

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish

Weekly Newsletter

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We have had an amazing Autumn term and I am so proud of all of the children who have worked so hard to achieve highly, make progress and be the best versions of themselves. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly to give the children interesting and exciting learning experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. Thank you also to all of the parents who continue to support us as a school and are helping us to make St Joseph's a happy and positive community. I would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas and a Happy new year. We look forward to welcoming you all back in January.

**KNOWLEDGE IS POWER,
COMMUNITY IS STRENGTH,
and positive attitude is
everything.**



Miss Long

Dates for your Diary

Return to school – Wednesday 4th January (normal time).

Thursday 5th January – Year 4 trip to Science Museum (consent must be given via ParentPay).

Tuesday 24th January 2023 – Babes in the Wood Panto

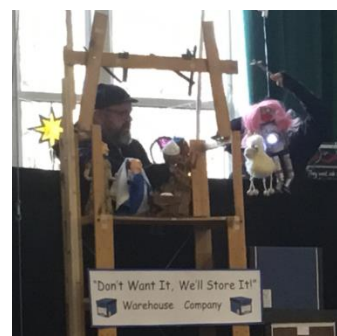
Years 4, 5 and 6.



On Wednesday we were very lucky to have CRiBS visit the school. CRiBS stands for 'Christian Teaching and Resources for Schools'; the whole school enjoyed a 'heart-warming' performance of the nativity story told in a modern way. Watching the looks of joy on the children's faces who said it was 'super cool' and they 'loved it' as they watched a mixture of puppetry and acting it reinforced the Christmas message and reminded us all of our savior Jesus Christ.



On Thursday Keystage Two performed a tableau retelling of the Nativity story in St Joseph's Church. Each class helped to retell the Christmas story through a special tableau performance led by Year Six and through Christmas carols. The children started with 'Angel Gabriel' sung by Year 6, Year 4 then sang 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' and with Year 3 and 5 continued with 'Little Donkey'. Year 5 then sang 'The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy' and all of Keystage Two sang 'Away in a manger'. We then heard the shepherd's song 'Do you Hear What I Hear?' Then finally, all the classes sang 'We Three Kings' and at the end of the performance the whole church sang 'Silent Night' which left everyone with their 'hairs standing on end'. It was a beautiful reminder that God gave us the gift of Jesus and how important it is to remember to share our gifts with others, especially during Advent.



4th Sunday of Advent Gospel – Matthew 1:18-24



This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.



Congratulations to all the children who received a certificate for 100% attendance this term.

**CASEYS
SCHOOLWEAR**

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

SCHOOLS AVAILABLE ONLINE

After School Football Club

Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and now Year 4

If you would like your child to attend please click the link below for more details:



<https://awfootball-coaching.class4kids.co.uk/info/168> If you would like more information please contact Alex on 0777 174 7219

This Week

Jenayah Y2

Miray Y1

Yeshua Y2

Abu Y4

Jamil Y6

Sola Y2

Kaiden Y3

Nyla Y5

Aria Y1

Miss Francis



Rainbow Awards



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Rec – Praise, Ralph

Year 1 – Ife, Margarida

Year 2 – Jenayah, Francis

Year 3 – Aeva, Muhammed

Year 4 – Melvin, Theo

Year 5 – George, Kamsi

Year 6 – Hermione, Keyan

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

Good time keeping at our school means...

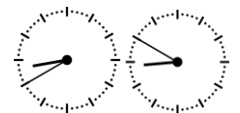
...being in school, on time, every day, ready to learn.



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?



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



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.

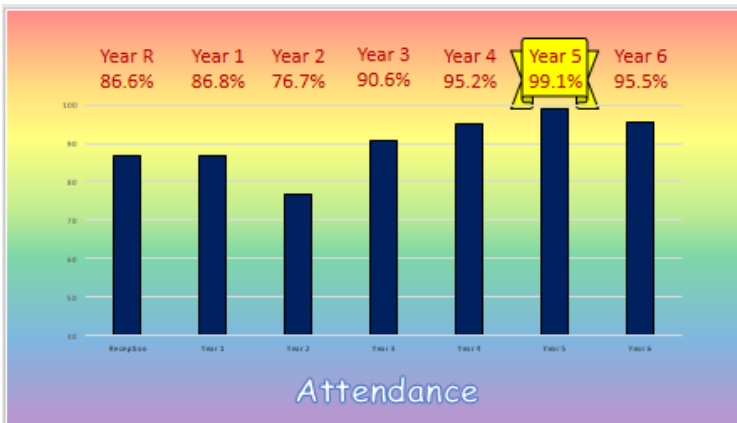
While it is understandable that there may be a number of legitimate reasons why your child's attendance may be affected, it remains essential that all children attend school as often as possible and are not absent for minor coughs and colds.

Last week's Whole School attendance: **89.8%**

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

Last week's highest attendance: **Year Y5 – 99.1%**

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



After school clubs at St Joseph's will start week beginning Monday 9th January. Further details will follow giving details of clubs

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The Elf Who Stole Christmas

A festive immersive mystery for kids! In the run-up to Christmas, Santa's workshop is in chaos. Someone has stolen Santa's list! Can you help Father Christmas solve the mystery and work out which elf it was?

Saturday 3rd December
2.30 to 4.00 pm
Age 7+ | £15 per child
Charlton House & Gardens
Charlton, SE7 8RE

Add on festive treats from Frillys!

SCAN TO BOOK

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Christmas Switch-On & Market

Don't miss the tree lighting at 5pm!

Join us as we switch on our 400-year-old manor house, with holiday treats & carols, kids' crafts, and a Christmas producers' market on offer.

Thursday 24th November
15.30 to 18.30
FREE ENTRY
Charlton House & Gardens
Charlton, SE7 8RE

YEAR THREE
Tomi

YEAR FOUR
Abu

YEAR FIVE
Katerine

YEAR SIX
Bradley

Points towards the Spring Term Total already:

St Francis

152	150	165	158	155
St David	St Bernadette	St Francis	St Andrew	St George

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Do The Right Thing awards 2022

The RBG ACE participation group produced a 'Hello' video which was used at the Safeguarding Children with SEND conference in 2022. The ACE group as a whole were short listed for a 'Do The Right Thing Award' and ultimately won the 'Services To The Community' award. Winners received medals and a certificate. ACE members agreed some of the "bliss" of the video deserved to attend the award ceremony on behalf of ACE.

[Click here to visit the ACE Local Offer page](#)

Greenwich Museums - Disability History Month

From craft activities to workshops, find out how Royal Museums Greenwich is celebrating the lives of Deaf and disabled histories and communities.

Location: National Maritime Museum
Date and Times: 18 November – 18 December

Christmas tips for autistic people and their families

Christmas can be an exciting and fun time. But new activity can be overwhelming for some of us, particularly when we're also dealing with the impact of coronavirus. We might have to adapt some of our usual plans but that shouldn't stand in the way of an autism-friendly Christmas.

[Click here or scan the QR code to find out more](#)

Take care of yourself this Christmas

What is your HeadSpace? HeadSpace has been developed by Oxeas NHS Foundation Trust for young people who live in Greenwich. Take the quiz, find out what's going on in your head and what might help sort it out.

Holiday Food and Fun Winter 2022

If your child attends a special school in the borough and/or has a package of care from social services, they can access the specialist SEND provision and programmes. Clubs will run between 19 December and 30 December.

Christmas message from the GPCPF

With Christmas approaching soon, the festive will blossom... On behalf of the Greenwich Parent Carer Participation forum, we would like to extend our support during this Christmas season. With the impact of covid, alongside the current financial difficulties some may face, it is even more important for us as a community to come together and support one another.

Please do take this Christmas break to refresh and relax. Although it can get hectic with having the children back at home for their half term break it's even more important to look after our own mental health. If at any time you are wanting a bit of fresh air, take a look at the [rolling news](#) on the Local Offer as there are some FREE activities to do in Greenwich over the festive season. We hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Once again, we are all here to support you.

Babes in the Wood

Years 4, 5 & 6 have
the opportunity to go
to the Theatre for **£1**
Parents, please check your
email for more details!

