



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

June Newsletter 13

Year 5 Residential

The year five children from St Joseph's and St Edmund's enjoyed three days in Norfolk last week. It was rather wet but lots of fun. They completed activities like archery, rock climbing, canoeing, caving and orienteering as part of the PE Outdoor and Adventurous curriculum.

It was wonderful to see the children's courage to challenge themselves and the co-operation between them to encourage and support each other as they tried new tasks. The children quickly made new friends and this was part of the residential that lots of them said they liked the most. They were able to improve their team work and ability to communicate successfully. All of the children were proud of the new skills they had learnt, especially when they were a little nervous about the zip line or caving.

It was great fun being with them and they were a credit to their families and the schools. They were polite and courteous to all the staff at the centre. They showed that they could listen and concentrate to solve problems together. Many thanks to the staff and volunteers who accompanied the trip so the children could have such a unique experience. I'd just like some sunshine next year!



The Children's Commissioner has asked all schools to share this message: As Children's Commissioner, I am asking you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey . I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns and their hopes for the future. Please help your child complete the survey. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>



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Moses and Elijah class visited the St Edmund's forest school site this week. It was a delight to welcome the children to share the facilities of our federation school.

They played, climbed and explored. They got stuck in the mud, made stews, potions and huge bubbles. The children found caterpillars, snails and some of them thought they had seen a crocodile! They had a picnic lunch and cooked marshmallows to make s'mores.

Everyone had a fantastic time and everyone enjoyed their day!



Music Festival

The children in year four took part in the Suffolk Music Festival in Ipswich this week. They joined children from other schools across the county with the Suffolk Schools' Music Service teachers to spend the day playing their instruments, listening to professional musicians and performing together. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to show how much they have learnt since the beginning of the year and the progress they have made. We are very proud of how well they represented the school throughout the day. Thank you to all those who attended and supported them.



Shaking up Shakespeare

Elijah, Abraham, Jonah and Samson class watched a performance of Macbeth when a professional one man show visited the school. This was an opportunity for the children to be introduced to Shakespeare in an accessible and interactive way. Year 5 and 6 also took part in workshops afterwards, so they could try out acting and performing parts of the play. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it was a fun way to develop their understanding and knowledge of one of the greatest playwrights in history.



Sports Day

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports day on Friday 3rd July at 11am. We have decided to do things a little differently this year. The event is an opportunity for the children to participate in a range of activities to showcase the skills they have learnt in the PE curriculum over the year. There is a competitive element as the children will be earning points for their house. Please make sure your child is wearing their PE kit on the day and an item of clothing (t shirt/ shorts/ socks) in their house colour. We are also re-instating the family picnic this year and hope you enjoy this chance for us to come together as a community.



Samson Class at
Gainsborough Museum

Reminder

Please make sure your child keeps their toys at home. We have had some upsets and arguments where squishy toys, football cards, pencils, rubbers and pop-its have been lost, broken or 'traded'. Please help us by making sure the children do not bring these to school. Thank you.

We have many exciting events to look forward to in the next few weeks.

Please put the following dates in your diaries:

- 24th–26th June yr 6 Residential**
- 29th June Parents meeting Relationships & Sex Education 2.30pm**
- 30th June & 2nd July 7th & 9th July Learning conversations to discuss annual reports**
- 2nd July Noah Class Forest school at St Edmund's**
- 3rd July Sports Day**
- 9th July yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm**
- 10th July FoSJ Summer Fair 3.30-5pm**
- 14th July Transition Day**
- 16th July Mass celebrating the end of term 10am**
- 17th July Children's last day in school.**
- Mon 20th July to Weds 2nd Sept Summer Holidays**
- Thursday 3rd September Children return to school**

The 2026 National Eucharistic Congress

ADOREMUS

Saturday, 10 October 2026

St George's Cathedral

Westminster Cathedral

We are delighted to launch a national Catholic schools **Art Competition** in the lead-up to Adoremus this October, organised by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. A key feature of Adoremus will be the Blessed Sacrament prayerfully processed from Southwark Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral, so we invite young people to reflect creatively on themes such as **the Blessed Sacrament, the presence of Jesus, and the beauty of our cathedrals.**

Entries will be judged by a professional panel of art experts with categories for ages **6-8, 9-12, 13-15, and 16-18.** A winner will be selected in each category, along with one overall winner. The winning entry will feature on prayer cards given to all the event.

Entries to be submitted by simply sending a photo of the artwork to artcompetition@christian.art

Deadline for entries: 15 September 2026

We are especially honoured that **Archbishop Richard Doehring** has kindly agreed to host a reception for all the runners-up and winners on **Thursday 1 October at 2pm at Archbishop's House.**

We warmly encourage schools and pupils to take part... **to pray, to imagine, and to create!**

The Adoremus Art competition is offered in conjunction with Christian Art who have generously made it possible.

For any queries, please email info@christian.art

What is Christian Art? We offer a unique approach to daily Gospel readings. Each day, we select a work of art relevant to the day's scripture passage and offer a short reflection on the two. Written by Patrick van der Vorst a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Westminster, London and a former Director of Sotheby's London, Christian Art's mission is to draw people closer to God through the magnificent pairing of art and the Christian faith.

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