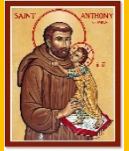






# Autumn 1 2023 – Newsletter

## Reception - St Anthony



Theme	It's Good To Be Me!
Topics we are covering this term:	Family Parts of body Self identity
Core text for English	1. Family /friends: The Family Book - Todd Parr + N/fic. 2. Our bodies /Senses: The Colour of us – Karen Katz 3. Inside the body: Funny Bones (poem to study Allen Ahlberg) 4. I am perfectly designed – Karamo Brown 5. Don't touch my hair – Sharee Miller / Hair Love
Supplementary texts	6. My skin, your skin – Laura Henry <b>Additional Texts:</b> Black History Month: My Two Grannies – Floella Benjamin My Two Grandads – Floella Benjamin So Much Head to Toe – Eric Carle You Choose – Pippa Goodhart Full, Full, Full of Love – Trish Cooke
English focus	Each week we will focus on a different book listed above. <u>Our learning focus will include:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To remember and talk about stories they have heard and read.</li><li>• To explore pattern shapes and show a preference for a dominant hand when drawing and writing.</li><li>• To be able to form recognisable letters in their own name.</li><li>• To begin recognising initial sounds when reading and writing.</li><li>• To develop independent writing – letters, lists.</li><li>• Phase 2 Daily phonic sessions.</li><li>• Pattern writing (handwriting).</li><li>• Matching initial sounds with words/pictures.</li></ul>
Phonics focus	Following our Little Wandle Phonics Scheme, from the 18 <sup>th</sup> September we will start to learn the Set 1 sounds. More information will follow in separate Reading Scheme Packs. <b>Little Wandle Links:</b> <a href="https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/">https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</a> <b>Phase 2</b> s a t p i n m d g o c c e u r h b f l <b>Tricky Words</b> is I the
Maths focus	Each week we will focus on a different aspect of Maths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matching, sorting and comparing objects</li></ul>

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<b>RE focus</b>	<p><b><u>Domestic Church – Family</u></b> We will be learning about why we are precious</p> <p><b><u>Baptism – Belonging</u></b> We will be learning about why welcome is important and role playing a baptism service.</p>
<b>Faith in Action</b>	<p><b>MacMillan Coffee morning</b> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Parents are invited to come into school and share tea and cake. Cake bake competition. Cake sale to be held after school.</p>   <p><b>CAFOD</b> – Go Green Harvest Festival-children will donate food to give to the food banks in our local community</p>
<b>7 Areas (Early Learning Goals)</b>	<p>We will be looking at our families and discussing how we have changed since we were babies. We will create our self-portraits and draw pictures of our families. Please bring in a baby photo by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September or email Miss Kavanagh on <a href="mailto:mkavanagh@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk">mkavanagh@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding the World</li> <li>• Communication and Language</li> <li>• Personal, Social and Emotional Development</li> <li>• Physical Development</li> <li>• Expressive Arts and Design</li> <li>• Literacy (See above)</li> <li>• Mathematics (See above)</li> </ul>
<b>PE days (and kit expectations)</b>	<p><b>From October (date TBC)</b> <b>Every Friday</b> - please wear black jogging bottoms/leggings, a white round neck t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. Please wear your school jumper over the top of your PE kit.</p>
<b>Ways to help at home</b>	<p>Please bring in book bags every <b>Monday</b> and <b>Thursday</b> with the reading books and signed record book.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share reading books and talk about key events in the story.</li> <li>• Predict what will happen next or at the end of the story.</li> <li>• Encourage children to create their own stories using their toys.</li> <li>• Sing songs/rhymes.</li> <li>• Sort objects into groups. Count objects.</li> </ul> <p>Children will have their own Google Classroom login where activities will be set each week (login details to follow).</p>
<b>Key dates</b>	<p>See below &amp; <a href="#">website</a></p>

**Additional  
information**

I am looking forward to working with you and your child to ensure they have the best introduction to their Learning Journey at St Joseph's and know that they will have a great learning experience in Reception.

If you have any questions, I have put the school support email address below

**School Support:** [support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk)

**Reception Team**



**Miss Kavanagh**



**Miss Wilson**



**Miss Braybrooke**



**Ms Williams**



# St Joseph's

## Autumn 2023 Dates

September 2023			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		National Fitness Day	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	9am – 10am	Open Morning	All Welcome – Pre booked only
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2 Parents
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	9am	Mayor visit & Macmillan Coffee morning	All Year groups – Parents Welcome
October 2023 – Black History Month			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	9am	Assembly Introduction to Black History Month	All Year groups
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	11.30am – 12.15pm	Grandparents Day Lunch	See separate letter – Pre booked only
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023		World Teacher Day	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023		School photos	All Year groups
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	2.30pm Assembly	CAFOD Harvest Day	All Year groups – Parents Welcome
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	9am Assembly	Month of the Rosary	All Year groups – Parents Welcome
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October		World Mental Health Day	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October		World Homeless Day	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	5pm – 7pm	Quiz Night	All Welcome
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	3.20pm	Black History Month Exhibition	All Welcome
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	2pm -3pm	Open Afternoon	All Welcome – Pre booked only
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	All Day – World Clothing 3.30pm 5pm – World Food	St Joseph's World Food Day	Whole School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	All Day	Inset Day	All Year Groups
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct – 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	All Week	Half Term	All Year Groups
November			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2023		All Saints Day	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023		UK Parliament Week	

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	8.45am – 9.30am	Tea and Talk	All Year groups – Parents Welcome
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	9.00 am – 10.00am	Phonics Workshop	EYFS and KS1 Parents
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	5pm – 6pm	Open Afternoon	All Welcome – Pre booked only
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	9am	Remembrance Day Assembly	All Year groups – Parents Welcome
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023		Anti bullying Week & Odd Socks Day	All Year groups
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023		Maths Week	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023		Interfaith Week	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023		Road Safety Week	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	All Day	Children in Need – Wear Yellow or Dots (Own clothes day)	All Year groups
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2023		World Children’s day	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	All Day	Own clothes day – Bring a bottle for Christmas fair	All Year groups
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	3.30pm – 5.30pm	Parents Evening	Booked Appointments only
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents Evening	Booked Appointments only

All Christmas activity dates and times are provisional and may change. We will let you know of any changes nearer the time.

December – Advent			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	3pm	Tree Lighting	All Year Groups
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	9am – 10am	Open Morning	All Welcome – Pre booked only
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day	All Year groups
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	3.30pm – 5pm	Christmas Fair	All Welcome
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023		Human Rights Day	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	9.15am	EYFS/KS1 Nativity	EYFS/KS1 Parents
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	2pm	KS2 Nativity – Church	All Welcome
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	3.30pm – 5pm	St Joseph’s Talent Show	Pre booked Tickets and participants
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023		Class Parties	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>2pm Finish</b>	<b>Last day of Autumn Term</b>	<b>All Year groups</b>

**Pupils return to school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**