



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

Newsletter – Friday 25th September 2026

Optimism in School

Thursday saw our first whole school Mass of the year. The children sang beautifully and respected the dignity and majesty of the occasion. Father Philip's homily spoke of the optimism of a new year and a new start. He reminded us that even as we move into autumn and school feels once again the norm, every day is a chance to renew our connections with each other and to explore the world anew.

This is especially true as we look forward to the 'firsts' of next week. We celebrate Mass in school for the first time in many years as we mark the feast day of St Thérèse in the School Hall and reaffirm the spiritual nature of the space at the heart of our community. Year 3 then put St Thérèse's teaching (Little things, Big Difference) into practice by raising money for Macmillan Cancer care on Friday afternoon. I thank Year 3 for reminding me of another reason for optimism-that St Joseph's children care enough to make a difference and change the world, and have the skills and leadership to do so.

Attendance

The number of children missing any session of schooling once again declined, meaning our school family is united and together more often than ever before this year. There are still a very small number of children who are regularly missing school, and so missing the chance to be with their friends and to learn. As the weather grows colder, we understand some children may develop colds and feel under the weather. We can administer medicine in school if signed medical forms are provided. Children who come to school like this usually thrive, and enjoy the presence of their friends, which takes their mind off any slight illness. Please join with the majority of our parents and help your child be part of our community by not keeping them at home for colds and slight temperatures.

A new member of our school family

We are very happy to announce (belatedly) the birth of Rory Sutton on 1st September. Miss White is enjoying the time with her new son, and we wish her, Rory, and the rest of their family all joy in the world.

TA Position

We are advertising for a new TA in school. We would welcome applications from anyone who can see the world through a child's eyes, go that extra mile to ensure they know they are loved and can learn, and who is willing to learn and work with our team to serve the children of our school. No TA experience is necessary. If you or anyone else is interested, the application is at [Teaching Assistant at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire | MyNewTerm](#). If you have any questions about the role, please ask.

Diary Dates

A full list of confirmed and likely events for the year is available at [Diary Dates 2026 2027](#)



Interpretations of St Joseph by American Catholic liturgical artist Ade Bethune (1914 – 2002)



WEEK AHEAD



THURSDAY

All Classes
School Photos



All Classes
Thursday Afternoon
Mass
(St Therese)



Year 6
Parents
Residential Meeting
3.30pm



FRIDAY

Parents

Year 3
Macmillan
Coffee and Cakes
1.30pm



You are welcome to join us for a celebration of the Feast Day of LWCET's patron saint, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, on Thursday afternoon (time to be confirmed).

Year 3 will be selling cakes and drinks to all parents/carers and to our community on Friday afternoon from 1.30pm. Last year a huge amount was raised to support people and families struggling with cancer, and we hope to do the same again this year.

School Photos will be in the morning on Thursday. Please ensure your child is dressed in school uniform. **Year 3 and 4 should bring PE kit to change into at lunchtime.**



PE KIT DAYS

Wear your PE kit on the days shown below.
On other days, wear your school uniform.



YEAR GROUP	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 6	PE KIT	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
YEAR 5	PE KIT	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
YEAR 4	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT	PE KIT
YEAR 3	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT	PE KIT
YEAR 2	UNIFORM	PE KIT	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
YEAR 1	UNIFORM	PE KIT	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
RECEPTION	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT	UNIFORM	PE KIT