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Issue 7: Autumn Term **Friday 16th October 2026**

Dear Families of St Joseph's,

This month we have been thinking about **Black History**. The children have been doing various activities and focusing on important people and everyday people who shape our society for the better.

At St Joseph's, we regularly remind the children that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. We regularly teach that discrimination and prejudice of any kind is wrong. We regularly teach that our mission is to love and respect all our brothers and sisters, not matter their creed, background or religion.

Today was '**Wear Red**' day and it was great to see so many children taking part and showing their support for this important message.

Year 4's assembly on Wednesday was fabulous! Huge thanks to Miss Reynolds and Miss Wood for allowing the children to shine like they did! Children - you were amazing! Such talented actors, singers and dancers! Thank you to all the parents that came along and showed their support in such high numbers.

Just a reminder that any photos / video taken at school events should only be for personal use and never shared on social media. **Some of our children do not have permission for their images to be shared and we need to respect these wishes. Thank you.**

Thank you for attending this week's parent/teacher consultations. We hope you found them useful; hearing about the learning and progress of your child and gaining information on their next steps. Onwards and upwards!

I can't believe next week is the final week of the half-term. It seems to have raced by even though it has been incredibly busy all round!

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a safe a restful weekend.

God Bless,

James Stacey

Head Teacher

Important Notices

Attendance

Please ensure that your children are in school on time, every day. **The doors open at 8.45 a.m. The register is taken promptly at 9.00 a.m.** The link between regular school attendance and improved future life chances is undeniable. Please know that when we talk to you about attendance it is because we want the best possible outcomes for your child. If your child is not going to be in school for any reason, it is your duty to contact the school to let us know this and the reason for the absence. This is a safeguarding matter.

Allergies

Please inform Mrs Bartley as soon as possible if your child has an allergy that the school needs to be aware of. Please kindly email, or phone the school office (or see Mrs Bartley at drop-off in the morning).

Medication

If your child requires any medication (e.g. auto-injectors, asthma pumps etc) - please ensure that these are always in school and in date. Please provide as much detail as possible and any paperwork that is required. Medication should be clearly labelled and in the original boxes.

Please know that when we talk to you about your child's medication we are trying to fulfil our duty of care to ensure every child is safe in school.

Snacks

Any snacks brought to school must be **NUT FREE**. Any product containing chocolate and fizzy drinks are not allowed as snacks in school or at after-school clubs. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our children with nut allergies safe and in promoting healthy food choices

Uniform

Please ensure that correct uniform is always worn so that St Joseph's children are as smart as can be in school and out of school (where they are our Ambassadors in the local community!). The full uniform list can be found on the school website, or through the school suppliers School Uniform Direct.

Trainers are **NOT** to be worn apart from PE lessons.

Can we kindly remind all families to ensure all school uniform and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's full name.

Important School Run Safety Notice:

We have received concerning reports of vehicles travelling at high speeds down **Draycott Terrace** during morning drop-off. Please **reduce your speed to under 20mph**, plan extra time for your journey, and drive with extreme caution around the school gates. Let's work together to keep our children safe.

CATHOLIC LIFE

We have been celebrating **Black History Month**. Next week, the children will look at some diverse Saints from around the world and discuss their lives and their example.

We regularly discuss the fact that we are all made in the image and likeness of God; no matter where we come from or what we look like - all God's creation, all worthy of respect and dignity.

This is a prayer for racial justice:

God of light and truth,
You call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice. Help us to see in one another: a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble and a care for our brothers and sisters; so that together we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all. We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord.
Amen

You are most welcome on Monday to join me in the hall for our next Parents' Prayer session. Please do come along for just before 9.00 a.m. if you can. It would be lovely to pray together.

Next Wednesday we ask for your kind donations towards our Glass Door appeal to be brought in. Please see the information later in the newsletter about what Glass Door most need.

Last year, we donated 30 bags of items - can we beat that amount this year? The children think so!

By donating to this special, local charity, we are showing our '**love in action**' and demonstrating many **Catholic Social Teaching** values:

+ Preferential Option for the Poor
+ Dignity
+ Solidarity and Peace
+ Community and Participation

Thank you in advance for your kind support.

Things to collect for Glass Door
Below is our current list of things that we and our guests need. In a nutshell, you'll see they are staples for preparing and serving delicious dinners, breakfasts and hot drinks in large quantities; and topping up supplies of toiletries which guests may not be able to afford. Thank you so much in advance:

- Instant coffee
- Instant hot chocolate
- Biscuits (digestives, custard creams, bourbons, etc.)
- Sugar
- Tea (black, breakfast, fruit, green tea)
- Sauces (ketchup, brown sauce, hot sauces)
- White rice (please no ready cooked, brown or specialty rice)
- Tinned tomatoes
- Coconut milk
- Tinned pulses (chickpeas, kidney, mixed, cannellini beans, lentils, etc.)
- Breakfast spreads (jam, jelly, honey, marmalade, etc.)
- Tinned vegetarian soups
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Toiletries (deodorants, shampoo, shower gels, bar soap, etc.)

Please try and support this very important charity by collecting some items to send in for the appeal.

Please note - the day to send in any items is:

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER (am). Items will be collected by noon. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any donations after this time.

Thank you so much in advance for showing your 'love in action' towards those who are less fortunate and in need.

GLASSDOOR
A route out of homelessness

Dates For The Diary

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who is welcome to attend?
Monday 19th October	9am	Parents' Prayer Session	School Hall	All families are very welcome
Monday 19th October - Friday 23rd October	8.45-9.05am (Tuesday-Friday) 3.15-3.50pm (Monday-Friday)	Scholastic Book Fair – card payments only please. (Please see separate letter)	School Hall	All families and children are very welcome
Wednesday 21st October	At drop off and before 12 noon	Glass Door donations	School	Donations are very welcome from all families please. Refer to the Newsletter for more information
Wednesday 21st October	10am	Class Assembly - Year 5*	School Hall	All Year 5 families are very welcome
Friday 23rd October	8.45am	PTFA Coffee morning and second-hand uniform sale**	School	All families are very welcome
Half Term Week 26th-30th October				
Thursday 5th November	2pm	EYFS Open day	School	For prospective families – please make your friends and family aware of this important event
Monday 16th November	9am	Parents' Prayer Session	School Hall	All families are very welcome
Monday 16th November	Whole week event	Anti-Bullying/Friendship week (Further details to follow)	School	N/A
Monday 16th November	Whole day event	Odd socks day (Further details to follow)	School	N/A
Thursday 26th November	10am	EYFS Nativity Performance (Further details to follow)	School Hall	All EYFS families are very welcome
Friday 27th November	10am	EYFS Nativity Performance (Further details to follow)	School Hall	All EYFS families are very welcome
Thursday 3rd December	10am	KS1 Nativity Performance (Further details to follow)	School Hall	All KS1 families are very welcome
Friday 4h December	10am	KS1 Nativity Performance (Further details to follow)	School Hall	All KS1 families are very welcome
Friday 11th December	N/A	Final day of all after-school clubs. Breakfast club runs as normal until 18/12 and WAC until 17/12	N/A	N/A
Saturday 12th December	TBC	Santa's Grotto (Further details to follow)	School	All families and children are very welcome
Friday 18th December	12pm EYFS 12.15 Years 1-6	Last day of Autumn Term - Early finish	School	N/A
Christmas Holidays Monday 21st December – Monday 4th January 2027				

*Please note for class assemblies, gates will open for families at 9.55am. Buggies are left outside of the School Hall for health and safety reasons please.

** Please note sign-ups for 1:1 Teacher Meetings will be accessed via Arbor and details communicated in the first week of October.

PE Uniform Notice

After discussions with our uniform suppliers; the PE Tracksuit top remains a compulsory item of uniform. However, children can wear plain, bottle green, jogging / tracksuit bottoms (no leggings please). The jogging bottoms / tracksuit bottoms should not have logos on them (e.g. no branded sportswear). Thank you for your support in helping our children to look super smart at all times.

Trainers are not to be worn

(apart from during PE)

Polite Notice: Being Mindful of Our Neighbours

We would like to gently remind all families to be mindful of our local community when waiting for the school gates to open (particularly in the morning) when standing near the almshouses (St Joseph's Cottages). Many of the residents living in the almshouses are elderly or vulnerable, and they value highly their peace and quiet (especially earlier in the morning).

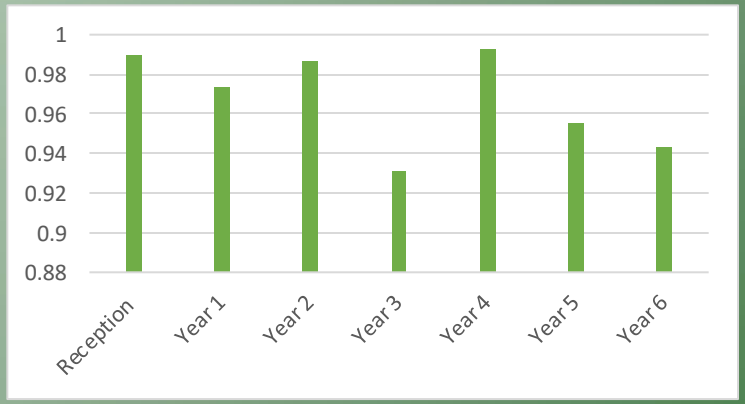
Please help us maintain our excellent relationship with our neighbours by ensuring that children do not shout, run loudly, or make excessive noise when passing these properties. Thank you so much for your continued support, co-operation, and kindness in helping us be considerate members of our local community.

Attendance Message

Please note:

Government guidance makes clear that a family holiday during term time is not considered an exceptional circumstance for authorising absence. Parents are therefore strongly encouraged to arrange holidays during the school holidays wherever possible.

Well done Year 4, you have this week's highest attendance at 99.29%



Happy Birthday this week to…

Sesinna Year 6
Ashley Year 5
James Year 5

We hope you had an amazing day!

Well done to the **Y6 Football Team**! They played magnificently against the Oratory Primary on Tuesday and achieved a brilliant 6-0 win!

Well done to the whole team, and a special mention to Filippo R who scored a hat-trick for the second week running!

Thank you to Mr Patel for taking the team down and ensuring everyone had some game time and had fun.

Flu vaccination centres for children aged 5 and over in Kensington and Chelsea — 2026

For the 2026–27 flu season, children aged 5 and over in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea may be eligible for a flu vaccination through the NHS, depending on their age, school year and medical circumstances.
The most important distinction is age and school year:

- Children aged 5–16 in eligible school years: the NHS usually offers the flu vaccine through their school, with alternative arrangements available if they miss it.
- Children aged 5 and over who are clinically at risk: they may be eligible through their GP or another NHS vaccination service.
- Children aged 5 and over who are not eligible through the school programme or a medical-risk group: availability at pharmacies and other vaccination centres can vary, so confirm eligibility before travelling.

1. Main NHS service for children who miss their school vaccination

CNWL NHS Child Immunisation Service
Covers Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster, Hammersmith and Fulham, and other London boroughs.
This is the most relevant service to contact if your child missed their school flu vaccination, is home-educated, or needs a catch-up appointment.

- Telephone: 020 3317 5076
- Website: CNWL Child Immunisation Service

The service confirms that it provides school flu vaccinations from Reception to Year 11 and local catch-up clinics. Ask for the 2026–27 children's flu catch-up arrangements.

CNWL NHS Trust

2. Local healthcare centres and pharmacies to contact

The following are real healthcare locations in or around the borough. Their availability for NHS flu vaccinations for children aged 5 and over has not been individually confirmed, so please phone first.

1. The Abingdon Health Centre
88–92 Earls Court Road, London W8 6EG
Phone: 020 7795 8470
Contact the centre to ask whether it can vaccinate your child through their GP service.

2. Holland Park Surgery
12 Phillimore Walk, London W8 7RX
Phone: 020 7221 4334
Ask about children's NHS flu vaccination appointments and eligibility.

3. King's Road Medical Centre
529 King's Road, London SW10 0UD
Phone: 020 7352 9568
Contact the centre to check whether it offers the child's NHS flu vaccine this season.

4. South Kensington GP Clinic
2A Pelham Street, London SW7 2NG
Phone: 020 7591 1300
Ask whether it can arrange an NHS flu vaccine for a school-aged child.

5. Chelsea Pharmacy
61–63 Sloane Avenue, London SW3 3DH
Phone: 020 7589 8776
Ask whether the pharmacy offers NHS flu vaccinations to children in your child's age group.

6. Knightsbridge Pharmacy
156 Brompton Road, London SW3 1HW
Phone: 020 3581 3383
Contact the pharmacy to check whether it accepts eligible children for NHS flu vaccination.

7. Medicine Chest Pharmacy & Travel Clinic
413–415 King's Road, London SW10 0LR
Phone: 020 7351 1142
Ask whether it will vaccinate children under the NHS programme or offers a suitable private service.

3. NHS pharmacy finder — check more locations

The NHS confirms that from 1 December 2026, school-aged children from Reception to Year 11 who missed their school flu vaccination will also be eligible for vaccination at participating pharmacies. Children aged 4–17 with certain qualifying long-term health conditions can access participating pharmacies earlier.

- Find a pharmacy offering free NHS flu vaccination — enter a Kensington and Chelsea postcode, such as W8, W10, W11, SW3 or SW10.
- NHS children's flu vaccine guidance — check eligibility and vaccination arrangements.
- NHS 119: call for help with vaccination booking if needed.