



It is always an eye opener to staff and children alike when they are in a situation where other schools are present. It is a reminder of the high expectations that we have and how proud we are of our children. St Joseph's really is a school where teachers can teach and children can learn.

The last trip to go out next term will be Year 1. I would like to thank the staff for planning and taking the children on these additional experiences. This is an increase to everyone's workload, including the Admin Team who chase up permissions and payments.

I would like to thank and encourage parents to respond to communications that need consent as soon as they can. This is another item for discussion at the next Parent Forum in June.

## SATs

I would like to thank Mrs Knight, Mrs Pickering and Mrs Hamlin for preparing our Year 6 children so well for their SATs. The week came and went, the children oozed confidence and many of them said how much they enjoyed it. I was so impressed with the children, their focus and commitment to being the best that they could be.

Every day started with breakfast. It was great to see the support of all staff there too, helping to serve the children, chatting away to them, boosting their confidence.

As always, it felt like a team effort - well done and thank you Team St Jo's!



Last week the children noticed that the water fountain was blocked. The obvious assumption is that something had been put down it. I went to get some tape, to stop the children from using it while we looked into getting it fixed. But, Mr Clements was there – he had the u bend off, emptied it (there were pencils in it!) and put it back together again. I can't thank him enough for his kindness

and help. This meant that it was not out of action for several days for the children. Obviously, the children have been asked not to do this again because of the potential consequences but if you could reinforce this at home, especially with our KS1 children, that would be really appreciated.

## LWCET NEWS



Little Way Catholic  
Educational Trust

I am sure that you will remember that Siân Hughes, visited us in the autumn term for alongside the Stroud Literacy Festival. Many of the children enjoyed and benefitted from this visit.

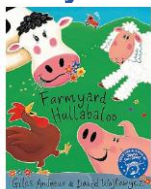
If anyone is interested she is reading at Waterstones in Cheltenham this Saturday at the My Storytime event. She will be reading her new book, *Betty and Toff vs The Puppy Snatch*. As well as that, there will also be a hot-air-balloon art activity, festival face glitter and the chance to receive a free festival bracelet with every signed copy of the book.

She will also be appearing at the Bristol International Balloon Fiesta 2026 this August, where she'll be reading the story across the three-day event.

## Lunchtime

Thank you for the dressing up clothes that have been donated. Mrs Ponting will be sorting these for the children to play with next term. Can you donate colouring books, pens, pencils? Some children like to sit quietly at lunchtime and this would be a great activity for them. Thank you for your continued support.

## Story Time at the Convent



I was sorry that I missed the last story time at the convent, but I am hoping to be at the final 2 for the year:  
Friday 19th June  
Friday 10th July  
Hope to see you there.

## Attendance



We regularly talk about attendance and the impact that time away from school can have on our children. Each day in the classroom is important, and when learning is missed, gaps can begin to develop. During our pupil progress meetings, where we carefully discuss every child, the first thing we consider is attendance and whether this may be affecting their learning. Over time, frequent absence can have a significant impact on progress and attainment for some children.

We kindly ask that children are brought into school each day unless they are unwell, as regular attendance is vital for both their learning and wellbeing.

As the weather becomes warmer, we often see an increase in requests for term-time leave. If there are exceptional circumstances where leave cannot be avoided, a Leave of Absence request form must be completed in line with our Trust policy [LWCET AttendancePolicy-final.pdf](#). We also ask that families are open and honest about absences, as this helps us to support you and your child effectively.

If you are considering taking your child out of school for a holiday, we would gently ask you to think carefully about the impact this may have on their learning. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child achieve their very best through regular attendance at school.

♥ thank you ♥  
for all you do

## PTA News

PTA fun run – re- run! Thank you to all of the parents who supported this event, making cakes, selling ice creams and for supporting the change of date. Thank you to the staff too for their flexibility.

I am sure that you have noticed the signs that have recently gone up around the playground. They are the zoned areas of play that have been successfully introduced at lunchtime. These were designed by Miss Drury (thank you so much), produced them and installed by Mr Barron. They have all been funded by the PTA, who we are really grateful for their support in purchasing these.

They have also subsidised every class trip that has been out so far this term by £5 per child, as agreed at the Parent Forum. Thank you for agreeing to support all families in this way.

The next event is a Pub Quiz at The Old Fox in Coaley on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm please book tables through the pub, teams of 6, £3 per person. There is also a raffle which adds to the proceeds. If you have any suitable raffle prizes, please donate them – they will be much appreciated.



## Mass Schedule

Mass begins at 10am

**Parents are warmly welcome to join their child's class when it is their turn to go to Mass. Please let the Admin Team know if you are able to come.**

4 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leaver's Mass at 11am – Clifton Cathedral
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 3
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Leavers' Mass at 9.30am



[May 2026](#)

Just a reminder that you are able to access and see the focus for our Liturgies through the Ten Ten monthly Parent Newsletter.



This week's prayer is from Year 3

Heavenly Lord,

We pray for those in need,  
We pray for those who are sick,  
We pray that everyone is healthy, happy and safe,  
We thank you for your son, who died on the cross,  
And we rejoice that he rose again.

Amen





Respect + Optimism + Community + Kindness

# Open Evening

Thursday 4 June 2026

5:00pm - 7:00pm

For  
Prospective  
Students

Year 7  
Admission  
September  
2027



## Unlock Your Potential

Talk from the Principal at 6pm in the main hall.

# Dates for your



## Summer Term 2 - June 2026

- Monday 1st - MAT INSET day
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Y6 Bikeability starts
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - District Sports
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Class and leavers' photos
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - District Sports
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - New Parent's Evening EYFS
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Leavers Mass at Cathedral
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Parent Forum 2pm - all welcome
- WB 29<sup>th</sup> - Show week Y6 (Monday 29<sup>th</sup> dress rehearsal, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Matinee, Wednesday 1st July Evening performance)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Transition afternoon
- WB 29<sup>th</sup> - Last week of teacher led clubs

## July 2026

- Thursday 2nd - Transition afternoon (EYFS)
- WB 6<sup>th</sup> - Health Week
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Reports out to parents
- WB 13<sup>th</sup> - Week of Awe and Wonder
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Whole School picnic - Y6 Make £5 Grow stalls
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Music concert
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Leavers' mass 9.30am
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Schools out for summer -  
**SCHOOL FINISHES AT  
1.30PM**