



Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head into the weekend, it is hard to believe that there are now only five school days left of this academic year! The children have been keeping us well informed of the countdown, and the excitement around school is certainly beginning to build.

This feels like a good moment to reflect on what a fantastic year it has been at St Joseph's. Our children have grown so much in life, love and learning. They have worked hard in their lessons, shown tremendous resilience when faced with challenges, represented the school brilliantly in sporting events and performances, and, most importantly, continued to show the kindness and care that make our school such a special place.

This week has captured the spirit of the whole year: busy classrooms, lots of laughter, children supporting one another, and staff going above and beyond to create memorable experiences. I would like to thank our dedicated staff team for their unwavering commitment and to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Working together, we have achieved so much.

We are looking forward to a wonderful final week filled with celebrations, special events, and opportunities to make a few more happy memories before the summer break. A special mention goes to our Year 6 pupils, who have been outstanding role models and are preparing for the exciting next stage of their journey through transition this week.

Final Week's Headlines

- Monday: Key Stage 2 World Cup Penalty Shoot Out Final Lunchtime
- Tuesday: FS2 Graduation with Parents 2pm
- Wednesday- **Y6 Performance and Awards 1.30pm**
- Thursday- Leaver's Mass 10am, St Joseph's Talent Show Final 1.30pm
- Friday **Break up for Summer Term 3.15pm NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Nearly Time to say Goodbye to Year 6:

I must confess this is the part of the end of the school year that I dislike the most, saying goodbye to the Y6 children. The final week will see them perform their production of Aladdin, take part in a Year 5 v Year 6 football match which will be a new St Joseph's tradition called 'El Classico', and go to St Joseph's Church for one more Mass. I really hope they have the best time over the next five days

World Cup Football Fever:

If you are not aware the Men's Football World Cup is currently taking place. We have held a World Cup Penalty Shoot out during the week for Key Stage 2 children and the grand final will be on Monday with a boys' and girls' winner. Good luck to all the finalists. (Let's hope these are the only English penalties this week!!)

London Residential 2027

Children in next years Year 5 and Year 6 will be going to London in May 2027. Parents have received two letters with information about this trip yesterday and we hope children will be able to attend this memorable trip.

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New Parent Council Meeting Held July 2026

Miss Wright and myself were delighted to have been joined by a group of parents making up our new Parent Council. It was a very worthwhile discussion where we discussed a varied amount of topics including future Early Years Stay and Play sessions, events to be held on different days of the week, if possible, why was PE moved each term and then a great discussion around communication. We look forward to this group becoming established next year with regular updates and feedback given to everyone through the weekly newsletter.

Transition Sessions

All children have spent some time with next year's teacher. These sessions went well, and staff are getting ready to say goodbye to their current class and then hello to their new group in September. It was also lovely to see Mrs Fleming back at school, you will also see her around school next week as she returns from her maternity leave ready for the new school year.

School Reports:

All children should receive an end of year report on Tuesday except for Year 6. As SATs results have been delayed nationally until Thursday their end of year reports should be ready on that day. Apologies but this is beyond our control.

Return to School:

First day back is Wednesday 2nd September 2026 normal school time.

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

As always, we keep our school mission close to our hearts:

Christ be our light in life, love and learning.

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy some well-earned family time, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday for our final five-day adventure together!

Dare I finish with another Come on England!! Is it coming home?

See you all on Monday.

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Mr Geaves
Executive Head Teacher