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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 2024/25 https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/2024-2025_Calendar.pdf
After School Clubs: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Clubs_-_Spring_2025.pdf

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Spring Curriculum Overviews



Please find attached (via email) the curriculum overviews for your child's year group. These are provided so parents can encourage and support their children's studies at home. In addition, all curriculum overviews are also posted on the school website.

Cold Weather



Please ensure that your child wears a warm coat to school, preferably waterproof with a hood and sleeves. It would be most helpful if all garments are labelled, including gloves, scarves and hats.

Should there be adverse weather conditions, please find listed below the system to inform you that the school is closed or will be closing early due to poor weather.

To check to see if the school is open, the 'Open Check' service can be viewed on-line by following a link on the school website. The autotext system will be used if the school needs to close early during the school day.

For parents without access to the internet, the status can be checked by calling 0208 408 7508 and keying in our DfE code which is 3033502.

Primary Reception Places – September 2025



The closing date for applications is 15th January 2025. Parents applying for a place in Reception in September 2025 will need to complete both the Bexley or Kent online admissions form and the school's Supplementary Form. We welcome applications from Catholics, Christian and families of other faiths that are supportive of the ethos of the school.

Please note, if you are Catholic, Fr David will be available to sign supplementary forms by appointment only (after school or evening).

If you are not religious, you must still complete a Supplementary Form and return it to the school office with the relevant sections completed.

Learning and growing together with Christ

Job Opportunity - Midday Supervisor



The school would welcome applications for the important role of Midday Supervisor. We can offer regular training and the opportunity to work alongside our strong existing team and fantastic children. If you, or someone you know, is available to work from 12.15 pm – 1.15 pm, Monday to Friday, or perhaps part of the week, please contact the school office for further details.

Caring Classrooms



Bexley Foodbank are very grateful for all of your generous donations which will help support thousands of Bexley residents who rely on foodbanks as part of their weekly shop. They are currently in need of long life milk, noodles, tinned fruit, custard, coffee, toothpaste, shower gel, razors and deodorant. We will be restarting our Caring Classrooms next week, please continue to send items into school. Thank you for caring.

Too Good To Go



With the cost of living rising and the recent expense of Christmas, some families may be struggling with food shopping bills. On top of this, 2.5 billion tonnes of food is wasted every year.

We dream of a planet with no food waste. Every day, unsold food from your favourite restaurants, supermarkets, cafes and shops goes to waste simply because it hasn't been sold in time. The Too Good To Go app makes it easy to make a difference, allowing you to save Surprise Bags of good food at an even better price.

Simply download from an App Store or by scanning the QR code

Church Car Park



Thank you to parents who have stopped parking in the middle of the Church Car Park as requested by St Mary's Playgroup, allowing them to be able to leave work to pick up their own children.

Children's Mental Health Week: 3rd – 9th February 2025 - Theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'



The theme for 2025 is focus is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself', with the aim to equip and empower children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. We want children and young people to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February 2025 – Theme '*Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'*



The aim of Safer Internet Day is to inspire a conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Please take time to talk to your child about this issue; a small conversation might spare you and your family much heartache in the future. The school website has a great many links to support parents with these issues. Please go to the 'Parents tab' to 'Supporting Online Safety'.

Keeping Safe Online
If your child received a device as a Christmas gift, you will want to know how to keep them safe online. Here are some links providing useful information for parents:

- Keeping children safe online
  https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/
- A safe digital world for children
  https://www.internetmatters.org/
- Online Safety and Gaming
  https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/online-safety-and-gaming.pdf
- Help, advice and resources for parents and carers
  https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/
- Screentime for children under five
  https://safeblog.lgfl.net/screensinearliestyears

Yours sincerely

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