



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

19th September 2025

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic Autumn Term we have had! Pupils have had the opportunity to participate in so many fun activities and have also had the chance to try some new approaches to learning. A BIG thank you to all the staff at St Joseph's for making this happen – they work so hard for all the pupils.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday for this week and over the Christmas break to Christabel, Elisa, Venus, Winona Lee, Nathaniel, Rhian, Deshaun, Giovanna, Daniel, Adrian and Abdul.

Christmas celebrations

Over this last week we have been treated to some wonderful Christmas Productions where pupils were able to share with us the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to everyone who came along to show their support. Thank you also to those parents who provided costumes, helped their children to learn their lines and also sat through endless hours of them singing the songs at home. Congratulations to our hamper winners – we hope you enjoy your goodies.

Thank you also to those families who joined us for 'Songs around the tree' yesterday. It was a lovely way to finish the day after a visit from the local Music School Orchestra and also our Class Parties.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child is in the correct school uniform when they return after Christmas. Our first school rule is 'Be Ready' and part of being ready for school and learning is making sure that you come in correctly dressed and smart. The uniform list is on the school website, so if you are in doubt about anything then please look on there for guidance. In particular can I please remind you that school bags for EYFS & KS1 must be the School Book Bag which can be purchased from the school outfitters and KS2 must have the School Rucksack or a plain black or plain navy blue rucksack.

Could I please also take this opportunity to remind pupils that water bottles should be normal sized water bottles and not the huge cups with open straws, and pencil cases and pens from home are not allowed in school. They are not needed so please do not bring them in.





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Calendar dates

Provisional dates have now been emailed out to you, there will be some additions when we return as we will be adding year group masses and also class trips.

Clubs for Spring Term

Chess Club and Super Star Sports Clubs will be running again next term, please follow the links in the emails to book these. Booster Clubs run by teachers will be organised when we return and pupils will be invited directly to attend these.

New Topic Launch Day

When we return on Monday 5th January 2026, pupils across the school will be starting their new topics with a launch day. This means that they will be immersed in the topic for the whole day. To help them prepare for this, they have already been given an information sheet about their new topic. We are asking all pupils to do some research over the holidays, so that they have something to share with their class on the launch day. This could be facts they have written down, a poster or collage that they have created or even pictures that they have printed or drawn themselves – they can choose.

Year of Reading 2026

Next year is the 'Year of Reading' and we are planning lots of exciting activities for pupils, staff and families to get involved in. Please remind your child to write in their Reading Record any books that they read over this Christmas Holiday period. Remember each time the Reading Record is signed, your child will receive a raffle ticket for the weekly prize draw. They also have the opportunity to win book prizes each month!

Finally, congratulations to all the pupils in St Joseph's House who won the most points for the second half term in a row. We will make sure that you get your treat when you come back.

Have a wonderful Christmas break and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 5th January 2026.

Mrs Hinton

