



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

5th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! Pupils have had a great start to the year and are showing their new teachers that they are ready to learn, which is absolutely fantastic. Well done to all those pupils who remembered to do some work during the holidays to share with their class about their new topic – I am very impressed.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday this week to Candice, Elly, Adam and Blessing.

Reading Books

These will be given out next week. Pupils in EYFS and KS1 will be given 1 reading book and 1 library book each week and pupils in KS2 will be given 2 reading books and 1 library book each week. Pupils must make sure that they bring their reading books into school each day, as they may be asked to read with an adult in school at any time. Pupils in EYFS and KS1 should be reading for at least 10 minutes each day and pupils in KS2 should be reading for at least 20 minutes each day. Please make sure that you are asking your child questions about what they are reading and signing their Reading Record each time they are heard read. Free Readers must log all the times that they read independently and must get their Reading Record signed at least once a week by an adult. Each time the Reading Record is signed, the pupil will receive a raffle ticket for the weekly prize draw. They also have the opportunity to win book prizes each month!

Uniform

Pupils look very smart in their school uniforms this week, so thank you for that. 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 should either be the School Book Bag for EYFS & KS1, or the School Rucksack or a plain black or plain navy blue rucksack for KS2.

Calendar dates

These have now been emailed out to you. As you can see we have a lot of exciting things planned.

Clubs for Autumn Term

You will have received another email this week about Chess Club and Super Star Sports Clubs, after we had visits from both a Grand Chess Master and Coach Jack. Please sign your child up if you are interested.





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Price rises

Just a reminder that the cost of Breakfast Club is now £4 per day and the cost of a hot meal for Nursery pupils at lunchtime is now £3 per meal. Pupils from Reception – Year 6 will continue to receive free school meals from the Universal Free School Meals initiative and the Mayor's Fund.

New Staff

We have some new staff who have joined us this term – Mrs Teoniv, Miss Burgum and Mrs Adeshina – I know that you will make them feel welcome.

Meet the teacher

Next Wednesday 10th September we have our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, where you can find out a little more about what and how your child will be learning this year. The session will begin in the Hall at 3.30pm where our Executive Head, Mr Corcoran, will be giving you some information about The Good Shepherd Trust. There will then be meetings with the teachers. If you are unable to attend, then your child will be given the information to bring home to you later on in the week.

On Monday we are celebrating Mary's Feast Day, so any pupils in St Mary's House can come dressed in their house colour of blue. All other pupils must come to school dressed in their school uniform.

Finally, we have our first Mass of the year on Friday 12th September at 9am in the Holy Family Church and it would be lovely if you could join us.

Mrs Hinton

