Mandarin a contact us at info@spanishamigos.co.uk

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PLATFORM

SUMMER TERM

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RECEPTION - Y2 FOOTBALL CLUB



EVERY MONDAY
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15:15 - 16:15

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SCHOOL CLUBS

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUMMER TERM 2026

Tuesday – Multi Sports

3:15 - 4:20pm | Yrs 1,2,3,4,5,6

Thursday – Football

3:15 - 4:20pm | Yrs 3,4,5,6

Bookings Open Friday 20th March

For Dates, Prices & Bookings Visit:

https://bookwhen.com/psclubs

or scan the QR code

For more information contact us on
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Local activities over Easter





