



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through
Faith, Hope, and Love

Newsletter – Friday 11th July 2025

This is the last newsletter of the year, I can't believe that we only have one week left of the year. How quickly it has gone. Your children have grown more and learnt more and having spent 5 weeks with their new teachers are ready to move up into their new year group. I would like to thank you all for your support over the last year. We can only do what we can do in the short time that we have your children, what you do at home to support them is as important, reading, tables practise, homework. Together, we provide the right support to enable them to learn and grow, enabling them to be the best that they can be. I would also like to thank all of the staff at St Joseph's. I am in the privileged position to be leading such a hard-working, committed team. Each and every one of them plays their part, going over and beyond to do the very best for our children. With one more, busy week to go, lots more fun activities, making the week memorable for all but especially our Year 6 children who are soon to leave us. I hope that you all have a lovely summer break and we will look forward to seeing you in September when we return for academic Year 2025-26!

PE Kit Next Week

Health week fun will continue with Skippy John on Monday. I am sure that some of you can remember that he came to Health Week a few years ago and taught all of the children to skip. He will be joining us again on Monday 14th July. To that end, please make sure that your child comes to school on Monday in their PE Kit.

Full school uniform will be needed for Thursday 17th and Friday 18th, when we will be taking part in Leaver's Mass and the final day Leaver's assembly.

Music Concert Summer 2025

Our annual music concert will take place next Wednesday 16th July at 2.30pm. This is a time when the children, who have music lessons in school, are joined by their teacher and perform in front of the school. This is a celebration of their hard work throughout the year and the progress that they have made. Parents and grandparents of the children who are performing, are more than welcome to join us for the event. If you are planning on coming, please email the Admin Team so that we know how many extra chairs to get ready.



Health week

The children have had another great week this week, despite the heat, so many opportunities to try something new – all down to parents who were able to support this event.



Learn Better!

Mrs Hitchen and Mrs Wooldridge organised a Daily Mile

Mrs Smee – Zumba

Mr Neville – Football skills

Mrs Ind- dental care

Mr Stevenson – strength and conditioning

Mrs Montgomery and Mrs Pinnock – running club

Mr Brown and Jack Brown – Cricket skills

Mrs Shipton - Kinesiology

Thank you all so much – you made this week a fabulous one for the children, great for them to see such good role models for following a healthy lifestyle.

We also had another successful Sports Day on Tuesday – thank you to Mrs Barron and Mrs Daly for organising the day and thank you so much to all of the parents who helped to run the activities throughout the day. The parents supporting Sports Day and the Activities were:

- ✚ Mrs Timbrell
- ✚ Mrs Wooldridge
- ✚ Mrs Hitchen
- ✚ Mr Stevenson
- ✚ Mrs Barrowman
- ✚ Dr Chalmers
- ✚ Mrs Coates
- ✚ Mrs Allin
- ✚ Miss Nicholls
- ✚ Mr Amigoni



You all helped to make the event run like clockwork – thank you all. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for selling ice creams, cakes and drinks all afternoon as well as buying all of the children an ice lolly.

On Thursday, despite the heat, the children and staff had great fun with Sarah from Dazzle, learning their moves to come together at the end of the day for the flash mob – they didn't even get to practise together due to the heat! It was lovely to see so many parents who were able to come a bit earlier to watch. If you were there, I am sure you will agree, the children had great fun and really enjoyed taking part.

Thank you also to Mrs Daly for her co-ordinating and organising of the week once again, I know how much time and effort goes into this week but it is definitely worth it, the children get so much from it. The fun continues next week with Skippy John on Monday and the whole school picnic on Tuesday – starting at 12.30pm – hope to see you there.

Beauty and the Beast

Well, talk about giving it everything that you have got and being the best that you can be! I would like to congratulate the Year 6 children for their excellent performance of Beauty and the Beast last week. And of course to Sarah for Dazzle Dance, Mrs Knight and Mrs Hamlin, who worked exceptionally hard with the children, guiding and supporting them to achieve such a special show.

It was so lovely to see so many other parents and children from different year groups, who came to watch again after the children had seen the dress rehearsal in school. I would like to thank those families for supporting the show.

The Year 6 performance is a unique learning experience that the Year 6 children are offered enabling them to build their confidence and work collaboratively on something that they can feel proud of. My goodness our Year 6 have a lot to be proud of, resulting in a standing ovation on the final performance. Being part of something great and the perfect place for the children to leave us, full of confidence.



Attendance Matters, Moments Count

Just a reminder, children need to be walking through the school gates by 8.45am to be on time for learning. Whilst the gates don't close until 8.50am – any child walking through the gates at this time, of just before they close will be late for their first lesson of the day-reading.

We understand how busy a morning can be busy thank you for your support with this.



Ice cream Sales



Unfortunately, the freezer where the PTA ice-creams are kept has been switched off. The first time this happened, we thought that it was an accident. However, it has happened again and the freezer was full! I don't think that for a minute this was done with intent and an understanding of the impact that turning the fridge off would have.

However, this has been fairly costly to the PTA as the freezer was full. I have spoken to the children and explained what has happened and that as a result there will be no more sales at the end of the school week this term.

Fun Run

Thanks goes once again to the PTA for organising this event. It was a warm afternoon, just right for a bit of cooling down with a water gun! Thank you to the staff, who stayed after school to support this event and also to the parents who stayed with their children to join in the fun. The total that was raised at this event was. £160.00. Thank you.

OOSC AGM



Thank you to all of the parents who joined the PTA AGM, enabling the meeting to be quorate. I would also like to thank the parents who are willing to continue to stay on the committee next year and for all that they do to enable the club to run so smoothly.



Parking

We have had some photos of cars sent to school. They are of cars that have been parked close to some of our neighbours' driveways - blocking their access and one car causing others to slalom through – blocking bus access. Whilst none of this parking is illegal, please think about our neighbours before you park. There is plenty of room at the village hall, only a few moments' walk away. Thank you for your consideration of our neighbours.

New Class Saints for Next Year

As you will know, your child's class is named after a Saint. The issue is – none of us know why the classes are named after the Saint that they are, so we are unable to explain this to the children. The children have been working in their classes to decide which Saint their class should be named after and why. They have had discussions and come to the following decisions:

Reception – St Peter
Y1 – St Francis of Assisi
Y2 – St Theresa of Kolkata (Calcutta)
Y3 – St Patrick
Y4 - St Bernadette
Y5 – St Catherine of Sienna
Y6 – St Martin de Porres

Please look after our environment – this is in the newsletter for the second time because some children have still been seen jumping on, then over the dry stone wall and others playing/walking along the wall where the logs are broken.

Concerns have been raised by several parents and staff about what some children are allowed to do while waiting to come into school either at school drop off, pick up or while waiting for a club to finish.

Children are being allowed to:

Climb on/walk on the dry stonewall between school and the bus shelter

Walk along the logs outside of the school

Play in the hole in the hedge by the public footpath

The results of this over time is that the wall is being damaged/parts are beginning to fall down, the logs are being kicked off and broken and the hole in the hedge is becoming bigger - at times some children have been seen in the convent garden. Whilst none of the above belong to the school, we are responsible for any damage that is caused by our community. We have already funded a re-build of the wall and mending of the retaining logs happened only 2 years ago. Not only are these costly to repair, we don't have the money in the budget for it and even if we did – would far rather spend limited funding on resources for the children.

Please when waiting to come onto the school ground ensure that your children are not walking on the wall, logs or playing in the hedge. Thank you for your support and understanding.



Mass Schedule

Thursday 17th July – Whole School Leavers' Mass at 9.30am



Just a reminder that you are able to access and see the focus for our Liturgies through the Ten Ten monthly Parent Newsletter.
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This week's prayer is written by Alice:
Dear Lord,
Let the Year 6 leavers grow well.
Everlasting hope fill their hearts.
And may they love their secondary school.
Veil their sadness with your love.
Even when they face hardships,
Run love through them,
So sin may not follow.

Please hear our prayer,
Rest Your kindness on our shoulders
And let our sins be forgiven
You will guide us.
Ever our Father and God
Remember our memories forever.
Amen

Happy Summer Holidays.

Enjoy the summer
with your close ones.



We look forward to seeing you all on 3rd September (1st and 2nd are INSET days)

