



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 23rd October 2026

A Prayer to Mary

Loving Mary, Mother of Jesus,
Thank you for your love, kindness and example
of faith. Help us to follow your example by being
kind, caring and thoughtful towards others.
Guide us as we learn and grow, and help us to
show love and compassion to everyone we meet.
Watch over our families, our school and our community.
Mary, our Mother, pray for us and help us to grow closer
to Jesus each day.
Amen.



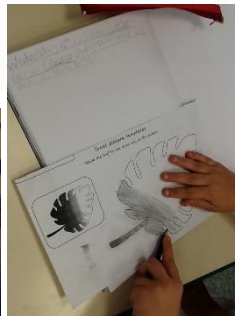
Well Done on a Fantastic First Half Term!

Well done to all our children for their hard work, enthusiasm and achievements throughout their first half term of learning! We are incredibly proud of how they have embraced new challenges, developed new skills and built upon their prior learning. A huge thank you also goes to our dedicated teachers and support staff for all their hard work, care and commitment in providing engaging learning experiences and opportunities for every child to thrive.

We hope all our families enjoy a restful and relaxing half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, ready for another exciting half term filled with new learning opportunities, continued progress and even more wonderful achievements!

Please make sure you keep up to date with our latest learning, by following us on Instagram and by checking the website calendar.

Here are a few snapshots from our first half term!



ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 2 97.8%

HOUSE POINTS Mark

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Ronnie & Theresa

Reception

Sebastian & Joshua

Year 1

Maisa & Amelia-Grace

Year 2

Alice & Pashaan

Year 3

Tabi-Mercy & Taylor

Year 4

Erin & Eveline

Year 5

Selin & Orlando

Year 6

Michelle & Emilia

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Ezel

Reception

Maya

Year 1

Ishmael

Year 2

Shaya

Year 3

Jason

Year 4

Aria

Year 5

Tyler

Year 6

Devid

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 10th November 2026 at 9:30am** 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 2

Week	Date-	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 nd November			CHAPLAINCY SELL POPPIES	GUY FWAKES BONFIRE PARENT CONSULTATIONS	DIWALI ASSEMBLY
2	9 th November 2026			REMEMBRANCE SERVICE		GOVERNOR MORNING
3	16 th November 2026	ANTI - BULLYING WEEK			YEAR 5 PRAYER SERVICE 2:45PM	ONESIE UPON A TIME DAY
4	23 rd November 2026	DT WEEK				
5	30 th November 2026		ADVENT ASSEMBLY			YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY 9.10AM
6	7 th December 2026			CHRISTMAS DINNER		
7	14 th December 2026			YEAR 1&2 NATIVITY 2:30PM PARENTS	RECEPTION AND NURSERY SING ALONG (9:15AM) TALENT SHOW 10AM CLASS PARTIES PM	CAROL SERVICE 11AM SCHOOL CLOSES 1:30PM
Christmas Holiday's - Monday 21st December 2026 until Friday 1 st January 2027– School returns Monday 4 th January						

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.

