



# St. Joseph's Weekly News

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Loving God,  
as the leaves begin to change and the days grow shorter,  
we thank you for the beauty of autumn  
and for the many gifts of your creation.  
Help us to notice the beauty around us,  
to be grateful for our families, friends and school community,  
and to remember those who may need our kindness and support.

As the trees let go of their leaves,  
help us too to let go of our worries and fears,  
trusting in your love and guidance.  
May this new season bring us  
peace in our hearts, joy in our learning,  
and kindness in all that we do.  
Guide us throughout this autumn term  
and help us to grow in faith, hope and love.  
Amen.



### Cuffley Camp:

Our Year 5 children have had a fantastic time at Cuffley Camp! They have embraced the experience with enthusiasm, teamwork and a wonderful sense of adventure. The children have enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities, including Camouflage and Concealment, Shelter Building and Fire Lighting, Trap Making and Bushcraft Challenges. It has been fantastic to see them develop their independence, resilience and team-building skills while having so much fun outdoors. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for supporting the children throughout this fantastic experience, and a very big well done to all of our children for embracing every challenge and making us so proud! What a wonderful adventure and a fantastic memory for our Year 5 children to treasure!

### Chaplaincy Team:

Welcome to Our Chaplaincy Team

We are delighted to welcome our new Chaplaincy Team to St Joseph's. They are already proving to be an excellent addition to our school community and will play an important role in supporting and nurturing the faith life of our school. Our Chaplaincy Team will help to lead prayer, support liturgical celebrations and encourage our children to live out our Catholic school values through kindness, compassion and service to others. We look forward to seeing our Chaplaincy Team grow in confidence and faith as they help to inspire and support our whole school community. We are very proud of them and excited for all they will contribute 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!

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

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

Nursery 100%

### HOUSE POINTS

Matthew

### STARS OF THE WEEK

#### Nursery

Ezel & Leon

#### Reception

Sebastian & Kavian

#### Year 1

Amelia & Ryan

#### Year 2

Ariella & Shaya

#### Year 3

Sade & Shamiso

#### Year 4

Huda & Mahalia

#### Year 5

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#### Year 6

Thomas & Ryan

### LEARNER OF THE WEEK

#### Nursery

Sophia

#### Reception

Azreah

#### Year 1

Sophia

#### Year 2

Kate

#### Year 3

Israel

#### Year 4

Harley

#### Year 5

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#### Year 6

Alya

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

HALF TERM – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2026 until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – School returns Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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-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.

