



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Mary, our loving Mother,
 Guide us with your kindness and love.
 Help us to follow Jesus each day,
 To care for others and share His light.
 Watch over our families and our school,
 And keep us safe in your loving care.
 Amen



Buddy Assembly

We had a second outstanding performance by Year 6 and Reception this morning. As always, it was a pleasure to see them welcoming their buddies to St Joseph's School and to hear the thoughtful words that Year 6 had written. Year 6 were awarded their buddy badges and presented Bibles to their Reception buddies, making both parents and teachers very proud. They look forward to spending more quality time together in the coming year.

Art week

This week we have been diving back into our art skills and have enjoyed being creative. Across the school we have explored different styles of art including printing and light and dark shading. It has been wonderful to see the progression of drawing skills through the school. Art week is something the children look forward to during the term, and it is wonderful to see the amazing pieces of art being created across the school. Your class teacher will be showcasing your children's work on our school website class pages later today.



Spanish international day

Buenos Dias! This week we celebrated our Spanish National Day at St Joseph's. Each class chose a different Spanish-speaking country to explore. There are 21 countries where Spanish is an official language. These countries are located in Latin America, Europe, and Africa, reflecting the global reach of the Spanish language. Both Nursery and Year 3 explored Spain. Nursery created their own Gaudi mosaic artwork and Year 3, who've started learning Spanish in class, wrote a fact file on the country and practised greetings by playing games as well as making their own Spanish menus. Reception looked at Ecuador; its food and drink and famous people. Year 1 explored Argentina and the work of Marcelo martin Burgos and Year 2 investigated Columbia, looking at its climate and traditional music and dance. Year 4 explored Mexico and its dance culture as well as its food and then created menus. Year 5 looked at the Canary Islands and created fact files and then focused on the geography of the islands, especially the volcanoes. Finally, Year 6 researched Tikal in Guatemala and created fact files about the Maya civilisation as well as the rainforest and wildlife found there. It was great fun and really enjoyable to see such a range of work from each class. We have very talented children here at St Joseph's!

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!

ATTENDANCE

AWARD

Year 3 100%

HOUSE POINTS

Luke

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Obrempong & Sophia

Reception

Blessing & Barbara

Year 1

Ezekiel & Thalia

Year 2

Zak & Sienna

Year 3

Elsa & Oselene

Year 4

Victor & Sofia

Year 5

Vincenzo & Holy

Year 6

Callum & Precious

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Anastasia

Reception

Joshua

Year 1

Robert

Year 2

Tatiana

Year 3

Sade

Year 4

Jeremy

Year 5

Shin

Year 6

Olivia

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'**

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – OPEN AFTERNOON

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will be holding an Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 2pm** for prospective parents applying for a Reception or Nursery place for September 2027. This is an opportunity to view the school in action and meet the Headteacher and Foundation/Early Years Team.

Reception and Nursery applications open on Monday 2nd November 2026 and close on Friday 15th January 2027.

AUTUMN TERM 1

Week	Date-	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	19 th Oct		NURSERY & RECEPTION OPEN AFTERNOON 2PM			
HALF TERM – Monday 26 th October 2026 until Tuesday 3 rd November – School returns Wednesday 4 th 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.

