



Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we celebrate Pentecost which is often known as the birthday of the Church. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church- a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass.

This is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. As we go into the half term break why don't each of us choose one of the following qualities that you would like to ask the Holy Spirit for: Courage, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness or Self-Control. As the Church prepares to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let's be open to receiving the many priceless gifts which the Holy Spirit offers to enrich our lives.

To all the Boro fans out there.

Have a lovely day tomorrow and fingers crossed that the mighty Boro are able to return to the Premiership next season.

Come on Boro!! #UTB

Dates for your Diary First Week Back

- **MONDAY 1st June All children return to school**
- Wednesday Y5/6 Cricket Competition
- Tuesday Y5/6 Parents Information Meeting Residential Trip
- Friday- Y2 School Trip & Y3/4 Athletics competition



Future Dates for Your Diary Next Half-Term Some reminders

There is always a lot going on next half-term here are some of the highlights with Parent Events highlighted in yellow.

- Wednesday 10th June – Friday 12th June Y5/6 Residential Trip
- **Friday 12th June Y4 Snappy Musicals Event 2026**
- **Sunday 14th June First Holy Communion Mass** (photos on Monday)
- Tuesday 16th June Wheelchair Basketball KS2
- Thursday 18th June Animex Academy Challenge Y3
- **Friday 19th June Someone Special Afternoon**
- **Wednesday 24th June Sports Day**
- Thursday 25th June Governing Body Meeting
- **Thursday 2nd July Summer Fair Afternoon**
- Friday 3rd July Y6 Sleepover
- Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July Y6 Transition Days at Sacred Heart School
- Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July Y6 Transition Days at Freebrough Academy
- Tuesday 7th July Y5 School Trip- Blakey
- Wednesday 8th July Y4 School Trip- Lets Moor Event
- **Tuesday 14th July FS2 Graduation Event with Parents 2pm**
- **Wednesday 15th July Y6 Performance & Awards After School Parents Invited 1.45pm**

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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Someone Special Day

Our next 'Someone Special' event will take place on Friday 19th June at 1.30pm or 2.15pm. Tickets are priced at £3 each which entitles 1 adult to receive a slice of Victoria Sponge cake from Stonehouse Bakery and tea/coffee and 1 child to receive a cake and juice.

Additional children can be added to an adult ticket for an extra £1 each (eg. 1 adult, 2 children =£4) and additional adults can be added for £2 each (eg. 2 adults, 1 child = £5).

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 1st June until 3.30pm Monday 15th June from Miss Ayton. Please note this will be a ticketed event only to enable us to cater for the correct numbers. If you have any dietary requirements or a preference for a specified time sitting, please let us know when purchasing tickets.

Summer Fair – 2nd July 1-3.30pm

Wow what a Summer Fair we have lined up for you!

Rainbow Tombola/Non-uniform Day

This year we are having a Rainbow Tombola at our Summer Fair. Thursday 2nd will be non-uniform in exchange for any item towards our rainbow tombola. To ensure a balance of colours, please see your child's allocated colour below. Please can all donations be sent in by Tuesday 30th June. Donations can be sent in before this date.

- LJs/FS1 – Red
- FS2 – Orange
- Y1 – Yellow
- Y2/Y6 – Green
- Y3 – Blue
- Y4 – Pink
- Y5 – Purple

Ticket/Wristband Zone

We will be continuing to use tickets and wristbands for our attractions again this year. These can be purchased from the ticket zone on the day or from Miss Ayton from Tuesday 16th June. These are priced at 1 ticket for £2, 3 tickets for £5 or an unlimited wristband for £15. Attractions, to date, are:

- ✓ Falconry – hold a bird of prey and have your photo taken
- ✓ 10ft inflatable slide
- ✓ Inflatable assault course
- ✓ Bouncy castle
- ✓ Bomb Squad – balloon pop
- ✓ Wrecking ball
- ✓ Bungee Run
- ✓ Impossible Ladder
- ✓ Swing boats

New Parent Council- Please volunteer if you can a reminder

Next half-term I would like to set up a new Parent Council for the school. The idea of this is an opportunity for parents to meet with myself and discuss what is going well at the school and what might be improved. This council will meet at least once a month and following each meeting I will let the whole school community know what has been discussed and decided. Ideally, I would like a parent representative from each of the classes so that we can discuss the whole school. If you might be interested in joining this group look out for a letter when we return in June.

St Joseph has Got Talent- A Summer Term Talent Show-It's back!!

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

Audition Timetable

- **Friday 5th June Y3**
- **Friday 12th June Y2**
- **Friday 19th June Y1**
- **Friday 26th June EYFS**

Children can take part individually or in small teams. We look forward to the Grand Final which will be in July



Important Assessments: Next Half-Term

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Week of Monday 1st June 2026- Friday 12th June 2026

Y1 Phonics Assessment Week of Monday 8th June 2026

Y1 children will take their phonics assessment during this week. It is important that children are in school each day so that we can administer these assessments effectively.

Sports Day Wednesday 24th June 2026

Advanced Notice that the Sports Day Competitions will take place on Wednesday 25th June 2026. Early Years will be at 10am in the morning and then the Y1-6 Competition will start at 1.45pm.

FS2 Graduation

This special event will take place on Tuesday 14th July at 2pm.

Y6 Leavers Events:

Friday 3rd July Y6 Leaver's Sleepover in School

Wednesday 15th July End of Year Production & Awards 1.45pm

Fundraising Event in Summer Term Friday 22nd May- Separate Email has been sent.



Hope that you had great fun in the sun!! We have already raised over £300 which is marvellous.

We will be able to accept all donations either in cash sent into school or via Just Giving.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-josephs-loftus-1?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



We would appreciate any donations by Friday 5th June

Final Thoughts/Prayers

Have a wonderful half term week and stay safe in the sun.

See you when we return on Monday 1st June 2026.

Mr Geaves