



Friday 4th September 2026

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 for Y5 and Y6 parents are invited to attend a meeting with the Head teacher from Sacred Heart at 9.00am on Tuesday 10th September in the school hall. This is ahead of the Open Evening at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 15th September from 5pm-7pm.

Also, next week on Tuesday 8th September at 9.00am we are hosting an early reading/phonics information session for Reception parents we hope you can join us.

Let us hope that 2026-2027 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
- Breakfast & After School Childcare
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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- FS2 (do not need a PE kit) Y1 & Y5
- Tuesday- Y2 & Y3
- Wednesday- Y4, Y5 & Y6
- Thursday- Y1, Y3 & Y4
- Friday- Y2 & Y6

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Swimming will be taught differently this year in a 2-week block. As we have been given our sessions in October, I will update parents further on this nearer to the time.

Free Breakfast Club 8.05-8.35am

I am delighted that from the start of the new year we will be able to offer a free breakfast club to all children from Reception to Year 6 from 8.05am each morning. Children will be able to have cereal or toast to help them start the day.

Paid For Childcare Breakfast Club:

If you still want your child to attend the earlier breakfast club session from 7.30am this is still absolutely fine. These sessions cost £3 each day.

After School Club 3.15-5.45pm

We will not be running an after-school club on Fridays. Uptake for the Friday session has averaged at less than a child each week over the course of the year. There will also be a slight change to the payments with two different charges.

- 3.15-4.30pm will be £4
- 2.15-5.45pm will be £7.50

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.

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 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 government has previously increased the penalty notice to £80 from £60.

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PTA

School Theatre Group Visit Treat for Children. The PTA have very kindly paid for our children to experience the play Cinderella on the afternoon of Tuesday 13th October.

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.

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 1st October Full School Uniform Please.

Final Prayer:

Jesus thank you for friends. Thank you that you created us to be in relationship with you and each other. We pray our children would build kind friendships this school year. Friendships where they build each other up and sharpen one another. Give unique ways to build community and provide us with divine appointments with other families

Yours sincerely,

Mr Geaves

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