



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

4th September 2026

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome back, after what I am hoping was a restful and relaxing summer holiday for you. The pupils all seemed very eager to get in on Wednesday, and staff were equally excited to find out what they had been up to.

This week pupils have been getting used to the expectations in their new year groups with their new teachers – and in some cases new class mates. We have been going over our three school rules with them – Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe – and everyone has settled really well. We also welcomed lots of new families to our school into Nursery & Reception, and they will be joining us full time from Monday.

On Monday, all our pupils in Years 1-6 will be immersed in their new topic, which they will be learning for the whole term. I know that the teachers have been busy planning some exciting activities, so please ask your child on Monday how they got on.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Candice, Elly, Adam and Blessing – with a special shout out going to Elly who is now officially the oldest pupil in our school!

Year of Reading - Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all the pupils who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Remember to bring your certificate and medal into school next week, we can then present it to you in Friday's assembly and award you your 100 house points! (Mrs Hinton did complete the Summer Reading Challenge!!!)

Uniform

The majority of pupils were in the correct uniform this week so well done. Pupils can continue to wear Summer Uniform up until October half term if they wish to or can start the Winter Uniform now. Please make sure all uniform is labelled and if you are missing anything then please look in our pre-loved uniform in our Community Hub.

Calendar dates

The final version has now been uploaded onto the website under 'Diary Dates'.





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Meet the Teacher

Our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions start on Monday with Year 6, Tuesday Year 5, Wednesday Year 4 and Thursday Year 3. They will take place after school from 3.30pm and last approximately 45 minutes. This is your opportunity to find out the expectations from your child's class teacher, as well as what they will be learning this year. Please make sure that you make every effort to attend if your child is in one of these year groups.

We do have some drinks and crisps left over from our summer events, so we will be selling these after school if you wish to purchase them before you go in for your meeting.

New Menu

All the menus are on the school website. We will be on Week 1 next week.

AUPs

Today your child has come home with an Acceptable Use Policy for you to read through and explain to them, and then they can sign it. These must be returned to school on Monday please. We must have a signed copy for each child before they can use the IPADs or computers in school.

Next week we will be sending a parent copy home – one per family – for you to read, sign and return to school. This is part of our continued commitment between home and school to keep your children safe.

Mobile Phones

As part of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 pupils are no longer allowed to have smart phones in school, and the use of phones by adults in school has been restricted. As a result, St Joseph's has adopted a Mobile Phone Policy. Please take a few minutes to read it and make sure that you know the expectations from school. Thank you.

St Mary's Feast

On Tuesday 8th September it is Mary's feast day, so if your child is in St Mary's house then they may come to school dressed in blue clothes. All the other pupils must come dressed in their school uniform as normal.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hinton

