



School carpark

In the morning the school carpark gates are open for staff only. Please do not drive into the school carpark when dropping off children for breakfast club.

Trust Charity Fortnight

Following on from the email that was sent earlier today, we are excited to launch our Trust Charity Fortnight next week. The week will be filled with activities and events in aid of **Westminster Children's Society**. Here what's coming up:

Friday, 28th March – Own Clothes Day

Children can wear their own clothes for the day. We kindly ask for a **£1 donation via school comms**.

Monday, 31st March – Toy Swap

Each child can bring in one small toy they no longer want and swap it for another. At the end of the day, every child will take home a toy. We request that all toys are in **good condition** and **small enough to be carried in one hand**. Additionally, we ask for a **£1 donation via Schoolcomms**.

Thursday, 3rd April – Easter Bonnet Competition (KS2 only)

Children are invited to design and create an **Easter bonnet** around the theme: *"Make the Impossible Possible."* Winners will be announced at the Choir Concert on 3rd April at 2:30 PM.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to an exciting two weeks!

Free school meals

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income is £16,190 or less)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (if your annual earned income is no more than £7,400 after tax, excluding any benefits)

You can apply by using the link below if you receive any of these benefits. The application takes just five minutes, and in most cases, you will receive confirmation of your child's eligibility straight away. If your application has been accepted please let us know so we can update our system.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx#>

Gold book winners

YR: Miley

Y1: Zac

Y2: Seb

Y3: Sophia A

Y4: Dina

Y5: Oscar

Y6: Veronica

Booking your child's lunch via Swift Kitchen

Please **book your child's lunch via swift kitchen** if your child is having school lunch. There are a large number of children receiving school lunch with no booking. To help avoid food waste and disappointed children, please book their lunch by 8:30am every morning. You can also book a term in advance.

School pick up

We understand that on rare occasions there are reasons that prevent parents from collecting children at 3.15pm. We ask that if this is the case that parents inform the school in a timely fashion. As a school we do not have the ability to book children into afterschool club. This must be done directly with LBV and must be done prior to 3.15pm.

Afterschool Club – Little Blue Van

As the afterschool club is run by an external company, the school cannot book children into the club. Please contact Little Blue Van directly, on 07770 963701/07790 444704 or by email, martin@littlebluevan.co.uk

New Term dates for 2025/2026

The new term dates for 2025/2026 are now available of the school website. Please us the following link:

[Term Dates | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School](#)

Term dates for 2024/2025

These are now available on our website. Please use the following link:

[Term Dates | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School \(stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk\)](#)

School email addresses

Breakfast Club - diary@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

Absences, illness, medical appointments, collection of children, lunches - diary@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

Breakfast Club queries - diary@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

General enquiries not listed above – admin@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

FACE – Family, Advice, Communication, Education

Face delivers online support via zoom for parents. Please take a look at the Spring timetable below and if you have any questions please contact them directly on: info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk




Spring 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk


Schools can now buy a **FACE School Annual Membership** which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff** get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL 16 parent talks**

Thursday
24th April
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



Responding to Angry Behaviour
What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday
18th March
10:00 - 11:30
£24




Anxiety Explained
Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Thursday
3rd April
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
3rd April
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Improving Family Communication
How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Spring Timetable
all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

Little Linguists

Little Linguists offer Spanish lunchtime clubs at school. Please take a look at the flyer below and contact Suzanne directly for more information.

LITTLE LINGUISTS
Bring some Spanish sun into the UK summer!

SPANISH LUNCH CLUB @ ST JOSEPHS

YEARS 2 - 6
TUESDAYS 12.30-1.00PM
TUESDAY 29 APRIL - TUESDAY 08 JULY
10 WEEK TERM @ £71.50 INCLUDING COURSE MATERIALS

Book a trial session now!
CALL SUZANNE ON 07857 974437 OR
E-MAIL SUZANNE@LITTLELINGUISTS.ORG.UK

www.littlelinguists.org.uk

Dates

Here are some dates for your diary for the Spring term. You will receive more information for some of the events nearer the time.

March

- ❖ 26th LIFT Reading - Nursery at 9am and Years Reception to Year 6 at 2:50pm
- ❖ 28th March Own clothes day, donation of £1 via school comms
- ❖ 31st March Toy swap, donation of £1 via school comms

April

- ❖ 2nd Rocksteady concert at 9:30am
- ❖ 2nd Easter production Year 3 and 4 at 2pm
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- ❖ 3rd KS2 Choir concert at 2:30pm
- ❖ 3rd April Easter bonnet competition (KS2 only)
- ❖ 4th End of Term collection at 1:15pm
- ❖ 7th - 21st Easter Holidays
- ❖ 22nd Return to school
- ❖ 23rd LIFT Maths

May

- ❖ 22nd LIFT Reading
- ❖ 26th - 30th Half Term

Please note that these dates maybe subject to change.

Please read your newsletter weekly to be informed of any changes