

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish Weekly Newsletter

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We have had a wonderful and busy Summer term with a range of interesting and exciting activities which the children have enjoyed. We have had several trips including a trip to the Golden Hinde, the King's Coronation day, the Crowning of Mary, Year 6 had their class assembly and we held a parent wider curriculum meeting. These are just a few of the exciting things we have been doing this half term. As well as this the children across the school have been working extremely hard and we are very proud of each and every one of them. We hope you all have a wonderful and well deserved break over the half term.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Long

If you see someone
without a smile, give
them one of yours.



Please click link to get full details of all dates to add to your diary.

<https://www.stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk/Diary/>

Summer Fair 2023 – Donations



Please kindly donate any good quality gifts e.g. books, toys, puzzles, toiletries. If it is easier to donate £2.00 per family instead of a gift, we would very much appreciate it!



St Joseph's Summer Fair Saturday 24th June 2023

11 am – 2 pm

To make this a real community success we are asking for all year groups to help. Please see the list below for each year group



Reception	Teddies
Year 1	Lucky Dip Prizes (bubbles etc from Poundland)
Year 2	Sweets in Jar
Year 3	Books
Year 4	Toys
Year 5	Cakes (Friday 23 rd June)
Year 6	Plants



Summer Fair

If any parents/carers would like a stall at the Summer Fair please book through the School Office. It will be £10.00. Please note only parents/carers from St Joseph's can book a stall.

Dates for Your Diary

Return to school Monday 5th June 23

Thursday 8th June – KS2 Read with Your Child

Wednesday 14th June – Y5 Class Assembly

(Please click link above for a full list of dates)

Rainbow Awards

26th May 2023



Rec – Mila, Harry O

Year 1 – Enzo, Ife

Year 2 – All Year 2

Year 3 – Lillie, Daniel

Year 4 – Daanya, Millie

Year 5 – Fatima, Katerine

Year 6 – Precious, Somto

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

This Week



Ava – Rec

Ralph – Rec

Kevin – Y2

Margarida – Y1

Toby – Rec

Mr Bray



Class 100% Attendance Challenge

Each class will receive a certificate and be added to the 100% club every time they achieve 100% attendance. In addition to this, when the class achieves...

Number of weeks of 100%	Reward
2 weeks	Extra play
3 & 4 weeks	Popcorn party
5 & 6 weeks	Extra entry to the 100% club

In June, we will draw from all the classes in the 100% club and the class that is picked will win a whole class outing in July.

Which class will get into the 100% club first?

First class in the 100% club will win a prize



School success starts with attendance

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.

Last week's Whole School attendance: **94.7%**

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

Last week's highest attendance:

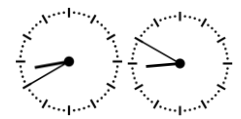
Year 6 – 98.2%

95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Year Group	Lates
Reception	10
Year 1	11
Year 2	4
Year 3	8
Year 4	4
Year 5	12
Year 6	0

Number of lates for w/beginning 8th May – 12th May

Good time keeping at our school means...



Arriving after **08:50** negatively impacts on social & academic development and does not allow for a calm and relaxed start to the day.

School Website

If you need copies of letters that have been emailed, newsletters and other details, please check the website. It is constantly being updated with diary dates, photos, and other information. If there is anything that isn't on the website that you think that should be, your feedback would be appreciated.

STRONGER, SAFER SWIMMERS START EARLY

Dive in with swimming lessons at your local Better swimming pool and get ready to make a splash at the Greenwich Centre.

Simply enter code GREENWICH50 at checkout to claim 50% off your initial payment when you sign up before 31st May 2023. Lessons are available from parent and baby up to 15 years.

Discover how to kick start your child's development at better.org.uk/lessons



Discounted swimming lessons

The discount is 50% off your initial basket fee and would be available to pupils in all years groups. Savings of up to £40 can be made.

Year 1 attended the "Explorers through time" workshop at the National Maritime Museum. We compared the work of the explorers Ernest Shackleton and Prem Gill. We had time in the Ahoy! play area which was lots of fun. We also had time to explore the globes in the grounds of the museum. "It was the best day ever!" - Enzo.



Information for Parents/carers

- Once-a-week-take-a-peek keep your child's head clear of headlice. For more information for parents/carers please visit [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk)

Come and join us in our warm and welcoming spaces

Information

We know the rising cost of living is worrying for many of our local families.

We have a wide range of children's centres offering support and advice about childcare services as well as funding to support childcare costs.

Now with backing from the Royal Borough of Greenwich, some of our children's centres also offer warm and welcoming spaces.

Among those is Quaggy Children's Centre which is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between 3.30pm and 5.30pm offer a warm space, hot drinks and toys for your little ones.

And on Fridays between 11am and 1pm the centre offers a creche room.

Do you need to find a warm and welcoming space near you? [Take a look at our map.](#)

HPERLINKED: <https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/warm-spaces-map>

The 100% Attendance Club!



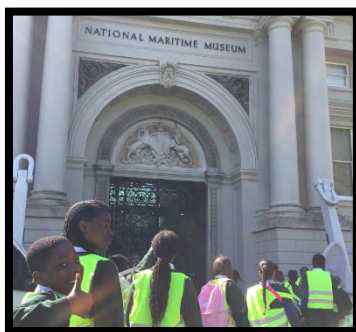
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Free event coming up on the Peninsula on the 10th of June hosted by Jennifer Moore following the recent commission of her new birdwatching logbook 'Birds of Greenwich Peninsula'. Having recently commissioned to create a new birdwatching logbook 'Birds of Greenwich Peninsula', to promote awareness of the fabulous birds that are in the and around this area of the city, Jennifer Moore will be showing people how to draw some of the birds featured in the book. Jennifer has been birdwatching for many years, read countless field guides, and has spoken to a myriad of birding folk, so the information is an accumulation of gathered knowledge based on a lifelong interest in nature. Birds of Greenwich Peninsula is her 16th title. Professional artists and novices are all welcome, and we encourage everyone to come along even if they have never picked up a pencil before! You can find out more about the Birds of Greenwich Peninsula project here: [Birds of Greenwich Peninsula](#)

and the fantastic work of the Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park here: [Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park | The Conservation Volunteers](#) (if you aren't already familiar with them!). The link to the free event can be found [here](#) please feel free to share this with your colleagues and local residents, and we look forward to seeing you in June!

Year 6 Trip to Maritime Museum

On Wednesday 24th May year 6 visited The National Maritime Museum where they participated in a 'Windrush' workshop. The workshop explored the story of The Windrush and the lives of the individuals who came over to Britain to support the rebuilding of the country after the Second World War. This workshop focused on exploring different cultures and experiences, appreciating the hardships that many faced and reflecting on how we have moved forwards as a country to accepting others whilst hearing the true account of two ladies who came to this country during the Windrush era, one from Jamaica and one from Trinidad. The workshop involved Meeting elders from the Caribbean Social Forum Exploring special cultural artefacts finding connections between the lives of school children today and people of an older generation making sound recordings to capture conversations and ideas which will be used a part of a rich resource for future workshops. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and came away with new knowledge about this special time in history.



Year Group (s)	Club	Day	Adult	Max number of children
Years 3, 4 5 & 6	Homework	Monday	Mr Bray	12
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Photography	Wednesday	Miss Francis	15
Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Film	Wednesday	Ms McMahon	15
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Spanish	Wednesday	Miss Lopez	10
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Football	Thursday	External Provider	14
Lunchtime Clubs – FREE				
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Chess	Wednesday	Mr Spalding	14
Years 3, 4, 5	Art	Wednesday	Miss Kavanagh	10