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Dear Parents

Please click on the links below to access calendar events and after school clubs:

School Calendar: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Diary/
Term Dates 2025/26 https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/2025-2026_Calendar.pdf
After School Clubs: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Clubs_-_Spring_2026.pdf

DePaul Homeless Charity Fundraising
We are delighted to announce that at Christmas, donations after the Infant Nativity and the Junior Christmas Carol Service have raised £283.35.

The Year 5 and 6 sleepover on Friday 6th February raised a further £610, making a grand total of £893.35.

We are overwhelmed by everyone's generosity and thank you for making a difference in the lives of the vulnerable, homeless community.

Parent Helpers
The school would greatly appreciate parent help, especially with hearing children read. If you have a few hours a week spare, please consider volunteering your time. Please write, care of the school office, expressing your interest. (Parents do not usually support their own child's class). Parent support is also needed for occasional class trips, please write and let us know if you are able to volunteer. All regular parent helpers need a DBS check which requires proof of identity and a police check. The school will pay for this check to be carried out.

Children's Mental Health Week: 9th – 15th February 2026 - Theme 'This is My Place'
The theme for 2026 is 'This is My Place', focusing on the importance of feeling a sense of belonging in schools, communities, and homes.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 10th February 2026 – Theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'
With many children hearing about and using AI online, it is important for them to have the skills and confidence to make safe choices and use technology responsibly.

Easter Enterprise Events - CAFOD
During Lent, each junior class will organise an Easter Enterprise fund raising event. Please see the main calendar for dates – thank you in advance for your support.

Learning and growing together with Christ

Little Red Box Scheme – Mission Together



Mission Together is the Catholic Church's official children's charity for overseas mission. During Lent, each infant class, will take home a Little Red Box to collect money to help support the late Pope Francis' favourite charity. Boxes need to be returned by Monday 23rd March 2026.

World Book Day



This year, we are celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 6th March 2026.** Each child will also be given a book token to use towards the purchase of a book of their choice from participating retailers.

World Book Day provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure.

Costumes: we would love the children to dress up as a character from their favourite book and bring that book in with them to share with others. It will be a fun day for all.

New government kids online safety website

Click on the link to see a new child's online safety website from the government which will be launched on 16th February to help support families and encourage regular conversations about what your children are seeing online.
https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/online-content/

Safeguarding Alert

Essex Children's Services have made NHS England aware of mental health patients who have TikTok accounts which are encouraging self-harm. We are reminding parents that children in our school are under the legal age to use this platform. Parents are reminded to monitor and be mindful of what our children are accessing online. Here are some useful websites for parents:

https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/support-for-parents-and-carers/child-abuse-and-harm/keeping-children-safe-online

LGfL Parentsafe: Keeping your child safe online and beyond

It is never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they are not with us, and sometimes even when they are, if we don't know what's happening in their lives or on their devices! Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay? Don't despair though...scroll through this page for help or click a button to go straight to a particular topic https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/.

Yours sincerely

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