



# St John's Catholic Primary School

Friday 20th March 2026

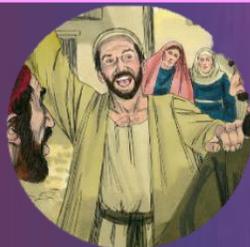


In this week's Assembly we learned that Jesus healed a blind man and that he received the joy of sight and faith! We celebrated the joy we have following Jesus. This Lentern session, we are reminded we can say "Yes" to the joy Jesus offers us in our daily lives.

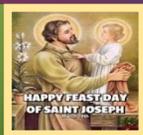


O God,  
remind us that we can grow closer in friendship with you through your Word. Please help us to follow you with open hearts and eyes of faith, as we look forward to the special celebrations of Easter with joy.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
Amen



What does it look like to rejoice in our faith?



## St Joseph's Day



Dear Saint Joseph,

You were kind, gentle, and strong. You listened to God and took care of your family with love.

Please help me to be good and brave,

to listen to what is right, and to trust God like you did.

Watch over my family and keep us safe.

Help me to be loving, patient, and helpful every day.



Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March we had a special assembly to celebrate the Feast of St Joesph.

We learned that Joesph was chosen by God as a trustworthy guardian and protector of Mary and Jesus.

His actions show us that he was trusted by God, listened carefully, acted bravely and took care of his family.



# HOMWORK CLUB

Our homework club for Years 3,4,5 and 6 has been a great success with all then children showing great commitment and enthusuiasm towards their learning. They have been working incredibly hard supporting each other and taking real pride in completing their tasks. We are extremely proud of their efforts and positive attidue they bring each week. Well done to everyone involved.

# Choir Club Concert



Our Choir Club will be hosting a concert on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at 4pm.

Parents are most welcome!

# Reception Trip to Paper Garden



Our Reception class went to the Paper Garden this week. All the children enjoyed a wonderful day exploring outside. Thank you to all our parent volunteers.

# Royal Academy of Music Concert



We hope you enjoyed the wonderful concert from our amazing Reception and Year 1 class. All the children performed so well and we are all very proud of them. Thank you to all our parents who came and watch.



National Recognition For Outstanding Performance

St John's is proud to announce that we have been recognised by SSAT (Schools, Students and Teacher Network) in this year's Educational Outcome Awards. This National award places the school among the highest performing primary schools in the country, based on the lastest performance date.

Our school was recongrised for enabling pupilis attainment at the "expected" and "higher" standard at Key Stage 2 in Reading, Writing and Maths to be in the top 10% of all schools nationally. The school was also recognised for being particulary successful in ensuring that all attainment of Puplic Premium children in Key stage 2 in Reading, Writing and Maths. Their attainment is equal to or beyond that of non-disavantaged children Nationally.

END OF TERM

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT SCHOOL WILL FINISH ON FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026 AT 1.30PM

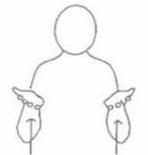
PLEASE ALSO BE AWARE THERE WILL BE NO MAGNA AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.



This weeks signs are:



Sit down



Stand up



Activity programme for children and young people aged 4-16 years who get benefits-related free school meals

30 March - 10 April 2026

www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun



# NOTICE BOARD

Year 2 Class Assembly

The Easter Story -26<sup>th</sup> March.

This Assembly will be re-telling the Easter Story and will be the last one for the Spring Term. Please arrive at 2.30pm!!

There will be no admittance after 2.40pm!

## Important Information for Early Years Settings, Parents and Carers: Meningitis

Southwark Public Health is sharing this information with early years providers, parents and carers following the recent reports of meningococcal disease in Kent.

Although meningitis is rare, it can be very serious. Because young children can become unwell quickly, it is important that Early Years staff and families know the signs to look out for and seek help promptly if they are concerned. We are asking providers to share the information below with staff and parents to support early recognition and quick action.

Meningitis B vaccination is available free of charge to any child under the age of 2 years. Please ask parents and carers to check the vaccination status of their child to ensure they are up to date with all their vaccinations.

### Current situation:

The recent cases are centred in Canterbury and the surrounding area, and there is very little risk to children and families in Southwark. The UKHSA has put in place targeted measures in Canterbury, including antibiotics for people who attended a specific nightclub and for students on the local university campus, as well as a small, focused vaccination programme. At this time, no wider antibiotics or vaccination are needed anywhere else, including in early years settings. For the latest updates, see: [Cases of invasive meningococcal disease notified in Kent - GOV.UK](#)

### Key message:

Meningococcal disease (including meningitis and septicaemia) can become serious very quickly. Spotting symptoms early and getting urgent medical help can save lives.

### What to look out for in babies and young children:

Symptoms can appear suddenly and in any order. Children may not have all symptoms.

Common signs include:

- Fever, cold hands and feet, pale or blotchy skin
- Unusual tiredness, floppy body, or irritability
- Refusing feeds, vomiting
- High-pitched cry
- Grunting, rapid or unusual patterns of breathing
- Stiff neck or dislike of bright lights (more noticeable in older toddlers)
- Difficulty waking or confusion
- Seizures (fits)
- A rash that does not fade when pressed (a glass test may help check this)

If a child seems “not themselves,” is getting worse quickly, or you are worried, always seek medical advice.

### When to seek medical help:

Get help **immediately** if you are concerned:

- Call NHS 111 for urgent advice
- Call 999 or go straight to A&E if a child is seriously unwell
- Do not wait if symptoms are getting worse quickly or if a rash does not fade when pressed

### Prevention and reassurance:

- Meningococcal disease is uncommon, especially in young children.
- The overall risk to families in Southwark remains very low.
- Meningitis B vaccine is usually given to babies at 8 weeks, 12 weeks, and 1 year.
- **Young children who have missed one or more dose of the MenB vaccine can have this free of charge before their second birthday, parents should speak to their GP to book an appointment.**

For more information: [What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#)