



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 11th September 2026



Christ Jesus, Be with us now as we gather together in your name. Guide us in all that we say and all that we do, as we try to follow you. Amen.

Your mission; How will you join with others to spread the message of peace in our world this week?

Farewell to Mr Michael McKay

As you come to the end of your time as Chair of Governors, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible dedication, commitment and service to our school and the wider community. For over 20 years, you have given your time, knowledge and support to our school, always working to ensure the very best for our pupils, staff and families. Your leadership, guidance and unwavering commitment have made a lasting difference, and your contribution will be remembered and greatly valued by our whole school community. It is difficult to put into words just how much your service has meant to us. You have been a constant source of support and encouragement, and we are truly grateful for everything you have done over the years. As you begin this next chapter, we wish you every happiness, good health and success for the future. You leave with our sincere gratitude and very best wishes. Thank you for everything, and farewell. You will always be a very special part of our school community and will be greatly missed.

Attendance & Lates There will be a greater focus on attendance and lates this year. We always pride ourselves in outstanding attendance but since Covid we are seeing many families taking holidays out of term time, long weekends and prolonged sickness. This effects children's progress and can cause increased anxiety as they are missing out. While I understand at times there are extenuating circumstances, I know that you want the very best for your children and will continue to support excellent attendance and punctuality. Gates will close promptly at 8.50am, children are late at that time. It causes great frustrations for parents signing children in so I know this will also be of paramount importance to you.

Meet the teacher On Monday 14th September we have our KS1 meet the teacher session at 3pm and on Tuesday 15th September we have our KS2 meet the teachers. We hope that all parents are able to attend these session as they are great opportunity to meet the class teacher and learn about your child's curriculum for this year.

Parent Reading We are seeking enthusiastic parent volunteers to join our reading programme and share the joy of literature with our pupils. As a parent reader, you will have the opportunity to engage with students, fostering their love for reading and improving their literacy skills. We welcome you to participate at a time that suits your schedule. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Entwisle or visit the school office. Your involvement can make a significant difference in our children's educational journey. Thank you for your support!

Clubs All school clubs will commence from Monday 14th September. If your child has a place in a club you will have been informed via Arbor next week.

PTA Will be holding their AGM in the next few weeks, please look out for information in the next few weeks.

ATTENDANCE
AWARD
YEAR 3 100%

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Patrick & Ronnie

Reception
Erica/Oscar

Year 1
Jasper & Alexander J

Year 2
Eseose & Tristan

Year 3
Jason & Myles

Year 4
Myla & Dogan

Year 5
Desire & Francesco

Year 6
George L & Lia

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Zachary

Reception
Summer-Reign

Year 1
Eliora

Year 2
Leo

Year 3
Leonor

Year 4
Ava

Year 5
Kore

Year 6
Abbia

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'**

AUTUMN TERM 1

Week	Date-	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	31 st August		INSET DAY	SCHOOL OPENS		
2	7 th Sep					Beginning of term Mass
3	14 th Sept	Meet the teacher KS1 @3PM	Meet the teacher KS2 @3PM			
4	21 st Sept				YEAR 5 CUFFLEY CAMP	YEAR 5 CUFFLEY CAMP Year 3 prayer service 2:45pm
5	28 th Sept	Week of events for St Francis feast day			Chaplaincy Teams Welcome Liturgy	
6	5 th Oct	St Francis of Assisi Feast day celebrations & Mass				BUDDY ASSEMBLY
	12 th Oct	NATIONAL SPANISH DAY				BUDDY ASSEMBLY
	19 th Oct		NURSERY & RECEPTION OPEN AFTERNOON 2PM			

HALF TERM – Monday 26th October 2026 until Tuesday 3rd November – School returns Wednesday 4th November

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-dairy 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.

