St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Guildford
The Way, The Truth, The Life

Friday 19th December 2025

Weekly Parent Update - Autumn Week 15

Dear Parents,

Our final Celebration of the Word this week looked ahead to the Fourth Sunday of Advent, where we read an account of the birth of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. We are told that, through him, the words of the prophets came true - he is Emmanuel, "God with us!" We discussed the ways in which we can become more attuned to God's presence with us today as we develop the Gospel value of holiness in our own lives: reading about God, developing our prayer lives, attending Mass and singing Christmas carols are all positive ways we can learn to be 'with God'. You can discover more about our last few weeks in school on the Headteacher's Blog - there's a lot to celebrate!

Thank you for all your support and commitment this Autumn Term - we really value your hard work as parents. Securing great attendance, encouraging excellent behaviour, promoting strong academic outcomes and championing broad opportunities for every child is a team effort. Thank you for playing your part. If you'd like to see your child enjoying even more enriching opportunities at St Joseph's please consider leaving us a Christmas donation for our School Development Fund.

School closes at 1:30pm this afternoon for the Christmas break!

Mr Collins

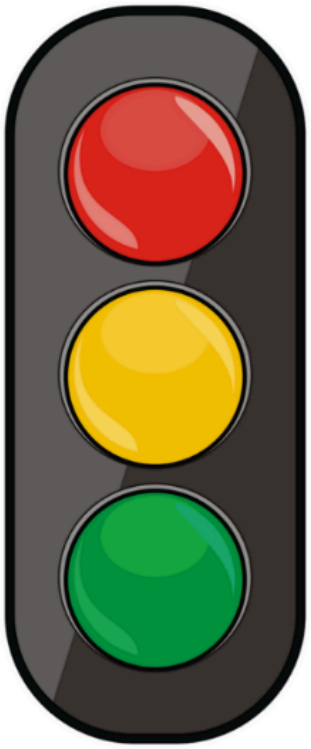
Christmas Holiday Camp

We look forward to seeing those children that have booked to attend our Christmas Camp on the 22nd and 23rd December. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the planned days on the 29th and 30th December. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause but the pre-bookings were very low.

Spanish Club
Spanish Club will continue to be available in the New Year. Please see the enrolment form attached. If you have any questions, please contact the provider directly.

French Club
French Club will continue to be available in the New Year. Please see the flyer attached. If you have any questions, please contact the provider directly.

Attendance Matters



RED - STAY AT HOME

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA FOR 48HRS

AMBER - SEEK ADVICE

HEADACHE, FEELING UNWELL, TUMMY ACHE.
COME INTO SCHOOL AND
PLEASE SPEAK TO THE OFFICE OR TO
YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.

GREEN - COME TO SCHOOL

MILD COUGH, COLD, SORE THROAT, FEELING TIRED.
PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU IF
YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

Thank you to all our families for your continued effort and support in ensuring that children attend school every day and arrive on time this term. Being punctual and having good attendance is key to every child's success. As a school, we aim for every pupil to achieve at least 96% attendance. If you ever need help or guidance, please remember we are here to support you; together, we can make every school day count!

Attendance percentages for this term to date:
Year R - 94.4%
Year 1 - 94.4%
Year 2 - 96.8% - Well done! 🌟
Year 3 - 96.6% - Well done! 🌟
Year 4 - 96.8% - Well done! 🌟
Year 5 - 95.9% - *Nearly there!*
Year 6 - 94.0%

We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term! Please keep these reminders in mind so that, together, we can make every school day count.

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.

Catholic Parish of Guildford: 10% Christmas Charity Appeal

This Christmas all are invited to consider donating up to 10% of our Christmas spending via this Appeal to three charities: a local, national and international charity, each meeting the needs of the 'Poorest of the Poor' or other 'extremely deserving cause'. The Charities represented in this years appeal include:

LOCAL: MATRIX TRUST Supporting mental health needs of young, vulnerable people across Guildford
NATIONAL: HOUSING JUSTICE Helps people out of homelessness and creates justice in the housing system
INTERNATIONAL: MARY's MEALS Provides life-changing school meals to children in the world's poorest communities.
For more details and how to donate please visit CPG 10% Christmas Charity Appeal

School Admissions

The window for Primary School admission applications for September 2026 is now open. Please find all the information you need on the Surrey School Admissions website.

<u>Upcoming Diary Dates</u>

Monday 5th January

Term Begins

Tuesday 6th January

Epiphany Mass at St Mary's - 1:30pm

Friday 9th January

5A's Class Assembly - 10:10am

5G Swimming

Friday 16th January

4J's Class Assembly

5G Swimming