

# St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish

## Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It feels like Spring is in the air, this week has been a wonderful week. Year Six really enjoyed their visit to the Museum of London Docklands which is free to visit and great for a day out; they highly recommend it – click here to see more; <https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk>. Year Three and Year Four beautifully represented the school in Mass on Thursday. Finally, may I wish you all a happy St David's Day. Dydd Gwyl Dewi hapus i chi.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Long

### St Joseph's celebrates

### World Book Day

Thursday 9th March 2023



As you know at St Joseph's we love to read and share stories together so please join us in celebrating World Book Day! To celebrate this special day, we invite all of the children and staff to dress up as their favourite book character or create a book character or book cover using recycled materials such as egg boxes. You could make a portrait, or a character or a book cover, but it must be linked to your favourite book or character. Please discuss with your child their favourite book or character and choose one to either dress up as or make one. There will be World Book themed activities shared with each class on the day, there are so many exciting events and resources available on the World Book Day website. Do take a look <https://www.worldbookday.com/> Your child will receive a voucher, which they can exchange for a free book, or £1 off in selected stores. There are also free Audio books to listen to on the World Book day website – click on the link to find books suitable for all ages.

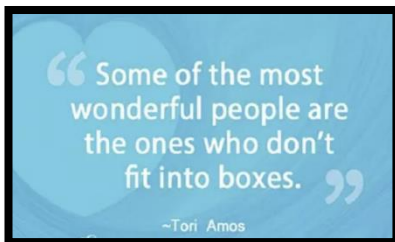
<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/> There is also a section with Masterclasses from famous authors and illustrators: <https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/>

**Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting from Thursday 2nd March until Thursday 9th March**

We are also lucky enough to have some volunteers from Penguin Publishing coming in to run reading workshops in Reception, Year 3 and 4

Reminder there is a SEN coffee morning for parents on:

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 9am-10am**



### Raise money for St Joseph's with



Did you know that a Smarties tube hold £12 worth of 20p coins & £27 worth of £1 coins? Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to purchase a tube of Smarties and then...

1

Undertake the VERY HARD task of eating them all!

2

Ask your friends and family to donate 20p & £1 coins and pop them into the tube

3

Once your tube is full, give it to your class teacher.

Special treat for the class that raises the most money!

**To order your child's school uniform from our online supplier, click [here](#) with free delivery to school.**

## Free Counselling Sessions for Parents



Juggling family and relationships with home and work commitments can put a strain on mental health. This can be especially true if you are supporting a child with their own mental health or if you are experiencing divorce, illness, separation, financial difficulties or bereavement. With the practicalities of day-to-day life, it can be easy to forget to look after your own wellbeing needs, which can lead to feelings of stress or being overwhelmed.

Are you going through divorce, separation or bereavement? Do you need help with anxiety or depression? Would it be helpful to talk through worries about your situation with a counsellor? For a short period of time, parents can access a counsellor at no cost. A counsellor is available on Thursdays either remotely, via telephone or in person at school. If you are interested, please speak with Miss Maciejewski for more information.

This week, Year Six went on a school trip to the London Docklands Museum. The day started off with us exploring the section that involves historic artefacts; they were retrieved from the Blitz (Location: Docklands - in nearby Silvertown). Then we continued our morning in a World War II Bunker (or at least a replica one) with Karen who explained the purpose of the bunker and how it was used by children. She then showed us a real incendiary bomb case and we handled it – on Black Saturday over 100,000 bombs descended on London with a fatality of 460 people who were killed and 1,600 people injured.

As the day proceeded we walked a tour of the other artefacts before going to lunch. The second half of the day started off with Year Six's workshop with a historian called Jessica. We split into four groups each section was about a survivor of the Blitz 'Ken Foster'. We saw video clips of Ken speaking about his life. Year Six shared their knowledge with the rest of the class as pieced together Ken's life. We had an amazing day.

Written By Jamil Musana



## This Week

Leo A - Reception



## Rainbow Awards

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Rec – Praise, Heran

Year 1 – Margarida, Ife

Year 2 – Elsee, Aliyah

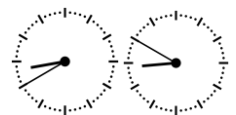
Year 3 – Jersiah, Georgie

Year 4 – Amelia, Belle

Year 5 – Franklin, Amarachi

Year 6 – Jamil, Harrison

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!



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

**Poor punctuality – less chance of success**

**Very poor punctuality – serious impact on education and reduced life chances**

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed 2 full weeks of school in one year?



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: 96.3%**

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

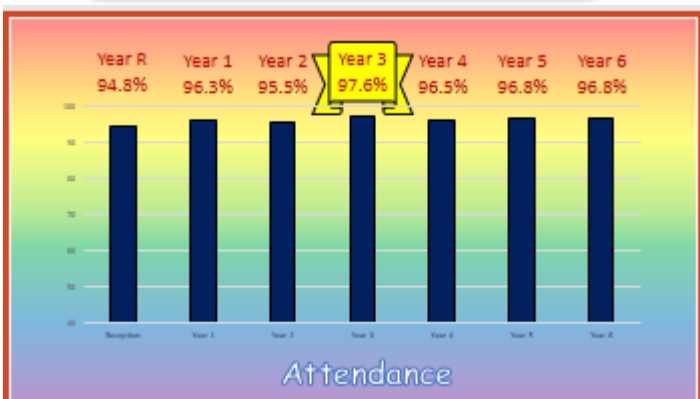
**Last week's highest attendance:**

**Year Y3 – 97.6%**

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

**Week beginning 20.2.2023 – 24.02.23**

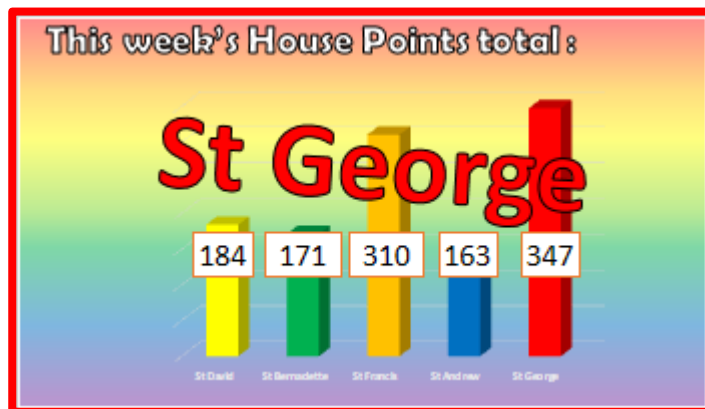
Number of Lates	
Group	Lates
Reception	15
Year 1	15
Year 2	18
Year 3	10
Year 4	13
Year 5	14
Year 6	11



**Gospel – Matthew 17:1-9**



Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."



**Parent drop in**

- Our service is open to all families of school-aged children across Greenwich.
- We advise and support in child health issues such as healthy weight, toileting, fussy eating, behaviour, sleep and much more...

At this session we will be discussing behavioral management strategies

**YOUNG GREENWICH**

**AVERY HILL YOUTH HUB**

Address: Avery Hill Youth Hub  
Anstridge Road, Eltham, SE9 2LL

Date: **Wednesday 8th March 2023**

Time: **9.30am-10.30am**

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