



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Thursday 2nd April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week is Holy Week and this coming Sunday is Easter Sunday. All over the world, Christians rejoice in the wonderful truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus' resurrection offers every one of us a fresh start and a share in his everlasting life.

Before sunrise on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance and that the tomb was empty. Mary ran to Peter and another disciple (John) and said, "Someone has taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him." The disciples ran together to the tomb. But John, running faster than Peter, arrived first and looked into the tomb but did not go in. Peter, however, went into the tomb and he saw Jesus' linen burial cloths lying on the ground. He also saw the cloth that had been over Jesus' head; this was rolled up in a place by itself. Then John also went into the tomb; he saw and he believed. Until this moment they had failed to understand that Jesus must rise from the dead.

Happy Easter



We break up today for the Easter Holidays. I am delighted with the way that we have helped our children prepare for Easter during Lent. A particular highlight was the CAFOD BIG LENT WALK on Monday and the prayer sessions held right across the school. These were hugely successful and I would like to thank all those involved. I write this ahead of the Y3/4 Easter performance which I am certain will provide us all with not just entertainment but a reminder of the real meaning of Easter. We hope you all have a happy and holy Easter.

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK 2026 THANK YOU

This Lent our school is supported CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world. Thank you to those who have already given **we have raised £325 so far which is amazing.**



One last call for anymore donations over the Easter Break by clicking here: [BIG LENT WALK](#)

Mission Together Little Red Boxes 2026 Final reminder and Another Thank you

Mission Together



I am delighted to have already received quite a few red boxes full of spare change. **If there are any more please send them in after Easter as I will be transferring the money to Mission Together in May.** For more information on this year's charitable work in Cambodia helping children attend a Nursery please check their website [here](#).

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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School Uniform Update:

Optional Summer uniform can be worn next term. Please can we make sure we still keep the high standards of uniform in the school even when the sun shines. The following list shows the agreed optional summer uniform for children to wear next term.

Girls

- ✓ Green and white gingham school dress
- ✓ Grey skirt/shorts/trousers
- ✓ Bottle green polo shirt with logo
- ✓ White ankle socks
- ✓ **Black shoes** (Trainers should not be worn)

Boys

- ✓ Grey shorts/trousers
- ✓ Bottle green polo shirt with logo
- ✓ **Black shoes** (Trainers should not be worn)

PE Kit

- ✓ Bottle green shorts
- ✓ Yellow T-shirt
- ✓ Black trainers (outdoor)
- ✓ 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.

The PE kit should be worn on the day your child has PE.

Hairstyles

Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable e.g., Tramlines, shaven heads. Long hair should be fastened back.

Jewellery

At St Joseph's we have a no jewellery policy. Children are not allowed to wear earrings at any time so please do not get them pierced in term time. Children may wear a wristwatch if they would like to. No smartwatches are allowed to be connected online at school so it is probably best that they stay at home.

PE Dates for Next Term

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

Dates for your Diary First Week Back Monday 20th April 2026

- Wednesday- Y3/4 trip to Peat Rigg
- Thursday- Y3/4 Trip to Peat Rigg
- Friday- Y3/4 Peat Rigg

Ice pop Fridays are back! This will run for 5 weeks (Friday 24th April – Friday 22nd May). These will be 50p each per week. Please send money in on a weekly basis.



Fundraising Event in Summer Term Friday 22nd May

Following the success of the Colour Run and Water Run over the last 2 years we will be taking part in another whole school fundraiser on the last day of the summer term 1, Friday 22nd May 2026.

More information to follow. All money raised will be going to Zoe's Place.

St Joseph has Got Talent- A Summer Term Talent Show- A reminder

More exciting news and as a result of pupil voice the school will be holding a talent show after Easter. Hopefully after the initial auditions we will be able to host a grand final and be entertained by the variety of talent our children have to offer.

The first auditions take place on Friday 1st May starting with Y5.

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to the following children:

- LJ- Bobby G & Leo H
- FS1- Felicity P & Alfie H
- FS2- Louie & Roman G
- Y1- Leo S & Tommy H
- Y2- Freddie W & Jay W
- Y3- Roman S & Macy F
- Y4- Freddie H & Maisie B
- Y5- Morgan J & James N
- Y6- Vinnie R-W & James L

Good bye Mr Cuthbert

One final word to wish our fabulous bus driver Mr Cuthbert many years of happy and healthy retirement. Today is his last day at the school. Thank you for all the years of service to our children.

Final Thoughts/Prayers:



"Dear Lord, we give thanks for the hope and joy of Easter, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. May this special time bring renewal and fresh perspective to our school community. As we begin a new chapter, we ask for your guidance and strength for students and teachers alike. Help us to learn, grow, and love one another with the same spirit of grace and compassion that Jesus showed to all. May we find peace, joy, and new beginnings in this Easter season.

Amen

Have a happy and holy Easter

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Mr Geaves Executive Head Teacher

