

St. Joseph's Camberwell Catholic Schools' Federation

Newsletter



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Upcoming Term Dates 2026-2027

October 2026	
1 st October	Black History Month / Month of the Rosary
Thursday 1 st October	Reception Phonics and Reading Meeting 9:15
Friday 2 nd October	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Tuesday 6 th October	Blue Elephant Theatre BHM performance – 'Way back When'
Tuesday 6 th & Wednesday 7 th October	Football Yr 5/6 Comp
Thursday 8 th October	Reception Parent Writing Meeting 9:15
Thursday 8 th October	Year 1 Phonics Parent Meeting 4:00pm
Friday 9 th October	Reception welcome assembly 9:15
Wednesday 14 th October	SEND Coffee morning 9:00am
Wednesday 14 th October	Yr 5/6 Girls Football Comp
Thursday 15 th October	Virtual Rosary with Archbishop John Wilson 9:45am
Thursday 15 th October	Year 3 Mass
Monday 19 th October	Parent Consultation – St Mary, St Martha, St Andrew, St Anselm, St Josephine, St John Paul, St Lucy,
Tuesday 20 th October	Parent Consultation – St Anne, St Martin de Porres, St Mark, St Clare of Assisi, St Angela, St Cyprian
Tuesday 20 th October	Year 4 trip to Unicorn Theatre
Wednesday 21 st October	Yr 3 Football Comp
Thursday 22 nd October	International stammering Awareness Day
Thursday 22 nd October	X-Country
Friday 23 rd October	International Day – Children to come dressed in National dress
Friday 23 rd October	Break up for Half Term
26th -30th October HALF TERM	
Sunday 31 st October	Deadline for Year 6 secondary school application online
November 2026	
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to School
Wednesday 4 th November	Yr 5/6 Indoor Athletics comp
Wednesday 4 th November	Infants Christmas shapes go home
Friday 6 th November	St Cyprian Class assembly
Friday 13 th November	St Rose Class Assembly
Friday 19 th December	Children Break up for Christmas at 1:45pm





Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week here at St Joseph's. Thank you to all those who donated and/or attended our Mac Millan Coffee morning.

This month, we have some fabulous opportunities to hear our children's voices ...**welcome to October!**

The Month of the Rosary

October is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin the Rosary. Throughout this month, our pupils will be spending time in reflection, learning the prayers of the Rosary, and exploring how Mary's "yes" to God can inspire our own daily choices.



"Each bead on a Rosary represents a prayer. If every bead stood for an act of kindness, what acts of kindness would you pick for your decade today?"

Black History Month: 'Honouring our Communities'

This October, we proudly join schools across the country in celebrating **Black History Month**. This year's theme, "**Honouring Our Communities**," invites us to recognise the individuals whose everyday contributions shape, support and sustain Black Life across the United Kingdom.

Across all year groups, children will be engaging in history, literature, art and music that highlight key Black figures – from saints and scientists to artists and leaders. We aim to ensure our curriculum reflects the diversity of God's world, helping every child recognise their own dignity and potential as a unique creation made in the image and likeness of God. This is not just an October thing!

"Celebrating Black history shouldn't only happen in October. Why?"

"God made people with many different skin tones, hair textures, and eye colours. Why do you think God chose to make the world so colourful instead of making everyone look identical?"



Headteacher notices:

- ❖ **Your School.** -A reminder that we are ALL part of the school's PTA. Our volunteers raise money so that our children can have the very best education. We need your help to keep our events as successful as always. Please do continue to support the events and attend the workshops.
- ❖ 1st October – Month of the Rosary / Black History Month begins – If you would like to come in and share your story / art/music with the class please see your child's teacher
- ❖ **Wednesday 14th October** – SEND Coffee morning

Today is the Feast of the Guardian Angels. May our guardian angels continue to watch and guide us in all we do.

Have a lovely weekend,





Harvest Festival Collection

This year, the food which is collected will be divided between

Harvest Festival is an annual celebration that occurs around the time of the main harvest of a given region.

We would like to ask for your support in this collection by allowing your children to bring in a variety of Non-Perishable foods to be donated. Any of the following items would be greatly appreciated.



- Breakfast Cereal
- Vegetarian Meals – curry, chilli etc
- Long Life Fruit Juice & Squash
- UHT Milk – whole or semi skimmed please, not skimmed
- Tinned Meat & Fish
- Tinned Fruit and Vegetables
- Sweet & Savoury Biscuits
- Soup – tins or packets
- Rice – 500g & 1kg packets
- Tinned Rice Pudding & Custard
- Chickpeas & Kidney Beans
- Honey & Jam
- Instant Coffee, Tea & Drinking Chocolate
- Toiletries – shampoo, shower gel, hand soap, deodorant, toothpaste, nappies, washing up liquid, laundry, sanitary towels, toilet rolls etc.

Goods can be brought into your child's class teacher and they will then be sent to the collection point within the school.

We thank you for your continued support of these wonderful causes.

ATTENDANCE

Please see the table below for the class with the highest attendance for the week of 2nd October 2026

Congratulations to St Anselm (in the Infants) and St John Paul and St Mark (in Juniors) for having the highest attendance. Well done!

Class	Attendance
St Anselm	98.26%
St Rose	96.13%
St Andrew	92.5%
St Mary	91.39%
St Anne	91.18%

Class	Attendance
St John Paul	100%
St Mark	100%
St Lucy	99.52%
St Martin de Porres	97.39%
St Angela	95%
St Clare of Assisi	94.78%
St Josephine	91.25%
St Cyprian	90%





School Uniform



Thank you to all the parents who have made a great effort to ensure that their child/ren come to school in the correct uniform.

Just a couple of reminders – St. Joseph's Uniform.

- If you are putting hair accessories – ribbons, beads etc. Please ensure they are the school colours – blue, black, white or Yellow **only**.
- Hair should be children's natural colour and tied back.
- Only the school blue polo shirt with the school logo on is to be worn to school. (Plain blue or white polo shirts are not part of our school uniform).
- Junior children are allowed to wear a white school shirt with a school tie.
- No smart watches are allowed in school.
- School skirts and trousers should be grey. Blue skirts are not part of our school uniform and therefore not allowed to be worn.
- Earrings, single plain studs may be worn. As shown in the picture. Please do not send your child into school with hoops, or stars or diamonds. These can be caught in clothing and can have serious consequences.



We have high expectations of all our children and it is the responsibility of the adults to ensure that the children come to school wearing the correct uniform. If you are unsure about the school uniform please ask.

Good Second-hand uniform is on Sale at the end of the school day. All proceeds go towards equipment for the children.

Breakfast /Afterschool Club (Reception – Year 6)

If you require breakfast or After school wrap around provision, please ask at the office for an application form. Breakfast club places are allocated on first come first served basis.

Start of the day routines



A reminder that children should be on the playground for the start of the day whistle. The **Junior school gate opens at 8:30am and the whistle goes at 8:45am for the start of the school day. Infant school gate opens at 8:40am and the bells goes at 8:55am for the start of the school day.**

Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly and arrive on time.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in this area.

Absence reporting:

If your child is unwell or absent due to any other reason, please communicate this clearly to the school office before 9am on each morning of the absence remembering to state your child's name and class. **If an absence is not reported it will be marked as unauthorised.**

