



‘Live, love and learn in a caring Christian community’

Newsletter 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you well.

It is hard to believe that we are nearly halfway through the first half term of this year! I wanted to take the opportunity to write to share a few updates and some key dates with you.

New Clubs:

It has been wonderful to see such a positive response to the new extra-curricular activities which we are offering this term. A huge thanks to Mrs Browne for her hard work in organising these opportunities for our children.

Catholic Social Teaching - Solidarity and Peace:

Our Catholic Social Teaching focus this term is on ‘Solidarity and Peace.’ When leading assembly with our KS1 and KS2 children, I was absolutely amazed by their responses to the challenges that they see in the world around them. One child in Year 1 said, “I think country leaders should try their best to help people to live in peace;” a child in Year 4 said, “If everybody tried to bring peace to one person, the world would be a much happier place.” We can all watch the news and become disheartened by the current challenges of the world; I am determined to hold onto the hope and simplicity that our children see.

Congratulations Miss Curran!

Miss Curran has been appointed as the KS2 writing and oracy lead for the Trust. Miss Curran will continue her excellent work here at St Joseph’s; her new role will involve visiting other schools in the Trust to share her expertise with them. Miss Curran has such a passion for writing and oracy, and I know the other schools will benefit greatly from her input.

Parking:

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the way in which some parents are parking on the road outside the school, especially those who are choosing to park on double-yellow-lines and across the pavement. Unfortunately, if this doesn’t stop, I believe that it is only a matter of time until a child is injured as they try to move around the dangerously parked cars. School staff are not able to patrol the road as it is a public space; however, I have contacted the traffic enforcement officers and the local police officers and asked them to regularly be a presence outside the school at drop-off and pick-up to support parents to park in a way that is safe for our children.

I understand that parking is limited outside the school, and often parents are choosing to park illegally as it feels like the easiest option. However, I would like to remind you we have access to the car park at the college. I know that this involves a longer walk, but this really is a small price to pay for our children’s safety.

If you or your child has a blue badge, please contact the school office and you will be permitted to park in the staff car park. Having a blue badge does not enable parents to park on the double-yellow lines and endanger our children.

Key dates for this term:

Thursday 22nd January: Open Day for Nursery prospective parents
Tuesday 27th January: Open Day for Nursery prospective parents
Monday 9th – Friday 13th February: Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10th February: Safer Internet Day
Monday 16th – Friday 21st February: Half Term
Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday
Monday 23rd February: SEND Café for parents (invitations from Mrs Rogers)
Tuesday 24th February: Nursing Team Reception screening
Thursday 26th February: Open Day for Nursery prospective parents
Thursday 5th March: World Book Day
Friday 6th March: School Photos
Monday 9th – Friday 13th March: Science Week
Tuesday 17th (pm) and Wednesday 18th (pm) March: Year 4 Show to parents
Thursday 12th and Thursday 19th March: Parents' Evening *further information will follow
Thursday 19th March: St Joseph's Day
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th March: Charity Enterprise Week *further information will follow
Friday 27th March: End of Term 13.30

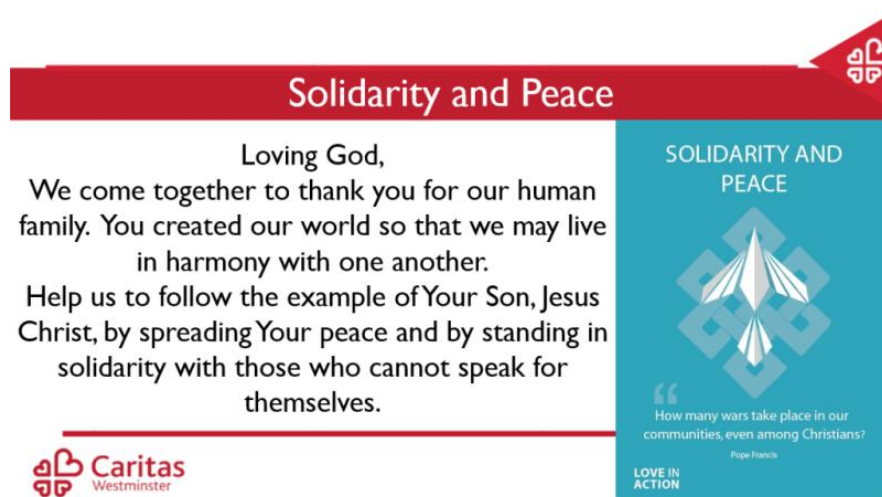
A Prayer for Peace

God of refuge, the rock in whom we trust,
watch over our sisters and brothers throughout the world.
Bring comfort to those who grieve,
shelter to those who are homeless,
and sustenance to those who hunger and thirst.

God of mercy, open our hearts to your grace,
so that we are filled with compassion and a generosity of spirit,
and inspire us to take action.

Spirit of love, pour out your peace like a healing balm,
which brings hope in place of despair.

Amen.



Solidarity and Peace

Loving God,
We come together to thank you for our human family. You created our world so that we may live in harmony with one another.
Help us to follow the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by spreading Your peace and by standing in solidarity with those who cannot speak for themselves.

SOLIDARITY AND PEACE

“How many wars take place in our communities, even among Christians?”
Pope Francis

LOVE IN ACTION

Caritas Westminster

With every good wish,

Ann Cassidy-Jones
Headteacher