



Weekly Parent Update - Spring Week 1

Dear Parents,



We marked the Feast of Epiphany in Celebration of the Word this week. Reflecting on the gifts of the Wise Men, we discussed the Catholic Social Teaching principle: The Preferential Option for the Poor. We explained to the children this week that we all have gifts we can offer to our community but we are called first and foremost to offer them in the service of the most vulnerable in our world. Our gifts are at their most meaningful when we use them to serve the needs of others before ourselves.

5A taught us all about the importance of supporting and promoting the needs of the most vulnerable people in our world during this morning's amazing class assembly! You can read all about it on the [Headteacher's Blog](#).

Wishing you a blessed weekend,
Mr Collins

Please Help To Keep Us Safe



We've received numerous concerns recently about near misses related to dangerous parking. Please help to keep our community safe by not parking on double-yellow lines or across driveways. Westway has been a particular area of concern. We teach our children to be ready, respectful and safe in school. They should expect to see the same courteous behaviour in the world around them, please.

From the Children's Commissioner - Dame Rachel de Souza



I am writing to inform you that I have recently published a new guide, [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](#). This guide was written with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views. As parents, carers, and educators, our job must begin and end with our children's care and safety. It's what they expect and what they want from you. As one young person told me: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried [that] your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting the behaviour, just take it that you know best – they don't."

✨ **Great Athletes Visit** ✨



We are excited to announce that children in Reception - Year 6 will receive a visit from Great Athletes on Monday 23rd February 2026:

🏃 **Get ready to move!**

Every pupil will take part in an exciting sponsored fitness circuit led by their visiting athlete — a brilliant way to spark enthusiasm for sport and show that getting active is seriously fun.

🎤 **Inspiring Athlete Assembly**

After the circuit, our athlete will share their incredible sporting journey — a story filled with resilience, determination, and unforgettable moments. The assembly will be fun, interactive, and motivating for all ages.

❓ **Q&A With a Real Role Model**

Pupils will have the chance to ask their burning questions in a lively Q&A session with our inspiring guest.

💛 **Fundraising for Our School**

Children will bring home a sponsorship form, and every pound raised will help us purchase new sports equipment and boost physical activity opportunities across the school.

Admissions Policy 2027-28 PUBLIC CONSULTATION



St Joseph's DRAFT Admissions Policy for 2027-28 is now [available online](#) and is open to public consultation because of a number of changes to the document include: making criteria clearer and reducing unnecessary criteria, ensuring notes are more succinct, adding children of staff, removing reference to parishes and removing the need for the SIF to be countersigned.

School Admissions - Final Reminder



**Primary school
admissions are open
Apply by 15 January**

The window for Primary School admission applications for September 2026 closes on 15th January 2026. Please find all the information you need on the [Surrey School Admissions website](#).

School Development Fund - Please Donate



Donations to our [School Development Fund](#) help to improve the access to facilities and resources for all our children. Making a contribution will help us to achieve some of our upcoming dreams for the children of St Joseph's:

- Revitalised Early Years environments
- Upgraded Infant Playground equipment
- A Junior Library rebuild

Thank you for investing in the future of our community!

Upcoming Diary Dates

Friday 16th January

4J's Class Assembly - 10:10am

5G Swimming

Wednesday 21st January

Reception's "Little City" Day

Thursday 22nd January

Year 5 to Winchester Science Museum

Friday 23rd January

2N's Class Assembly - 10:10am

5G Swimming