



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Mary,
Mother of Jesus and our loving Mother,
we dedicate ourselves to you today.
Guide us to follow your example of faith,
love and kindness.
Help us to grow closer to your Son, Jesus,
and to care for one another as you did.
Mary, pray for us
and keep us always close to Jesus.
Amen.



Buddy Assembly

What a pleasure it was to see Yr6 welcoming their buddies to St Joseph's School. As part of Yr 6's wellbeing they have been spending time completing activities together such as painting, reading stories and outdoors playing.

As always it was an outstanding assembly with some really thoughtful words from Year 6 about their buddies.

Yr6 were awarded their buddy badges and Reception were awarded their Bibles, making both parents and teachers very proud.

Chaplaincy Liturgy and Celebration of St Francis of Assisi

Our Chaplaincy Team had a beautiful liturgy and Mass this week, celebrating their important role within our school community. During the service, our new Chaplaincy Team members were presented with their badges, marking the beginning of their special mission to support prayer, faith and the Catholic life of our school.

The children also celebrated Mass dedicated to St Francis of Assisi, reflecting on his love for God, care for creation and service to others. It was a truly special celebration, filled with prayer, reflection and joy. We are very proud of our Chaplaincy Team and look forward to seeing them continue to lead and inspire our school community.



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

Year 1 99.6%

HOUSE POINTS Mark

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Lorena & Zachary

Reception

Oscar & Gia

Year 1

Lara & Aylin

Year 2

Theo & Rosie Mae

Year 3

Chinedum & Leonor

Year 4

Atalia & Eveline

Year 5

Leonardo & Gabi

Year 6

Hope & David

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Patrick

Reception

Sebastian

Year 1

Aliyar

Year 2

Morayo

Year 3

Elizabeth

Year 4

Ethan

Year 5

Ellis

Year 6

George S

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
5	28 th Sept	Week of events for St Francis feast day				St Francis of Assisi Feast day celebrations & Mass Year 3 prayer service 2:45pm
6	5 th Oct	Chaplaincy Teams Welcome Liturgy				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-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.

