St Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Parent Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026



A note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first half-term together, I am delighted to share the first edition of our school half-termly newsletter with you. I hope this will be a great source of information and you enjoy reading and celebrating some of the many positive moments, achievements and experiences from this half term.

It has been a very positive start to the year. Having already been part of our school community, I know what makes our school so special and I want to extend a personal thank you for your continued encouragement and support as I begin this new chapter as Headteacher. This term, it has been lovely to see our children continue to flourish, embrace their learning and live out the Gospel values that are at the heart of our Catholic faith. I look forward to all that we will continue to achieve together as a school community.

As we approach the half-term holiday, I would like to wish all our children and families a restful, happy and enjoyable break. I hope you have the opportunity to relax, spend precious time together and return refreshed for Autumn 2.

With best wishes,

Mrs Tracey Mullett

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance

Whole school this term

95.6% Our target: 96%

What does good attendance look like?

97–100%	Excellent – the best start for learning
95–96%	Good – at or near our school target
90–94%	A concern – up to 4 weeks of learning missed in a year
Below 90%	Persistent absence – 19+ days missed; we will be in touch to help

Every day counts: one day off a term adds up to more than a week of lessons missed by the end of primary school.

Punctuality

Whole school on time

98.6%

School begins with a Soft Start from 8.35am.

During this time settling learning activities are provided in your child's classroom.

This ensures a calm start to the day.

School officially begins at 8.50am when the register is taken. Any child arriving after 8.50am will be marked as late.

5 minutes late every day adds up to about 3 days of learning lost in a year.

1st for attendance	2nd for attendance	3rd for attendance	★ Top Year Group
Sapphire	**Yellow**	**Indigo**	**Year 5**
97.38%	*97%*	*96.91%*	*96.81%*

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year (12 sessions) Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

95%: 10 days absence a year (20 sessions) These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2-week absence every year can only achieve 95% attendance.

90%: 19 days absence a year (38 sessions) The Government classes young people in this group as "Persistent Absentees", and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work. Parents of young people in this group could also face the possibility of legal action being taken by the Local Authority.



IMPORTANT – REMEMBER TO:

- **Application for Reception 2027**

  A reminder that if you have not already submitted an application for a Reception place, all applications must be completed by: **15th January 2027**

  Reception applications are in two parts:
  1. You must apply online through the Local Authority in which you live.

  2. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form which must be returned to the school office.
  This is very similar to the form you submitted when you applied for a Nursery place.
  You can apply online via our website - https://www.st-josephs.islington.sch.uk/Admissions/

  If you are making a Catholic application you will need to bring or email to the school office your child's original baptism certificate.

  Our Admissions Policy sets out the criteria for offering places at the school and can be found on our school website at
  https://st-josephs.islington.sch.uk/admissions/ks1-and-ks2/

  Please remember that you must apply online through the Local Authority in which you live. Their application process is vital to your application – without this completed, your application cannot be considered. If you live in Islington, you apply online at www.islington.gov.uk/admissions.
  If you live in a different Local Authority, please apply through their Admissions website and let us know which borough you have made your application through.

- **Year 6 parents:** apply for your child's secondary school place by 31 October via the London eAdmissions website https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/

Dates for your Diary		
When?	**What?**	**Where?**
Thursday 5th November 2pm	Food Tasting Afternoon for Parents	KS2 Hall
Friday 6th November	Sparkle Day- wear bright colours and donate £1 to the PFA	Whole School
Friday 6th November 9.30am	First Friday Masses for Year 5	St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows and St Joseph's Churches
Tuesday 10th November 9am	Parent Workshop led by Claire from Actually Autistic	KS2 Hall
Thursday 12th November 9.30am	Open Morning for Nursery and Reception places	KS2 Hall
Monday 16th November 9.15am	Year 4 Parent Meeting to discuss Gordon Brown Residential	KS2 Hall
Thursday 3rd December 9.15am	Reception Nativity Performance	KS1 Hall
Friday 4th December 9.30am	Year 3 First Friday Masses	St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows and St Joseph's Churches
Friday 4th December from 8.35am onwards	Pre-Nursery Christmas Craft Morning	Classrooms
Tuesday 8th December 9.15am	Year 2 Nativity Performance	KS2 Hall
Wednesday 9th December 2pm	Year 5 Carol Service	St Joseph's Church
Thursday 10th December 9.15am	Nursery Christmas Sing-along	KS1 Hall
Friday 11th December	Christmas Fair	Playgrounds and Halls
Monday 14th December	Mini-Reindeer Dash (Sponsored Event for Whittington Hospital)	Whole School
Tuesday 15th December	EYFS Polar Express Day	EYFS Classes
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School
Thursday 17th December 9.30am	End of Term Mass led by Sapphire Class	St Joseph's Church
Friday 18th December	Last day of term 1pm finish	Whole School

School News

Our new Year 5–6 playground!



Works took place on the Upper Junior Playground over part of the Summer holiday and the month of September. These works were to improve the safety and condition of the surface, which had been severely compromised by tree roots in several locations. We are delighted with the outcome. Thank you for your patience while the works were carried out. It was a great learning opportunity for pupils who enjoyed seeing the works in action and taking advantage of the chance to 'drive' a digger!

Coffee Cart – open every day!

We are delighted that the Coffee Cart has reopened. Hot drinks and snacks are available for purchase each morning for pupils and adults.



Open Morning

We welcomed many families to St Joseph's for our Open Morning on Wednesday 30th September.

We received so much positive feedback on the day from parents who were blown away by what they saw and heard.They were impressed with our grounds, facilities, classrooms, teaching, provision and most importantly- our amazing pupils. They witnessed what a vibrant school community we are and saw the calm, learning environment we offer in action. Particular thanks to our groups of Pupil Leaders who spoke so eloquently about their experience as a pupil at St Joseph's, including their roles and responsibilities.

Music News

The Moonstone Orchestra initiates their musical journey learning percussion this term. They have played for St. Paul in the Cross whole school mass. Congratulations in their great first performance!



A small representation of the Moonstone orchestra played for first time in church.

Children in their weekly rehearsal.



Our next Open Morning is at 9.30am on Thursday 12th November

Do spread the word to friends and family looking for primary school places.

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Early Years Stay and Play

We are pleased to say the Stay and Play sessions will resume next half term on Friday the 13th of November.
These will take place every Friday with one Friday per half term also including a workshop and focus activities. We look forward to welcoming you in to the classroom to learn and play with your child.

Monday Celebration Assembly



This year we have introduced a Monday morning assembly for all children in Years 1-6 and an afternoon assembly for Early Years. This is a Celebration of the Word when children encounter Sunday's Gospel, praise through singing or explore another relevant liturgical or school theme for the week. It is also the time when we celebrate our Stars of the Week and present them with their certificates. Congratulations to all our Stars of the Week during Autumn 1!

New Roof

We are delighted to announce that works will commence on new roofs for Red and Diamond's classrooms during the half-term holiday. This will improve the insulation for those classes and help to prevent any leaks. The works are due to last until 13th November. During this time, you will notice scaffolding outside the classrooms and on the Key Stage 1 pathway. Red Class and Diamond Class pupils should be dropped off and collected at the Key Stage 1 Hall door. All other classes should be dropped off and collected from their usual points.

Parent- Teacher Meetings



Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended the meetings yesterday. It was wonderful to hear how well pupils have settled in to their new groups. We hope you find the information you received informative in supporting your child's education at home. If you were unable to make it yesterday, please see the office to make an appointment with your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support and partnership with the school to achieve the best outcomes for your child.

Poppy Appeal



During the month of November, we will be taking part in the Poppy Appeal. Last year we raised £332.61- the third highest amount of any school in the borough! This contributed to an incredible overall Islington total of **£83,000**. Look out for the Pupil Chaplains selling poppies and other items in the KS1 Playground during November.

Food Tasting Afternoon for Parents

Caterlink would like to invite you to a food-tasting session on **Thursday 5th November, between 2:00pm and 3:00pm in the KS2 Hall.**

This session will give you the opportunity to sample some of the delicious meals featured on the Autumn/Winter menu. You will also have the chance to learn more about Caterlink, ask any questions you may have, and find out more about the meals provided.

If you would like to attend, please complete the registration form to let us know you are interested - https://forms.gle/QdeHH7Su7AvhLLFF8

Uniform

Now that we are coming into the colder weather, pupils in Years 1-6 are expected to wear their winter uniform.

Winter Uniform (Autumn and Spring terms)

- White shirt or blouse (no rounded or frilly collars)
- School tie*
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan with logo*
- Plain grey skirt, long trousers or pinafore
- Grey socks or tights
- Black shoes classic school style (NO trainers)
- Plain navy, dark grey or black coat (No other coats permitted including denim, fur, leather or brand logos)



Items marked with a * can be ordered online from Uniform 4 Kids.

https://www.uniform4kids.com/collections/st-joseph-s-catholic-primary-school

Please ensure all uniform items are labelled with your child's name.

Farewell to Fr George



We say a sad farewell to Fr George as he returns to India to continue his important ministry there. As he prepares to leave our school after so many years of dedicated service, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all that he has done for our pupils, staff and the whole school community.

Fr George's presence has been a true blessing to our school. Through his faith, kindness, guidance and prayers, he has helped to nurture not only the minds of our children but also their hearts and spirits. He has shared in our joys, supported us through challenges and reminded us of the love of God in our everyday lives.

There will be a Farewell Mass in St Joseph's Church for Fr George on Sunday 15th November at 10am.

He would love you to come and celebrate with him!

A Prayer for Fr George:

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of Father George and for the many years he has faithfully served our school community. We thank You for his kindness, his wisdom, his prayers and the love he has shown to our pupils and staff.

As he begins this new chapter in his life and ministry, we ask You to bless him abundantly. May You guide his steps, strengthen his faith, renew his spirit and fill his heart with peace and joy.

May Our Lady watch over him, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain him, and may he always feel the warmth of God's love surrounding him.

We pray that he will carry with him happy memories of our school and the knowledge that he has made a lasting difference in so many lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Religious Education

It has been a busy and spiritually rich start to the new academic year!

Prayer and Liturgy: We began our school term together with our opening Mass, celebrating our school community. We also recently celebrated the Feast Day of St. Paul of the Cross, founder of the Passionists. In addition, our pupils have been regularly attending First Friday Masses at both St. Joseph's and St. Gabriel's.



Classroom RE: Across all year groups, pupils are successfully wrapping up Branch 1: Creation and Covenant, exploring how we care for God's creation and live in relationship with Him.

Catholic Life: Year 4 delivered a wonderful Harvest Assembly, showcasing their hard work and creativity. Thank you so much to all of our pupils and parents who donated so generously to our local food bank harvest appeal, your kindness and support will make a real difference in our community.

Library News

It has been a busy start to the new academic year as we continue to celebrate the National Year of Reading. In September we welcomed the celebrated author and illustrator, Chanté Timothy, to speak to pupils in Years 2, 3 and 4 about her Supa Nova book series. The children loved taking part in a draw-along to learn how to create their own graphic novel characters, and many children got to meet Chanté for a book signing in the library.





This half term we also hosted our Autumn Scholastic Book Fair which was very popular and a great success, raising over £2,300 in rewards that will buy brand new books for our school library and classrooms. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair! To celebrate National Poetry Day we asked pupils in Years 1 to 6 to write a poem on this year's theme of "wonder" and a winner from each year group was presented with a voucher to spend at the Book Fair. We had so many wonderful poems to read and it was very difficult to choose the winners!

Tech & Online Safety





1. Open Classroom Events – Relational Intelligence

A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who joined in for our Open Classroom event!

The children loved having you there, especially during their Online Safety lessons. Having you in class made a real difference, and it was great to see everyone chatting through such an important topic together.



2. **Open Morning**. The children were so excited to show off their tech projects and run through what their robots could do. It was fantastic to see them proudly sharing their hard work and achievements with visiting families, and showing off a bit of what makes our school community special.



Sports News

Our sporting achievements this term

Competition / event	Who took part	Result
Islington Year 5 and 6 Football	*Year 5 and 6*	*Boys Islington Champions 2026*
Islington Year 5 and 6 Football	*Year 5 and 6 Girls*	*Islington Finals – Top 8 Team out of 30 Schools*
Islington Year 3 and 4 Football	*Year 3 and 4*	*Boys Islington Qualifying Stage*
Islington Year 3 and 4 Football	*Year 3 and 4*	*Girls Result Through to the finals undefeated.*



Our Year 5 and 6 girls football team and Islington football finalists



Our Islington Year 5 and 6 boys football team and Islington football champions.



Islington Year 5 and 6 football champions 2026 - bringing the trophy home!

★ Our sporting stars of the half term!

Our Year 5 and 6 boys' football team have been outstanding, remaining unbeaten in nine matches, with seven wins and two draws. Their togetherness, focus and skill have been exceptional. A fantastic achievement and a very well-deserved victory — congratulations to the whole team!

A very special thank you

A very special mention to all of our sports ambassadors who have been so enthusiastic about their roles and responsibilities as young leaders within our school.

★ Coming next…

*We would like to inform you, that the upcoming PE lessons for pupils in Years 1 - 6 will focus on **gymnastics**.*
As these lessons will take place indoors, children should attend wearing their usual PE kit of navy shorts and a T-shirt.
For health and safety reasons, hoodies and joggers should not be worn during gymnastics lessons, as loose or bulky clothing can pose a risk when using apparatus.
During gymnastics, children will take part barefoot. This provides the best grip and helps to reduce the risk of slipping.

There is a fantastic opportunity to join our Year 4 - 6 basketball club on a Wednesday from 3:20 - 4:30pm and receive coaching sessions from Mr Grant and for the first time, Mr Akuffo, Head Coach of the Islington Panthers. An exciting opportunity to develop skills, build confidence and enjoy basketball. Book your child's place via ParentPay.

Pre-Nursery *Little Gems and Opal Class*

This term we have been settling in, meeting new friends and beginning to form friendships with our peers and key persons. We have had lots of fun exploring our environments indoors and outdoors. The children have been learning about each other and spent time looking at our families. We enjoyed having Little City come into school and were able to use our imaginations to role play in lots of different scenarios including being firefighters, vets and cashiers. The children have enjoyed going to the school library, visiting the chickens and having a story in the treehouse whilst also learning about the season Autumn.



Little City being a vet



We are cooking dinner in the mud kitchen



We are beginning to develop friendships



A visit to the school chicken

Nursery *Pearl and White Class*

Nursery did an amazing job of settling quickly this term, and had a wonderful start to the year focusing on our topic: 'Me and My Family'. We really enjoyed sharing our 'special boxes' and photos of the things and people that are precious to us. During our 'Switched on Science' learning, we explored how sounds can be changed. For Black History Month, we learnt a song from Ghana, and explored a range of crafts and books. As well as responding creatively to our learning with arts and crafts, we have also enjoyed acting out our key stories, such as 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff'. We were particularly excited to take on the roles of different occupations during our very exciting role play workshop with 'Little City' company, and we had a wonderful time on our first trip: a local area walks to Lauderdale house and Waterlow park.



Acting out our stories inside and out



Our local area walks



Music, science, culture and fun for Black History Month



Working hard in role at 'Little City'

Reception *Red and Ruby Class*

We have had a wonderful first term in Reception! It has been a busy and exciting start to the year, filled with fun, learning and new experiences! Our theme this term has been 'Me and My Community', exploring the important people who help us in everyday life.

We were delighted to welcome Elizabeth, a guide dog trainer, and her lovely guide dog, Sheriff, who showed us how clever guide dogs are at helping people who are blind!





We also visited the Year 5 and 6 playgrounds to explore different machinery and learn how builders help us in our community.

The children were very excited when Mr Big, (one of our key texts) came to visit and left a BIG mess in our classrooms!

We also enjoyed an amazing Little City workshop, the children explored different roles, dressing up as vets, doctors, shopkeepers, firefighters and police officers. We welcomed our parents and carers into school for our Computing and Phonics workshops. We have been learning lots of new sounds this term and have enjoyed applying this to our reading!



We celebrated Black History Month by listening to stories by black authors, completing activities and wearing red to support the 'Show Racism the Red Card' initiative.

We enjoyed celebrating diversity and the importance of kindness, respect and inclusion.

Finally, we had our Welcome Liturgy with Father Moses and our families, which was a beautiful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the beginning of our Reception journey. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled and look forward to another term full of exciting adventures and wonderful learning!



Year 1 *Orange & Amber Class*

This term in year 1, our classes have been settling in incredibly well, we are so proud of them!1

We have been enjoying learning about "All About Me!" in Science, "Family History" in History, "Caring for Creation" in R.E, "Numbers to 20" in Maths, "Narrative and Non-Fiction" in English and "Make Your Mark" in Art.

We have been lucky enough to have our parents in early on to see our amazing phonics in action. Our students loved having family visit our learning spaces. In English, we have been learning about 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy', and also about 'Fact Files'. We used our Science and Topic knowledge to write facts about ourselves, and our families. We are looking forward to another fantastic half-term where we can develop even more!



Using blocks to make towers to 20.



Daily prayers in Orange Class.



Learning all about timelines



Care for creation artwork

Year 2 *Yellow & Diamond Class*

The Year 2 children have settled back into school brilliantly and have been working exceptionally hard across all areas of the curriculum. In English, the pupils have been immersing themselves in our key text, *The River*, using creative freeze-frame drama activities to step into the characters' shoes before writing their own captivating journey narratives. In Maths, they have been deepening their understanding of place value by taking their core knowledge of number bonds to 10 and applying it to larger numbers up to 100. Meanwhile, in RE, the children have been exploring the story of Noah's Ark, reflecting deeply on the special covenant God made through the rainbow. To top off a fantastic start, we held a wonderfully reverent class liturgy, made even more memorable by a special visit from Father Moses. We are so proud of the enthusiasm and focus Year 2 have shown since returning to school!



Using Place Value charts to show tens and ones



Getting to know the Super You on our first day back!



Getting into the story with Freeze-Frames



Year 2's Liturgy Service

Year 3

Green and Emerald

Year 3 have had an amazing first half term, diving straight into their learning with enthusiasm, energy, and big smiles every day.



We have packed so much exciting learning into these past few weeks across all our subjects. In Maths, the children have been mastering column addition and subtraction, using practical resources to build their confidence with larger numbers. Our topic work has taken us deep into our local community, where we learned all about the incredible history and work of the NHS. This inspired our English writing, where the children produced fantastic fact files about pioneer nurses like Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, alongside writing their own creative fable narratives based on The Fox.

One of the absolute highlights of our half term was a visit from the Arsenal Community team, who ran an exciting workshop teaching us all about recycling and set us an exciting poster competition for the stadium. On top of that, we enjoyed a fascinating hands-on environmental lesson with Miss Sofia, planting flower bulbs all around the school grounds and waiting patiently to see them bloom in spring! We hope you all have a fantastic, well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting term ahead.



Year 4 *Sapphire and Blue*

Year 4 embarked on a fascinating exploration of Highgate Cemetery, discovering how this local landmark intertwines rich history, wildlife habitats, and sacred art within our community.
Alongside our History learning, Year 4 also took to the stage for their annual Harvest Assembly in front of an audience of proud parents, carers, and teachers. In the classroom, pupils have also been busy mastering Place Value through addition and subtraction in Maths, as well as writing their own immersive exploration narratives in English, taking inspiration from our class text, *Manfish.* This term, we set off for a sunny day in Regents Park, exploring the minibeasts and different trees that the park has to offer. We all loved discovering that Gingko trees have been around since dinosaurs were alive! The Field Study Centre supported the children's learning with multiple activities, including capturing the minibeasts in nets to explore the diversity of the local area.
A huge well done to all of our Year 4 pupils for their enthusiasm and dedication; a wonderful and well-deserved break awaits them!



Highgate Cemetery Trip



Regent's Park Trip



Using Place Value Charts to show addition



Environmental Day

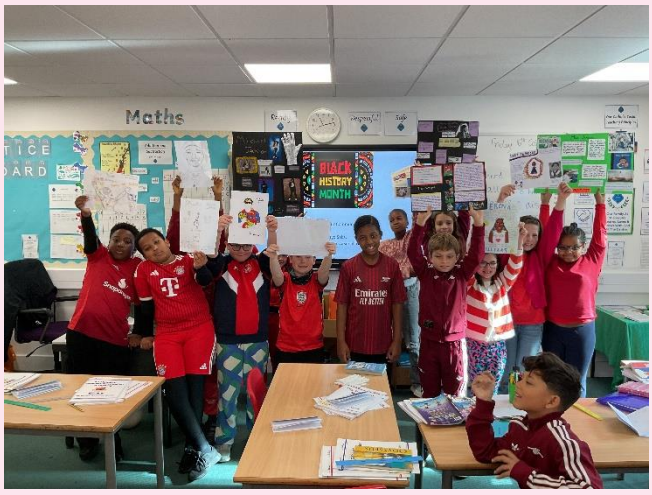
Year 5

Tanzanite and Indigo

Year 5 has had a fantastic first half-term, settling in brilliantly and tackling new challenges across all subjects. The children enriched their English skills with descriptive and non-fiction writing, strengthened key Maths fundamentals, investigated forces in Science, and explored Anglo-Saxon life in History.

In addition to engaging swimming lessons, they enjoyed memorable trips to The Children's Bookshow and hands-on air pollution workshops with UCL. Together, they honoured Black History Month, celebrated National Poetry Day, and Tanzanite class led a beautiful school Mass for St Paul of the Cross. We are so proud of their curiosity, resilience, and hard work—enjoy a well-deserved break, Year 5!









Year 6 *Amethyst and Violet*

What a fantastic first half term we have had in Year 6!

We kicked things off with an exciting residential trip to the Isle of Wight, where the children enjoyed a range of activities, including archery, kayaking, climbing and a trip to the beach.
Back in the classroom, we made a strong start to our writing, creating vivid setting descriptions of the forest in Hansel and Gretel and persuasive letters written from the perspective of the old lady, or is she a witch?! In History, we explored Ancient Greek gods, culture and theatre, even bringing ancient myths to life through our own performances. We also got creative by designing and making clay pots inspired by Ancient Greek pottery and patterns. It has been a busy and exciting half term, full of wonderful learning, creativity and new experiences!

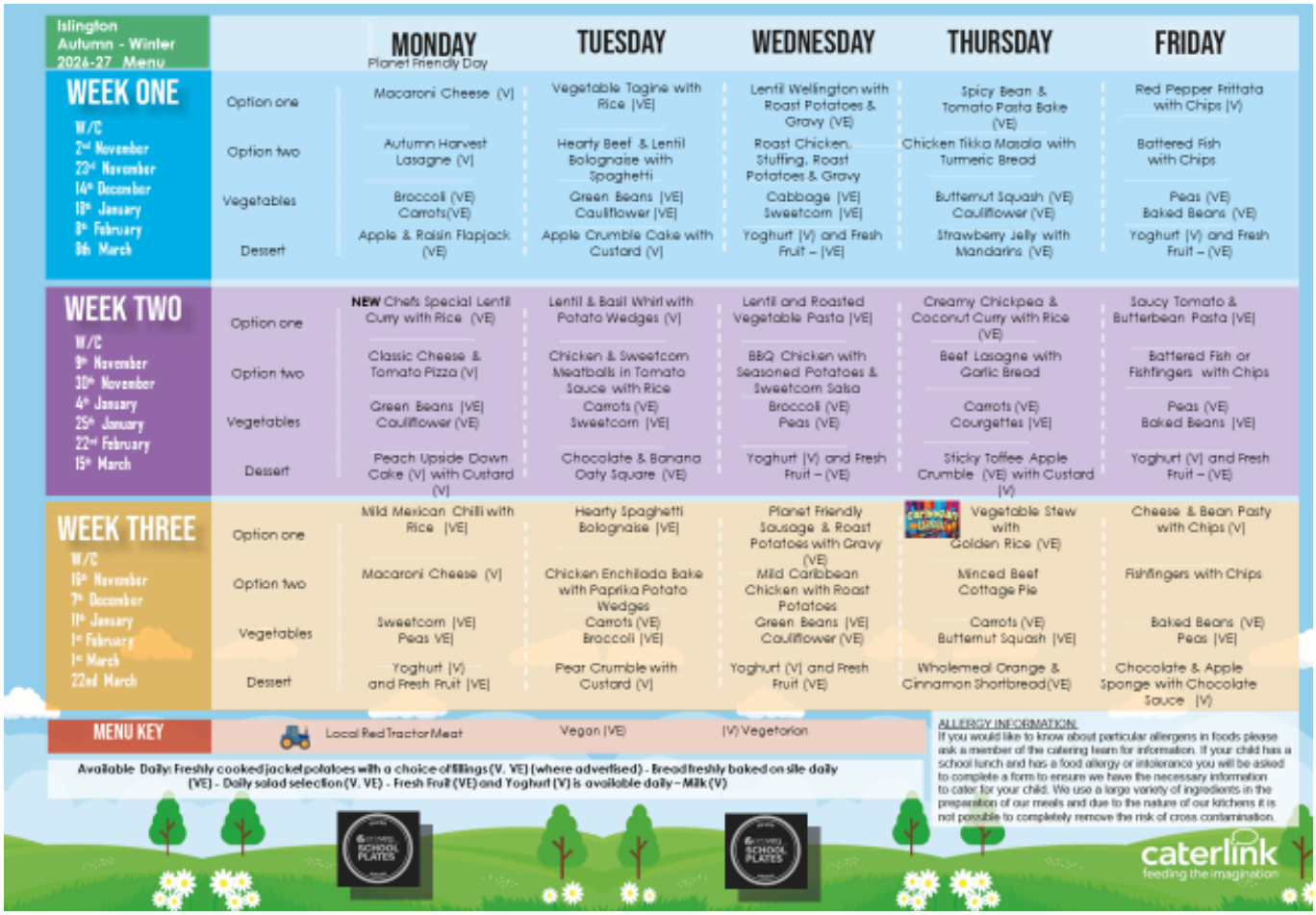









PARENT WORKSHOP
Run by Actually Autistic
Inviting ALL parents with children with ASD, those on the pathway, or who are interested in learning more!
Connecting,
Understating,
Supporting, and
Celebrating Our Children
Date: November 10th 2026
Time: 9am
Location:
St Joseph's School
St Joseph's Catholic Primery Sohool & Mureery
RSVP:
see link to sign up
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Islington Autumn - Winter 2026-27 Menu

		MONDAY Planet Friendly Day	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE M/C 2nd November 23rd November 14th December 18th January 8th February 8th March	Option one	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Vegetable Tagine with Rice (VE)	Lentil Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Spicy Bean & Tomato Pasta Bake (VE)	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips (V)
	Option two	Autumn Harvest Lasagne (V)	Hearty Beef & Lentil Bolognaise with Spaghetti	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Turmeric Bread	Battered Fish with Chips
	Vegetables	Broccoli (VE) Carrots(VE)	Green Beans (VE) Cauliflower (VE)	Cabbage (VE) Sweetcorn (VE)	Butternut Squash (VE) Cauliflower (VE)	Peas (VE) Baked Beans (VE)
	Dessert	Apple & Raisin Flapjack (VE)	Apple Crumble Cake with Custard (V)	Yoghurt (V) and Fresh Fruit – (VE)	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins (VE)	Yoghurt (V) and Fresh Fruit – (VE)
WEEK TWO M/C 9th November 30th November 4th January 25th January 22nd February 15th March	Option one	**NEW** Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice (VE)	Lentil & Basil Whirl with Potato Wedges (V)	Lentil and Roasted Vegetable Pasta (VE)	Creamy Chickpea & Coconut Curry with Rice (VE)	Saucy Tomato & Butterbean Pasta (VE)
	Option two	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	BBQ Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Battered Fish or Fishfingers with Chips
	Vegetables	Green Beans (VE) Cauliflower (VE)	Carrots (VE) Sweetcorn (VE)	Broccoli (VE) Peas (VE)	Carrots (VE) Courgettes (VE)	Peas (VE) Baked Beans (VE)
	Dessert	Peach Upside Down Cake (V) with Custard (V)	Chocolate & Banana Oaty Square (VE)	Yoghurt (V) and Fresh Fruit – (VE)	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble (VE) with Custard (V)	Yoghurt (V) and Fresh Fruit – (VE)
WEEK THREE M/C 16th November 7th December 11th January 1st February 1st March 22nd March	Option one	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice (VE)	Hearty Spaghetti Bolognaise (VE)	Planet Friendly Sausage & Roast Potatoes with Gravy (VE)	Vegetable Stew with Golden Rice (VE)	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips (V)
	Option two	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Potato Wedges	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Fishfingers with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn (VE) Peas VE)	Carrots (VE) Broccoli (VE)	Green Beans (VE) Cauliflower (VE)	Carrots (VE) Butternut Squash (VE)	Baked Beans (VE) Peas (VE)
	Dessert	Yoghurt (V) and Fresh Fruit (VE)	Pear Crumble with Custard (V)	Yoghurt (V) and Fresh Fruit (VE)	Wholemeal Orange & Cinnamon Shortbread(VE)	Chocolate & Apple Sponge with Chocolate Sauce (V)

MENU KEY Local Red Tractor Meat | Vegan (VE) | (V) Vegetarian

Available Daily: Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (V, VE) (where advertised) - Bread freshly baked on site daily (VE) - Daily salad selection (V, VE) - Fresh Fruit (VE) and Yoghurt (V) is available daily - Milk (V)

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

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AUTUMN 2026 · ST JOSEPH'S PFA

PFA News

Welcome back! **Every parent and carer at St Joseph's is automatically a member of the PFA**, our Parents & Friends Association. Together we raise funds, bring families together and support the school. Everyone is welcome to join in!

Look what we've raised together

SINCE MARCH 2025

£21,500+

for our children and our school

2026 (JAN TO DATE)*

c. £8,000

of that total, raised so far this year

**Provisional. Full and final figures will be shared at the March 2027 AGM, following a full and complete audit.*

What we funded in 2026



16 VR headsets

£7,273

Nursery and Reception have explored an underwater world!



Smoothie bike

£954

Pedal-powered smoothies at our Care for Creation Day.

Plus, in 2025: about £2,000 of playground equipment and £2,000 for the woodland trail arches.

WE NEED YOU · NEW OFFICERS WANTED

Could you lead the PFA next year?

All officer roles become vacant at our AGM in **March 2027**. No experience needed, and we'll help you get started.

Chair
Lead the team and link with the school

Secretary
Agendas, minutes and our records

Treasurer
Banking, budgets and year-end accounts

Plus: Executive Committee members. Join the governing body that represents the wider PFA, makes decisions on its behalf and stewards the funds we raise.

CURIOUS? CHAT TO YOUR CURRENT OFFICERS

Samantha Gregory	**Naomi Simmons**	**Venetia Aikins**	**Eimear**
Co-Chair	Co-Chair	Treasurer	Secretary
Francis (Y4), Oliver (Y3)	Amalia (Y4), Akirou (Y2)	AJ (Reception)	Conor (Y2)

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Key Dates for Your Diary

SAVE THE DATES!

FRI 6 NOV

Sparkle Day

Remember, remember the 6th of November! Children come to school in their brightest, sparkliest outfits for a **£1 donation** to the PFA.

WED 25 & THU 26 NOV

Christmas Shop

It's back! Children choose gifts for the people they love, all by themselves. A lovely surprise for Christmas morning.

FRI 11 DEC

Christmas Fair

It's ON! Festive stalls, treats and fun for our whole school community. More details to follow on WhatsApp.

DATE TBC

Disco Night

Get your dancing shoes ready! Coming in the Spring Term. We'll confirm the date on WhatsApp.

Get involved!

Coming to our events supports the PFA. To help more, reply on WhatsApp or speak to any PFA officer.



Support & donate
Donate raffle prizes, or help us secure sponsorship and match funding.

Volunteer on the day
Run a stall, supervise games, or help set up and clear away.

Join the committee
Help plan events and shape the PFA, with or without an officer role.

Scan me!

Shop as normal, raise money!

Sign up at **easyfundraising.org.uk** and search for **St Joseph's Parents and Friends Association, Highgate**. It raised £167 last year. **Imagine if every family joined!**

IT'S FREE!

Thank you, St Joseph's! See you at the fair!

Scan to join our WhatsApp Community for reminders and volunteer requests.

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