JOSEPH CLARKE SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

Issue: 18 **Week Commencing: 09/11//2026**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

. Non-School Uniform Day Children in Need: Friday 13th November

. Reminder to check and clear any outstanding balances on Abor before December.

. We are a NUT and COCONUT FREE school

UPCOMING EVENTS/TRIPS:

Parent Information Sessions:

. Post-16 Pathways & Accreditations

Wednesday 11th November

9:30-10:30am (Online)

. Habilitation

Thurs 12th November

9:30-11:30am (In person)

. Elizabeth Class Swimming Lessons: *9th-13th November 10-11am*

. Children In Need: *Friday 13th November*

. School Photos: *Thursday 19th November*

. Awards Ceremony: *Wednesday 25th November*

. Festive Market/Wear something festive: *Friday 11th December*

. Christmas Pantomime: *15th December*

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome all our pupils back after the half-term break. We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable half term ahead.

We would also like to wish all our families celebrating Diwali a wonderful day filled with joy and happiness.

We are delighted that Elizabeth Class will be starting their swimming sessions next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to develop their confidence, independence and skills in the water.

A reminder that **Friday 13th November will be a non-school uniform day in support of BBC Children in Need**. Pupils are welcome to wear their own clothes, and parents and carers are invited to make a voluntary donation if they wish. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Chadia

Menu Week Commencing: 9/11/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Option 1	Tomato & Basil Pasta GLUTEN (WHEAT) & MILK	Lemon & Herb Roast Chicken	Jacket Potato with 5-Bean Chilli SULPHITES & MILK	Jerk Chicken SULPHITES	Fish Fingers FISH & GLUTEN (WHEAT)
Option 2	Vegetable & Chickpea Curry	Lemon & Herb Halloumi MILK	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo FISH	Jerk Butternut Squash & Chickpea SULPHITES	Sweetcorn Fritters
Sides	Garlic & Olive Oil Wholemeal Focaccia GLUTEN (WHEAT)	Roast Potatoes	Included in Main	Rice & Peas	Skin on Chips

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE:

Weekly whole school attendance: **88%**

If your child will be absent from school you must report it to us by **9:30am** each day.
You can do this by calling the school office on 0208 523 4833, or leaving a message on the absence line.
Thank you.

Attendance Expectations

Breakfast / After School Club:

Breakfast club:
8:00am - 8:45am

After school club:
3:30pm - 4:30pm

For more information on these or sign ups please contact the school office or Sarah Bent.

USEFUL LINKS:

Arbor
Arbor Help Centre
School Cloud
Speed Stitch

School Website
Free School Meals
Uniform Policy

TERM DATES 2026-2027

Autumn Term:
3rd September - 17th December 2026
Christmas Holidays: 18th Dec - 5th Jan

Spring Term:
5th January - 24th March 2027
Half Term: 15th - 19th February
Easter Holidays: 25th March - 9th April
INSET Days: 4th January 2027

Summer Term:
12th April - 20th July 2027
Half Term: 28th May - 4th June
Bank Holidays: 3rd May & 31st May
Summer Holidays: 21st July - 2nd Sept
INSET Days: 28th May & 25th June 2027

EXTERNAL EVENTS:

. BeeZee Families in Waltham Forest are holding a FREE Healthy Lifestyle programme which runs across 12 weeks. If you are interested, or would like more information about this, please click the link below:

https://wlf.maximusuk.co.uk/beezeefamilies/

.The Music Man Project - Music Education & Performance Club for children and young people with disabilities aged 8+, children will learn to sing, sign, play and dance. This runs weekly on Saturdays 11.30am-12.30pm in Walthamstow. If you are interested, please click the link below:

https://thetogetherspace.co.uk/events/the-music-man-project