



## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents,

This is our final newsletter of the year, and what a year it has been! I never expected to finish the year as Headteacher of this amazing school, and I want to thank you for all your support and encouraging words, they have truly meant a great deal as I take the lead in this new chapter for the school.

### **Birthdays**

Happy birthday to Leo, Agnes, Karissa, Isabel, Eduard, Noelle, Riyanne, Malakai, Gabriel, Rachael, Michelle, Eliza, Esomchi, Kairi, Lucas, Kimani, Mehtab, Jocelyn, Vanessa, Cerys, Kemi, Zion, Star, Tiwa, Helena, Zita, Purity, Satikar, Desire, Ayden, Grace, Malachi, Kerenne, Joy, Daniel, Nicholas, Melissa, Yafet, Pico, Elanah, Amra, Chukwuemeka, Dan, Mary, Nimi and Qanit.

### **Reading Champions**

Congratulations to the following pupils on their achievements: **Bronze** – Candice, Chrisel, Maryam, Tiffany, Ithiel, Laurel, Ebube, Mary-Ann, Ryan, Danni, Zyrah, Nimi, Thomas, Nadia and Bianca. **Silver** – Jeremiah, Diya, Westley, Kosi, Cherish, Zakiyah, Kairi, Amanda, Emmanuel, Olivia, Precious, Nathaniel, Vaishnavi, Anethea, Asafo, Zita, Dara, Cheryl, Jessica, Tochi, Juwon, Amanda, Esomchi, Elsa, Tian'nique, Sumayyah, Onkaar, Tiana, Ethan, Emma, Precious, Nana, Eustace, Amra, Luke, Sarah, Harley, Ellen Rose, Bernard, Joshua, Esme, Beau, Darren, Zayyan, Mya, Bisi, Edy, Ellie, Kimani and Zaid. **Gold** – Emmanuela, Pico, Viktorija, Elly, Damilola, Charles, Elijah, Katie, Chukwuebuka, Callum, Ariell, Ayla, Andrea, Olumide, Annabelle, Isaac, Isabel, Osi, Riyanne and Veesion. **Platinum** – Amaris, Raphael, Emmanuel, Mason, Melissa and Bezawit.

### **Sports Day**

The much-awaited results are in and the winning house for this year is St Mary's, with St Ursula's taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place, St Angela's in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and St Joseph's in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Well done all in St Mary's House!

### **Summer Fete**

Thank you to all of you for your donations and attendance at our recent Summer Fete. This event was about bringing our community together, and we certainly achieved that. After a final count up we can tell you that we raised £791.41 which will go towards the purchase of tablets so that pupils can take part in Times Table Rock Stars and Lexia more frequently in school.





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### **Year 6 Production – The Lion King**

This week Year 6 treated us to a spectacular performance of The Lion King, complete with a wildebeest stampede! Their singing and performances were absolutely amazing and if I didn't know better, I would have thought that I was watching it at the West End. Part of what made it so good was that we could hear clearly every word that was being spoken, and this was because through your fantastic fundraising efforts we were able to purchase microphone headsets.

### **Holiday homework**

This week all pupils met their new teacher, who shared with them what their first topic will be when they come back in September. Pupils are asked to do a little bit of homework over the Summer to find out something about this new topic and give them a head start in their learning. They could do some research and make notes, produce a presentation on what they have found out, build something related to the topic, create a poster with the information they have found out, complete a piece of artwork – the possibilities are endless. Pupils are asked to bring it in with them on the first day back to share with their teacher and classmates.

### **Uniform**

The new uniform list is on the school website – please look at it carefully before purchasing any uniform.

### **Calendar dates**

Provisional calendar dates will be sent out to you shortly, letting you know about the big events that are taking place during the Autumn Term. The most important one that you need to know for now is that all pupils in Years 1-6 must return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.

### **Water bottles**

We have had some rather large water cups being brought in over the past few weeks and some with just straws rather than any sealed lids. There is only limited space to keep water bottles in school, so from September these cups will not be allowed – only standard sized water bottles will be permitted. Please also make sure that your child's bottle only contains water.

### **No pencil cases**

From September pupils will not be allowed to bring in their own personal pencil cases or colouring pens from home. This is because unfortunately this year we have had numerous arguments between pupils about who certain items belong to, we have also had a number of items go missing and pupils even trying





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to conceal make up in their pencil cases. School provides everything that they need in this regard, so please keep personal pencil cases at home for homework.

### **Walking home**

Year 4 & 5 parents received an email this week about walking home from school from September. Please read the email carefully and follow the instructions to avoid any issues on the first day back.

### **Clubs for Autumn Term**

You will have received an email this week about Chess Club and Super Star Sports Clubs for next term. These are the only clubs that will be running in Autumn 1, so if you want your child to take part then please follow the instructions on the flyers.

### **Price rises**

We have always tried to keep costs as low as possible for parents, however there are some costs that school are just not able to absorb. Therefore, the cost of Breakfast Club will be going up to £4 per day and the cost of a hot meal for Nursery pupils at lunchtime will be going up to £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.

### **Staff leaving**

Today is the day that we say goodbye to some of our staff and thank them for all their hard work and support of your children. We wish the best of luck to Ms Tqbladze, Miss Owoo, Ms Dadey and Mrs Docherty who are leaving us for pastures new. We also say a big thank you to Mrs Sharma who has been covering in Year 4 since Christmas and also to Mrs Doherty, one of our middays, who is retiring.

### **Year 6**

Today is also the day when we wish our Year 6 Leavers goodbye and good luck, as they embark on the next chapter in their exciting journey through education. We know that their new teachers will recognise the amazing young people that we have grown to love and cherish over the last 7 years, and that they will continue to nurture their passions. Please know, Year 6, that the door is never closed and that you are always welcome back to let us know how you are getting on and what you have been up to. You will be truly missed.

Have a lovely Summer break, take care and stay safe.  
Mrs Hinton

