

Dates for your Diary



- 2nd Nov Y3 at Science Museum
- 3rd Nov 10:00 St Joachim's Open Day for Prospective Parents
- 3rd Nov 1:30 St Joachim's Open Day for Prospective Parents
- 4th Nov Mini Vinnies Sleep Out
- 7th Nov Y4 at Science Museum
- 9th Nov Y5 at Science Museum
- 9th Nov RE Parent Workshop @ 2.30 and 5.30pm
- 10th Nov Mini Vinnies visit to Westminster
- 11th Nov Bishop Alan Visiting St Joachim's
- 11th Nov Remembrance Day @ Central Park
- 14th Nov Y6 at Science Museum
- 15th Nov 10:15am Y4 Assembly
- 17th Nov Scholastic Book Fair
- 23rd Nov Y2 at Natural History Museum

Year 5 Rome trip in November
21st to 25th November



Sports Events

- 8th Nov Netball Girls Year 5 and 6 at Langdon
- 16th Nov Football Boys Year 3 and 4 at A2 UEL
- 23rd Nov Football Mixed Year 3 and 4 at A2 UEL
- 29th Nov Handball Girls Year 3 and 4 at Langdon

Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am- £2 per session

Morning Clubs start at 8:15am

School Starts: From 8:45am ~ Children can go directly to their class

Reception to Y6 Mid Year Admissions

Throughout the year we do have families move out of the area and so from time to time we have vacancies at St. Joachim's. If you know anyone who has a child that would like to send their child to our Catholic school, please let them know that they need to apply in order for them to have a chance for a place.

Applications can be downloaded from our web site.

www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk or you can come into our reception to ask for forms.

Data Collection Forms

It is very important that parents/carers fill and return forms sent home. It is still necessary for you to sign and return the form even if there are no changes.

Altar Servers

Some children in Year 4 have been chosen to take part in some Altar Serving training. Children must have made their First Holy Communion to qualify for the Altar serving training.

The training will take place the week beginning 31st October 2016. If your child has been chosen for the Altar server training, we ask that you support your child in attending mass when they are scheduled to altar serve, once training has been completed.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit for their PE lessons.

It is very important that children wear the correct PE uniform to every lesson. Children will not be permitted to take part in PE lessons if they do not have their correct St Joachim's PE kit.



From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and friends,

We have come to the end of our first half term and we have had a great start to this school year. We have completed our Black History Weeks and our Performance poetry project, had quite a few educational visits, entered and won a number of sporting events, launched the parent and pupil science project and of course had all the new musical tuition start.

Our trip to Hastings last Saturday to see the re-enactment on the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings was breathtaking. We were able to witness in person, a sense of life in England in 1066, about a thousand years ago. The children absolutely loved the whole experience.

Thank you to all the parents that supported the traditional Harvest Festival. The collection was amazing, I think the largest ever. We donated the collection to the Renewal Refugee and Migrant Project. They were overwhelmed by your generosity and said how it would help so many families. Next term we begin with the launch of our Sci-Fi English project where we will be studying the well renowned author HG Wells. We will be having Sci-fi dress up on the first day back. Very exciting!

Have a very good half term break with your children.

James Allen

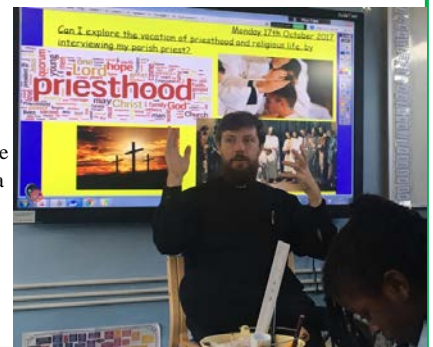
Yr 6's interview with Father James

On Monday 17th October, Father James came into Yr 6 for a Q&A session to answer our questions on the life and vocation of a priest. It was quite an amazing experience at it taught all of us a lesson, to be closer to God in everyday life.

We asked him lots of different questions. We asked him what his favourite pilgrimage was; and he told us it was when he went to Jerusalem, the Holy Land, and when he walked 1000km and it was the best experience of his life.

He became a priest on the 18th July 2009 – being inspired by Father John. It took him 9 years to become a priest. He was taught in a seminary in Rome.

We hope we get to interview him again, soon.
Katelynn Osei Yr 6



Autumn First Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 3rd October to 15th October 2016

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	98.8	0	0
Y1	99.5	99.67	2
Y2	99.5	98.83	7
Y3	97.2	97.93	12
Y4	99.2	99.83	1
Y5	98.7	99.33	4
Y6	97.8	99.50	3



Winners

Y1 and Y2 joint winners for attendance.

Rec outstanding 100% punctuality!!

Excellent!!!

The Battle of Hastings



On Saturday 15th October, fifty children from KS2 went to Hastings, to watch the famous battle of 1066 re-enacted, in celebration of its 950th anniversary. When we arrived we had to walk through the small town of Battle. At the campsites of the Normans and Saxons, we saw many people dressed in the clothing of 1066, which was really interesting. After stopping for lunch, we got to explore the site and meet many re-enactors from all around the world, including: Australia, France and Norway. After a session of asking questions, it was time for the battle! We were all so excited, and we hurried over to the battlefield. We saw all the horses standing ready to charge, (there was quite a stench!), and the soldiers ready to go into battle! They let loose a volley of arrows high into the air, and then the cavalry charged. It was epic! Of course, as we already knew, the Normans won. We felt sorry for the Saxons, but we cheered the men from Normandy – we were all on William's side! It was the best trip ever! I hope I get to go there again.

Katelynn Osei Yr6

Newham Schools Football Tournament

On Wednesday 19th October, KS2 girls participated in Newham Schools Football Tournament at Langdon Academy in which 30 schools participated. They faced tough competition from Schools such as Rosetta, Star, Winsor, Godwin, Avenue and our friendly rivals St. Helen's in the final which the girls won on a penalty shootout.

Well done girls you are an absolute credit to the school!



KS2 Rosary Club



During October the children in KS2 have been saying the Rosary as October is the month of the Holy Rosary. It was lovely to see so many Children attend and Pray for family and Friends.



Uniform Purchase/Application Forms

On Wednesdays parents may buy uniform and submit application forms between these times:
9.30 – 12.30 and 1.30 – 3.00



HARVEST FESTIVAL Received with Gratitude



by RAMP (Refugees and Migrant Project)

Hello James and team

I know that Ruth will write to you officially but i just wanted to say what a pleasure it was to visit St Joachim's today to pick up the Harvest gifts. It was the most amazing donation of food and when we took it to RAMP, the volunteers were overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. I must also say a big thank you to the most helpful and courteous young people who helped us. **Please pass on our grateful thanks to the staff, children and parents.**

All good wishes for a restful half term.

Best Jackie



Science In My Kitchen Competition!



Record and submit a video of yourself carrying out an investigation, test or experiment in your kitchen. **Must be carried out with an adult!**

Please submit your video entries via email to Miss O'Brien by Thursday 3rd November.

Emily.o'brien@st-joachims.newham.sch.uk



Useful places for ideas:

- Science museum website
- YouTube: experiments for kids
- <https://sciencebob.com>



You should by now have received your registration email or text, and have registered your account. If you need help doing this, [go to http://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp](http://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp)

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Important Dates

- 9th Nov RE Parent Workshop @ 2.30 and 5:30pm
- 12th Dec KS1/FS Christmas Performance ~ 1.30pm
- 13th Dec KS1/FS Christmas Performance ~ 10.00am
- 14th Dec Christmas Lunch
- 14th Dec 6:00 to 8:00pm School Disco
- 19th Dec 7:00pm KS2 School Carol Concert in Church

Nursery Applications



There are some places available in our Nursery. If your child is 3 years or will be 3 years before 31st December we urge you to submit an application form. You can also apply now if your child will be 3 years before 1st May 2017.

Applications can be downloaded from our web site. www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk or you can come into our reception to ask for forms.