



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a brilliant week this has been for the school as we embark on another school year together. The children, as ever, have been a joy to work with and have really brightened the school with their presence.

Please take note of two parents' meetings in the next fortnight. Y5 and Y6 parents are invited to attend a meeting with the Head teacher from Sacred Heart at 9.00am on Tuesday 9th September in the school hall. This is ahead of the Open Evening at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 16th September from 5pm-7pm.

Let us hope that 2025-2026 is a great Academic year filled with life, love and learning as our Mission Statement states. Please take the time to read through the reminders below.

- PE Uniform and Timetable
- New After School Childcare Club
- School Uniform & Jewellery
- SEND Parent/Carer Drop in session
- Attendance
- PTA New Event for 2025
- Children with Medical Needs
- Packed Lunches & School Meals
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P.E. Uniform & Timetable

PE Uniform (From the school website <https://stjosephs.npcat.org.uk/school-uniform/>)

- Bottle green shorts
- Yellow T-shirt
- Black trainers
- When colder, plain black, grey or navy jogging bottoms and top should be worn for outdoor sessions along with yellow T-shirts and trainers. **Branded sportswear is not part of school uniform.**

Please see below for the timetable for PE this half term. We review our PE timetable half termly so plans may change next half term. As with our recent practise, please can children from FS2 (Reception) –Year 6 come to school dressed in their PE uniform. The PE Days for this term are as follows:

- Monday- Year 2 & Year 6
- Tuesday- Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4
- Wednesday- FS2, Year 2 and Year 4
- Thursday Year 1 and Year 5
- Friday Year 3 and Year 5

On Wednesdays, starting on Wednesday 10th September Year 6 will go swimming.

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New After School Childcare Club

We are starting a new After School Club on Monday 22nd September which will be open from 3.15pm- 5.45pm. A separate letter will be sent out next week including details of how you will be able to book places

School Uniform & Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn or brought into school with the exception of a wrist watch. **Earrings should not be worn.** We encourage ears to be pierced at the start of the Six Week Holidays in order for the 'settling' period to happen during that time. Therefore, earrings can be taken out at the beginning of the School Year. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Parent/Carer Drop-in meeting- Wednesday 17th September

We have arranged another informal drop-in coffee session for any parents of children with Special Educational Needs or for any parents with any concerns at the start of the school year. Please remember the school has an open-door policy where you can phone or email the school to speak to Miss Wright in the first instance if there is anything that you might need. Please see the poster attached.

Attendance

Term dates are available on our school website by clicking on <https://stjosephs.npcat.org.uk/term-dates/>

Please can you support us by ensuring that your child, should they be well enough, is in school each day. It is really important for children to have consistent routines and being in school daily helps with this. Academically, pupils can miss out on key steps in their learning if they are absent for periods of time.

Holiday requests are to be completed on Leave of Absence Request Forms 2025-26 which are located at the front office. We strongly advise that holidays are taken during the holiday period as we cannot authorise leave of absence unless they fall under certain exceptional circumstance categories. Holidays are therefore unauthorised and could result in a fine issued by the Local Authority if taken in term time. The procedure for this has been updated over the Summer Holiday with a new National Framework being followed. The government has also increased the penalty notice to £80 from £60. More information will be sent out regarding this next week and information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/legal-action-to-enforce-school-attendance>



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PTA NEW Event for 2025

Ladies... save the date - **Thursday 25th September**
Doors open at 6.30pm

Join us for a ladies only fashion show where clothing, shoes and accessories from household high street brands will be discounted by 50% or more. Brands include M&S, Next, Wallis, Weird Fish, White Stuff, River Island, DKNY, Naff Naff, Mango, Oasis to name but a few. Why not enjoy an evening out with the girls and grab yourself a bargain too!

This will be a ticket only event and tickets will be on sale Tuesday 2nd September - Wednesday 24th September 4pm. Tickets will be priced at £5 each with a free drink on arrival (tea/coffee, cans, mocktails) or you can purchase 3 tickets for £12. Tickets will be available from Miss Ayton or the office.

Very much at the planning stage for Autumn 2025 but we are likely to be organising the following for this term.

- Christmas Card Designs, Christmas Disco, Christmas Bingo
- Christmas Cause Hamper Appeal

School Theatre Group Visit Treat for Children. The PTA have very kindly paid for our children to experience the play Alice in Wonderland on the morning of Tuesday 16th September. We look forward to being entertained by the Mad Hatter and Alice.

Children with Medical Needs:

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be updating our records for children with additional medical needs in our school. Please get in touch with the school if your child has additional medical needs that we may not be aware of. Every child with additional medical needs requires a medical care Plan form to be completed. Thank you in anticipation of your help with this matter.

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Packed Lunches & School Meals

As A Healthy School, we aim to promote healthy eating. Please don't send sweets or too many treats in the packed lunch box. We still have children attending the school with nut allergies so **don't send anything that has nuts in please.**

Just a polite reminder that the price of school meals for children in Years 3 to 6 is £2.80 per day (£14.00 per week) and £2.80 per day for Nursery children who stay for lunch. School Lunches are free for all children from Reception to Year 2.

All meals should be paid for in advance on ParentPay. If you think that your child may qualify for Free School Meals then please use our easy and free to use checker, which can be accessed here: [Free School Meal Checking Service](#)

School Photographs Advanced Notice Thursday 2nd October Full School Uniform Please.

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked hard at **new beginnings** in this first week of term and settling in well into school routines.

- LJ- Ida R & Bobby G
- FS1- Jacob L & Luca S
- FS2- Elliot R & Alara S
- Y1- Rosabella R-W & Arthur W
- Y2- Sebastian M-T & Jay W
- Y3- Harley B & Macy F
- Y4- Ellis J & Charlie S
- Y5- Cimmera B & Jake S
- Y6- Jacob M & Alice W

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Many of you will remember Mrs Maureen Lightfoot who worked at the school for a number of years. Sadly, after a short illness she passed away during the summer break. We pray for her and her family ahead of her funeral Mass on Monday 15th September 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Geaves

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