



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 10th July 2026



YEAR 5 SCIENCE TRIP

On Thursday our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an exciting visit to the Science Department at St Mary's Bishop Stortford. During the visit, they took part in three engaging, hands-on experiments and activities, giving them the opportunity to explore scientific concepts in a fun and interactive way. They were able to use the microscopes to explore leaves, and tiny insects. They then used the light meters to reflect and refract light, using prisms, and finally they were able to use special filter paper to explore chromatography. The children demonstrated curiosity, enthusiasm, and teamwork throughout the session, asking thoughtful questions and embracing every challenge. They loved visiting the Science labs, and exploring the secondary school, it gave them a taste of life in the future!

SUMMER FETE

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA and all of our wonderful families for making this year's Summer Fete such a tremendous success. Your hard work, generosity, enthusiasm, and support helped create a fun-filled afternoon for everyone to enjoy. Whether you volunteered your time, donated prizes, ran a stall, or simply came along to support the event, every contribution made a real difference. We are incredibly grateful for the amazing community spirit shown throughout the day. Thank you for helping to make our Summer Fete such a memorable occasion!

TRANSITION/MOVING UP DAY

Our Transition and Moving Up Day was a wonderful opportunity for children to spend time in their new classrooms, meet their teachers, and begin getting excited about the year ahead. The day was filled with smiles, curiosity, and enthusiasm as pupils explored their new learning environments and took part in a range of engaging activities.

These transition experiences help build confidence, ease any worries, and ensure everyone feels ready for a positive start in September.

NURSERY SCHOOL TRIP

To celebrate a wonderful year in Nursery, Nursery class visited Ceders Park. We started by exploring the park, playing 'What's the time Mr Wolf' on the mound and some fun parachute games. We then got to have our own zookeeper session meeting lots of animals. We met 'Sandra' the snake – many of the children were very brave to give her a stroke. We saw a scorpion, an armadillo, a tortoise, a gerbil, a stick insect and many more animals. Nursery were so gentle with all the animals. To end a great morning, we had a class picnic on the grass, and we even got to have a special treat – ice lollies! Thank you to all the parents who came and supported our children to give them a fun filled morning!

CHAPLAINCY RETREAT

Our Chaplaincy Team recently enjoyed a wonderful retreat day together today in Aylesford Priory. Blessed with beautiful weather, the day provided a peaceful opportunity to step away from the busyness of school life, deepen their spirituality, and spend time in prayer, reflection, and fellowship. It was a joyful and enriching experience, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day, returning refreshed and inspired in their role of serving our school community. Thank you to the children and to Mrs Smith for all your support.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 3 99.6%

HOUSE POINTS

Matthew

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

The Whole Class

Reception

Jasper & Grace

Year 1

Morayo & Samira

Year 2

Tymon & Leonor

Year 3

Janice & Myra

Year 4

Holy & Francesco

Year 5

Olivia W & Ryan

Year 6

Yaman & Verone

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Joshua

Reception

Amelia-Grace

Year 1

Michael

Year 2

Asaiah

Year 3

Kelechi

Year 4

Joy

Year 5

Thomas

Year 6

Elnathan

At St. Joseph's we live, love and learn by the example of Jesus.
Aspiring for excellence for all, together as a catholic community.

REMINDERS:

Parking

Parents/visitors to our school are kindly reminded:

- Be considerate of road markings and neighbours when parking near our school.
- do not park or stop on yellow lines or zigzags.
- do not ignore road markings.
- do not park over driveways.
- do not cause increased danger for road users.
- do not be abusive or rude to the local residents or other members of the community.

Scooters

Please be reminded that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on school premises.

Please disembark at the school gate and walk/wheel the scooter/bike from the school gate and leave them in the designated bike/scooter area next to the library.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

- Please remember those healthy items for packed lunches.
- Children are NOT to play on the Adventure Trail or in the access road outside the Royal Avenue gate, as this vehicular gate is in constant use.
- **St Joseph's is an 'Allergy Aware School'**

SUMMER TERM 2

Week	Date-	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	1 st June FOREST SCHOOL WEEK			Reception new parent meeting 2pm	SPORTS DAY	PTA – Non school uniform
2	8 th June	YEAR 1 TRIP	YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY	Nursery parent meeting 2pm		YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY
3	15 th June	RESIDENTIAL Trust Sacramental Celebration: Y3	RESIDENTIAL Nursery Assembly	RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT SPORTS	YEAR 2 TRIP	INSET DAY
4	22 nd June					ASPIRATIONS DRESS UP DAY
5	29 th June DT WEEK			OPEN SHOW CASE 6 – 7:15PM		
6	6 th July				TRANSITION DAY	SUMMER FETE: 3-5pm Chaplaincy Retreat (Trip)
	13 th July		YEAR 6 DRESS REHEARSAL	YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE		
	20 th July	Talent show 9:30am	Year 6 Mass – church 11am School closes 1:30pm			

SUMMER HOLIDAYS FROM 22ND JULY – 1ST SEPTEMBER 2026 (SCHOOL RETURNS 2ND SEPTEMBER 2026)

Healthy Packed Lunch

Suggestions for food to include in a healthy packed lunch

- **At least** one portion of fruit or vegetable every day.
- Meat, fish or other source of non-diary protein (e.g. lentils, beans, soya or hummus), every day
- Oily fish such as pilchards, salmon or tuna
- A starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice noodles, potatoes or other type of cereal every day.
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard.
- Cereal bars rather than cakes or biscuits
- Seeds, crackers and cheese, vegetables or bread sticks with a dip

Drinks

- Water bottles are to be brought into school – water is provided if children run out and need a top up.
- Water bottles are to be brought on school trips – NO other drink.

FUN FRIDAY

Suggestions for food to include ON A FUN FRIDAY in a healthy packed lunch.

- Snacks such as crisps
- Chocolate coated biscuits or wafers **or**
- Small cake e.g. fairy cakes, cake bars, muffins **or**
- Small pudding pot e.g. chocolate mousse)

Foods that should **not** be brought into school (These are foods that we have already asked not to be brought into school)

- Confectionery such as chocolate bars.
- Sweets
- Nuts or nut products (although they can be healthy there is a very serious risk to other children with allergies).
- Fizzy drinks or any soft drinks.

