

14/11/2025

# SCHOOL NEWS



## HAPPY HALF TERM!

As we come to the end of our second week back, there's a real sense of joy and togetherness across our school community. The children have returned with enthusiasm, kindness, and a wonderful attitude to learning.

As we begin our journey towards Advent, we're reminded of the importance of gratitude, compassion, and caring for one another — values that make our school family so special.



## ATTENDANCE

BEECH - 93%

CEDAR - 94%

✦ ✦ **ELM - 99.3%** ✦ ✦

OAK - 99.2%

*Don't forget*

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### 25TH NOVEMBER

Year 3 Olympics



### 30TH NOVEMBER

Parish Christmas Fair (At Church)

### 5TH DECEMBER

Whole School Mass

### 9TH DECEMBER

Nativity Performance  
(Afternoon)

### 10TH DECEMBER

Nativity Performance  
(Morning)

### 11TH DECEMBER

School Christmas Fair  
(3.15pm-4:30pm)



### 12TH DECEMBER

EYFS & Year 6 Lapland Day  
Y1-Y5 Pantomime Trip



# STAR AWARD

BEECH - ABDUR-RAHEEM

CEDAR - HAROON

ELM - GEORGE

OAK - CASSIUS

# WOW AWARD

BEECH - IBRAHIM

CEDAR - CAINE

ELM - LEO W

OAK - ALEENA

# HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

JESSICA, ZUZANNA,  
ZAYAAN, HAROON

## WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

94.6%



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Tuesday, we held a special Remembrance Day assembly to honour and reflect on the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served. The children showed great respect and understanding during the service.

We also received these wonderful pictures from two of our students, which beautifully capture the spirit of remembrance — well done and thank you for sharing them with us. ❤️🌸

# COMMUNITY FOREST SCHOOL

On Thursday morning, we welcomed families to our Community Forest School session for children starting school in September 2026.

The children enjoyed leaf printing, weaving, foraging, and mud printing while exploring our woodland. It was a joy to see so many happy faces!

## SCHOOL WALL ART

We're thrilled to see our brand-new wall art now proudly displayed around the school! Bursting with colour, creativity, and our core values, the artwork has already made a wonderful impact. Pupils and staff have been stopping to admire the designs, and it's brought a real sense of warmth and pride to our corridors. We can't wait for families to see it too — it truly brightens the whole school!



**You** are a **Child of God...**  
You are wonderfully made,  
dearly loved,  
and precious  
in His sight.  
Before God made you,  
He knew you...  
there is **no one**  
else like **you!**  
- Psalm 139



**Welcome**  
to St Joseph's R C Academy

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more"  
- Oscar Romero





# NOTICE BOARD



Thank you to all our pupils, families, and staff for your amazing support during Children in Need week. Your kindness, generosity, and enthusiasm have helped us raise a fantastic amount for a brilliant cause.



Total Raised: £96.81



## PUNCTUALITY



A reminder to please arrive on time in the morning. The school gate is locked promptly after drop-off, and if office staff are busy, late arrivals may find themselves unable to access or leave the site straight away.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping the school day start smoothly for everyone.

## BREAK TIME TOAST

Please note that toast will no longer be available to buy from next week due to limited demand. Bagels will still be provided for the children in class free of charge.

## MUSIC FOR THE MANY

Our weekly school orchestra has been making beautiful music together, and the children are thriving as they practice and perform each week. We're especially excited as their hard work builds towards our Christmas concert — a wonderful opportunity to share their talents and festive cheer with the whole school community!

Please visit our website to see more news stories!



[www.st-josephs-tod.org.uk](http://www.st-josephs-tod.org.uk)



## THIS WEEK AT FOREST SCHOOL...

Our Beech, Cedar, Elm and Oak classes enjoyed another brilliant Forest School day! Beech and Cedar explored leaf art, clay modelling, fine-motor challenges and even created a beautiful poppy field for Remembrance Day. Elm took on a tricky tower-building task using lashing and knotting techniques, showing fantastic teamwork and problem-solving. Oak got stuck into a big gardening project, carefully relocating plants, clearing overgrowth and rescuing lots of tiny creatures along the way.



It was a productive, creative and exciting day for everyone!

👉 Read the full Forest School report on our website.

Please remember  
your Forest  
School clothes!



# School Menu<sup>1</sup>

NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL DINNER MENU IS NOW AVAILABLE BELOW.

## Monday

Jacket Potatoes (Tuna Mayo,  
Cheese, Beans) / Tomato Pasta  
(Mixed Veg, Garlic Bread)  
Chocolate Cake & Mint Custard

## Thursday

Creamy Chicken Wrap /  
Quesadillas (Wedges & Carrots)  
Angel Delight

## Tuesday

Chicken Pie (Mash, Sweetcorn &  
Gravy) / Spaghetti Bolognaise  
(Sweetcorn)  
Jam Biscuits

## Friday

Jumbo Fish Finger in a roll / Pizza  
bun (Chips & Peas)  
Toffee Muffins

## Wednesday

Toad in the hole/ Cheese Pie  
(Cauliflower, Broccoli. Roast  
potatoes & Gravy)  
Cornflake Tart & Custard

