

ASPIRATION, COMPASSION, COMMUNITY, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT & FAITH



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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TO LEARN TOGETHER AND GROW
IN GOD'S LOVE

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Dear Parents/carers,

We celebrated the Feast of St Joseph on Tuesday this week with whole school Mass and the Mayor of Greenwich Cllr Dr Dominic Mbang. We continued the celebration with refreshments in school and our wonderful choir entertained all our guests.

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us at our Easter Egg Hunt, your continued support is fantastic.

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Long

As a school we aim for pupils to achieve 100% attendance or as close as possible. Evidence shows strong attendance directly links to a child achieving their full potential. Through working together, we can ensure that your child receives a full-time education, through regular and structured attendance.

While it is understandable that there may be a number of legitimate reasons why your child's attendance may be affected, it remains essential that all children attend school as often as possible and are not absent for minor coughs and colds.

Keeping attendance above 95% allows pupils to achieve their potential.



School success starts with attendance

Winners last week

Year 6 – 95.8%

School attendance last

Week 89.2%

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday 10 am Mass, St Joseph's Parish Church– Choir to sing – All families welcome.

Tuesday 26th March – 9 am Easter Bonnet Parade, parents welcome.

Thursday 28th March – Maundy Thursday Mass 9.30 St Joseph's Church

Thursday 28th March – break-up Easter Holidays at 2 pm.

Monday 15th April – pupils return to school

Thursday 2nd May - school closed. School is being used as a polling station

Our annual Easter Bonnet Parade will take place on Tuesday 26th March at 9 am. All children are encouraged to get creative and join the parade! Parents are very welcome to join us and wear a bonnet too!!



Pupils late week 11th March – 15th March 2024

Attendance Matters... Every Minute Counts

Minutes late per day or Early out per day	Learning time lost In a year
5 minutes	2.09 days
10 minutes	4.20 days
15 minutes	6.17 days
20 minutes	8.40 days
30 minutes	12.59 days
60 minutes	25.19 days

YR	11
Y1	13
Y2	10
Y3	14
Y4	20
Y5	7
Y6	16

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Attendance

If your child is absent from school please inform the school office either by telephone or email support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk If your child seeks GP appointment please email a photo of any medication prescribed. Thank you for your support.

FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS

CHARLTON ATHLETIC WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CLUB

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH
KICK-OFF 2PM
AT THE VALLEY STADIUM
SE8 7BL
GATES OPEN FROM 12PM

FAMILY FRIENDLY
FOOD AND DRINK
27,111 SEAT STADIUM!

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS!

UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH

This Week

- Freya – Y5
- Elif – YR
- Daanya – Y5
- Mrs Khanom

Charlton Athletic Women Football Club

Scan the QR code fill out the details and select up to 16 tickets per scan of the qr code collect ticket at our ticket office at the valley on matchday

CASEYS SCHOOLWEAR

SCHOOLS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Order your child's school uniform online click <https://tinyurl.com/ztwar97a>

Free School Meals – Holiday Club

Children and young people who are eligible for or receiving benefits-related free school meals can get a free holiday club place this Easter.

Young people aged 4 and 16-years-old can sign up at camps all over the borough through the Council's Holiday Food and Fun scheme.

Every club will provide a healthy lunch as well as activities ranging from dancing to football – and everything in between.

Clubs are inclusive to children and young people with SEND, and some clubs can provide additional support such as small groups, 1:1 or specialist support.

Holiday Food and Fun will run between 2 April and 12 April. Families should contact clubs directly to book their space via the below link.

royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun

Please note details of St Joseph's holiday club are below and also offer free places for free school meal children.

St Joseph's School Prayer

Heavenly Father -

Let us aim to be the very best we can be, at all times.

May St Joseph's be full of happiness.

Fill our hearts with love, respect and compassion for all who are part of our school, local and global community.

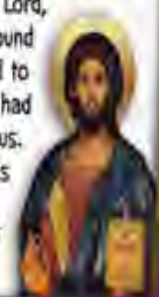
Help us to make good choices, and guide us in understanding when we don't.

Let us remember, in learning together, we grow together and succeed together, in God's love.



This week's Gospel

When Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples into the nearby village to collect a donkey. He said to them, "If anyone stops you, tell them that it is for the Lord, and that the donkey will be returned." So the disciples set off and found the donkey. When they untied it from its post, some people said to them, "What are you doing?" The disciples answered just as Jesus had told them, and the people let the disciples take the donkey to Jesus. Then Jesus rode into Jerusalem. People were spreading their cloaks and palm branches on the road in front of him. They praised God, shouting: "Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!"



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/enthusiasm?pid=MTA101634&v=120.4> Click link to read more.

Rainbow Awards

22nd March 2024

Rec – Bona, Ifu

Year 1 – Leo B, Praise

Year 2 – Aria, Phoenix

Year 3 – Amelia, Emelia

Year 4 – Kaiden, Adora

Year 5 – Theo, Lara

Year 6 – Eva, Beau

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!



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Important Information

Is your child protected against measles?



Childhood infections can be serious, even life-changing. Check your child's Red Book or contact your GP surgery to find out & book in any missed doses.

livewellgreenwich.org.uk/child-immunisations/

Cycle training for children during the Easter Holidays at Mulgrave Primary School - Rectory Place, Woolwich, London, SE18 5DL

Learn 2 Ride and Level 1

<https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/green>



FREE PARK TENNIS @BOSTALL GARDENS Saturday and Tuesday

STARTS THIS SATURDAY. BOOK NOW!

Saturday:

9.00am-9.30am
9.30am-10.00am
10.00am-10.30am

Tuesday:

4.00pm-4.30pm
4.30pm-5.00pm
5.00pm-5.30pm
5.30pm-6.00pm



Please share with friends and family

Abbey Wood Tennis Club
FIND OUT MORE TODAY

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DESIGN THE BIKE OF THE FUTURE!



Brand New Children's Bike + Accessories*

EXAMPLE:



*Bike will vary depending on age and height of the child. See our website for more details or bikes available.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Imagine a world where more people ride bikes, the roads are safer, the air is cleaner, and lots of people enjoy being active outdoors. We'd love for you to be a part of this by designing the "bike of the future" to help us picture this amazing vision!

You can let your imagination run wild - use paints, pens, collage materials digital design or even a 3D model.

There are no rules, just have fun!

This contest is open to kids in London who are up to 16 years old. So, grab your art supplies and show us your fantastic ideas for the future bike!



INFO FOR ADULTS

You can send your child's design to us in one of two ways:

1. Share your design on Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook by tagging @peddleywheels and using the hashtag #futurebike (please note that your post will be public and viewable by others).

2. If you'd rather not post on social media, please send an email to merissa@peddleywheels.com with Future Bike as the subject line. (Please be aware that we may feature your entry on social media unless you explicitly request otherwise).

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 26th APRIL 2024. See website for full t&cs: peddleywheels.com

More photos on our website!

<https://www.stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk/index.asp>

SPECIAL TICKET DISCOUNT ON MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MATCHES IF YOU ATTEND THE FAMILY FUN DAY

GET EACH MATCH BELOW FOR JUST
£10 ADULTS £5 CONCESSIONS

CHARLTON ATHLETIC BARNSELY SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH KO 3PM
CHARLTON ATHLETIC WOMEN SOUTHAMPTON WOMEN SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH KO 2PM

USE THE CODE BELOW IN PERSON AT THE TICKET OFFICE ON APRIL 3RD TO GET YOUR DISCOUNTED TICKETS!

FamilyFunDay2024



In partnership with



Different Sports | Fun Games | Football Tournaments | Healthy Lunch

 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Commerell Street, Greenwich, SE10 9AN

 10am-2pm


 Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April





Book Now

FREE places and lunches are available during the Easter holidays for children and young people entitled to Pupil Premium (Benefit-related Free School Meals).

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COST

FREE places and lunches are available during the Easter holidays for children and young people entitled to Free School Meals (Pupil Premium), subject to availability and eligibility.

The cost for non-eligible children and young people is stated below. Please provide a packed lunch (no nuts) and a drink if paying for a place.

★ **£12 per day**

★ **£40 for all 4 days**

We are proud to work in partnership with the Royal Borough of Greenwich to improve the lives of children and young people.

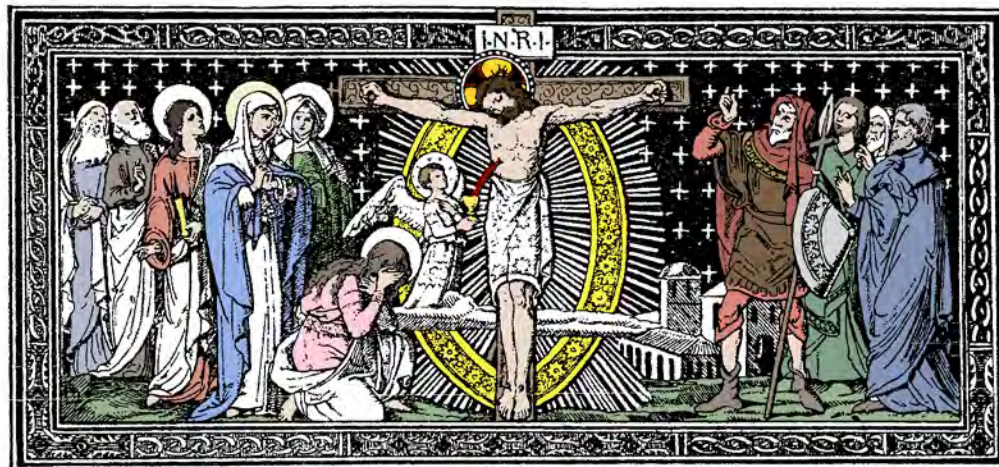


Holy Week

This is a very special week. On Thursday we celebrate the day that Jesus ate the Last Supper with His apostles. This was the first Mass, when He gave His Body and Blood to them in what still looked like bread and wine. He also made them priests by giving them the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood to offer them to the Father.

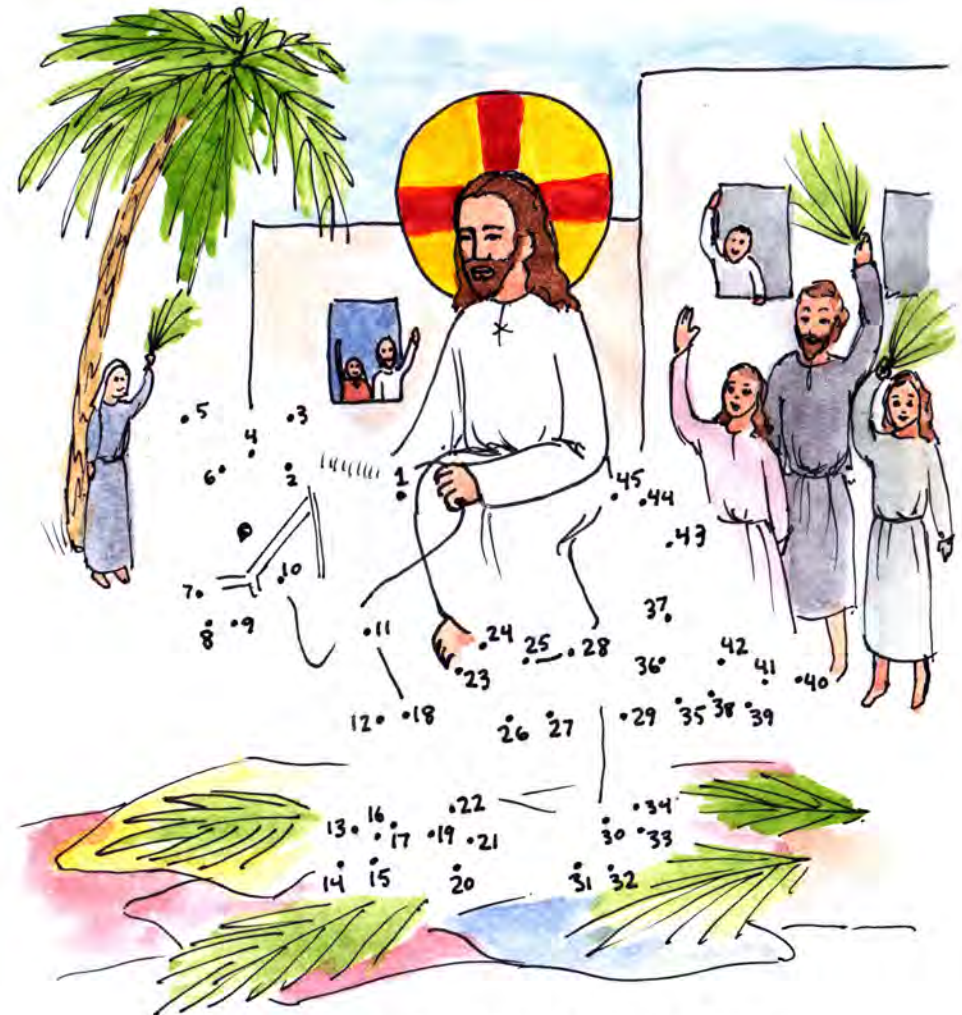
On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord. He was beaten and made fun of, and had to carry the heavy cross. Then He was nailed to the cross, where He hung for hours before He gave up His life to God for us.

On Holy Saturday we remember the day that Mary and the apostles and Jesus' other friends were very sad and upset by what had happened. Their best friend and leader had just been killed! Do you think they knew what was about to happen on Easter Sunday?



The Kids' Bulletin

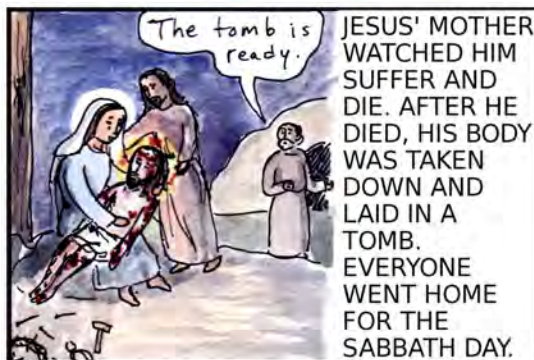
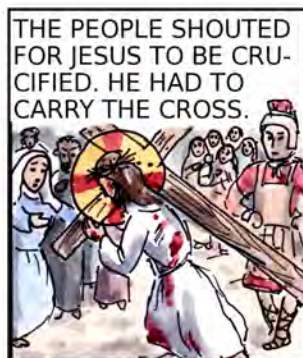
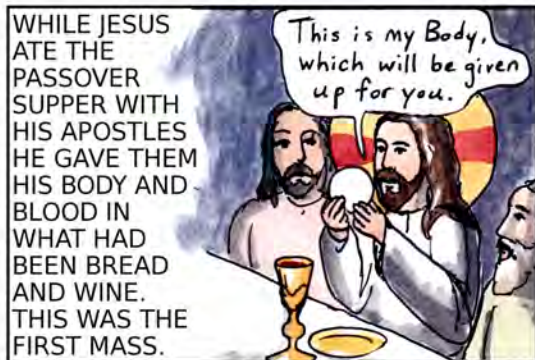
Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday
March 24th, 2024



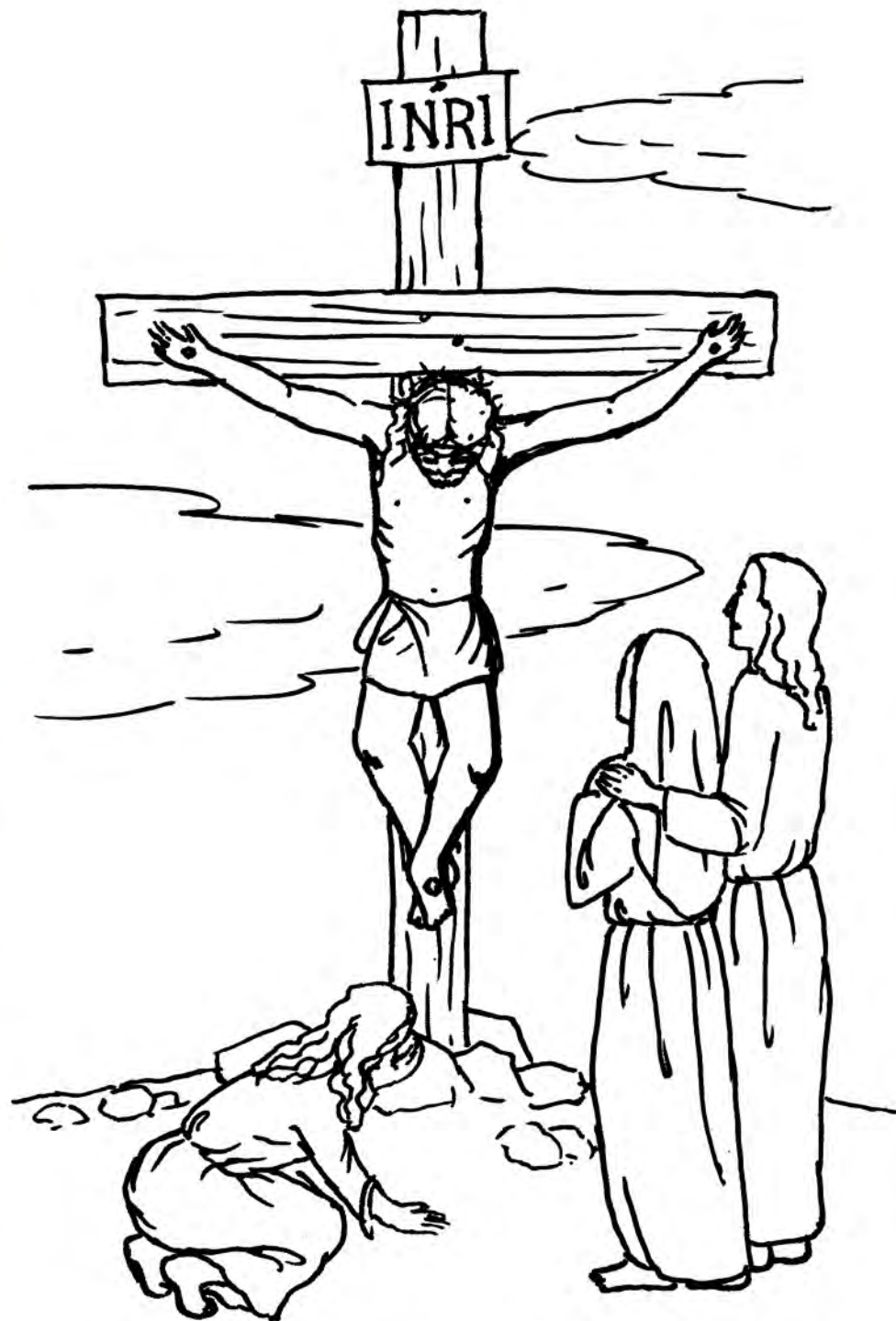
A few days before He died on the Cross, Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times. What was it? Connect the dots to find out!

The Passion of Jesus

Holy Thursday and Good Friday



THIS IS THE STORY OF THE FIRST HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY. JESUS ALWAYS KNEW THAT THIS WAS WHAT HE CAME TO DO: TO SUFFER AND DIE TO MAKE UP FOR THE SINS OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. BECAUSE HE DID THIS WE ARE ALL ABLE TO GO TO HEAVEN. NOW WE JUST NEED TO FOLLOW HIM!



A Good Friday picture for you to colour.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ENCOURAGING OPEN CONVERSATIONS AT HOME

With tricky topics and occasional clashes of opinion, it can be challenging to maintain an environment where children feel able to talk candidly and honestly. However, encouraging such conversations helps to develop trust – making it easier to unpack even sensitive subjects as children get older. Here are our top tips for promoting open conversations at home.

1 CREATE A SAFE SPACE

Criticism, blaming or shaming can all prevent children from feeling emotionally safe – while showing affection, positive attention and an interest in what a child has to say builds their sense of security. These formative years are when children's opinions and values begin to take shape, so it's important to provide a non-judgmental environment in which to discuss them – especially if their opinions differ from your own.

2 CONSIDER OTHER OUTLETS

Some children may find it easier to talk while they're participating in another activity such as drawing, writing, walking or sport. If it's possible, taking part in these activities together presents you with an opportunity to communicate while doing something side by side. A child may feel less pressure that way and can be more inclined to open up of their own accord.

3 NORMALISE CHATS ABOUT FEELINGS

Incorporate mental health and emotional wellbeing into everyday conversations, using age-appropriate language and examples to help children understand their emotions. Ask questions like "How are you feeling today?", "What was the best and worst part of your day?", "If you could start today again, what would you do differently?" and "Is there anything you want to talk about?"

4 LISTEN ACTIVELY

When children express themselves, make it obvious that you're listening closely and giving them your full attention. Maintain eye contact and validate their feelings without immediately trying to solve the problem. It's not helpful to dismiss their issues as childish or 'teenage angst' – or to assume that they'll simply 'get over' whatever they're feeling. Children don't have your life experience; their resilience is still developing as they learn to push through difficulties and handle problems.

5 ASK OPEN QUESTIONS

Encourage children to share their thoughts by asking open questions about their feelings and experiences. Closed questions (such as "Did you enjoy school today?") are more likely to elicit a simple "yes" or "no" response. Instead, you could ask things like "Who did you spend time with at break?" or "Who did you sit with at lunchtime?"

6 RESPECT THEIR BOUNDARIES

If a child isn't ready to talk to about something yet, respect their boundaries: this reinforces that their feelings are important and worthy of consideration. Ideally, you're aiming to let them know you care without smothering them, so just make it clear that you're there for them whenever they're ready to chat. Gentle, regular check-ins can sometimes be the best form of progress.

7 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Model open, honest and healthy communication in front of children and young people. Try to demonstrate kindness when talking about others and yourself, because if children hear adults being overly harsh, critical or judgmental, or see them having unrealistic expectations of themselves, it makes them more likely to adopt and repeat this behaviour themselves as they grow.

8 HAVE REGULAR CHECK-INS

Check in with children periodically to discuss how they're feeling and what's going on in their lives. This could be a weekly or monthly conversation, where the child has an opportunity to share whatever's on their mind. For parents and carers, getting away from the house and other distractions might be productive here: you could consider regular trips to a coffee shop or a café, or just a weekly walk.

9 PROVIDE RESOURCES

It's often beneficial to let children know about other support that's available to them if they're struggling to talk to you specifically. Encourage them to talk to school counsellors, trusted adults or even a therapist, if necessary – while normalising this route and dispelling the harmful stigma around asking for help. Older children could engage with resources such as Kooth or YoungMinds.

10 CELEBRATE EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION

It's beneficial to praise children for expressing their feelings honestly – emphasising how important it is to talk about their emotions and how proud you are of them for doing so. This can be especially pivotal for boys, who often experience more of a stigma around talking frankly about their feelings and their mental health – a barrier that can be overcome, with enough love and support.

Meet Our Expert

With 30 years' experience as a teacher, trainer, consultant and interim executive board member, Anna Bateman has a superb understanding of what works in pedagogy, school improvement and leadership. She has also advised the Department for Education on their mental health green paper.



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