



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

Newsletter – Friday 13th June 2025

Welcome back to the last term of the year! I hope that you all had a lovely half term. With a bit of luck as time goes on the weather will improve. With the changes in the weather please ensure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed. The summer term is possibly the busiest term of the year with lots of fun and exciting learning taking place for the children and plenty of activities for you to all get involved in. Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to run activities during Health Week, Mrs Daly is in the process of putting together the timetable and will confirm your slots soon. It's not too late, if you would like to come in and share a skill, passion of yours with the children then please do let Mrs Daly know – the wider the variety of experiences that we can offer - the better for our children.

Phonics screening and Multiplication Check

Year 1 and Year 4 completed their statutory assessments this week. While the phonics screening is completed by a member of staff in school, the MTC is done on an online platform, so we await the children's results from the check. As, I have said before in a previous newsletter the expectation for the children is to score full marks – 25/25. They have 6 seconds to answer the questions before being presented with another one. Thank you to all of the parents who have supported their children with learning their tables. Whilst many of you will not be concerned about this assessment the difference that it makes to the children if they are confident and can instantly re-call table's facts should not be underestimated. It impacts across the whole of the maths curriculum.

Parent forum

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum will take place on Wednesday 18th June at 9am, the agenda was sent out yesterday. The main areas for discussion are clubs and reading. Please let the Admin Team know if you are able to join us so that we can cater for numbers.

Bikeability



The busy term 6 has certainly got underway for our Year 6 children. They all took part in their bikeability training. We are so lucky to be able to offer this training for the children. It is a heavily subsidised opportunity and enables invaluable skills and road awareness that they will take with them as they begin to become more independent. All of the children did so well, listened, followed instructions and came away with a badge and areas for them to continue to work on. Well done to all of the children for their excellent attitudes and eagerness to learn.

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, or just before they close will be late for their first lesson of the day - reading.

The children have come back ready to learn and have maintained the much improved punctuality- being in their classrooms ready to learn by 8.50am – which is great. Thank you for your support with this, we understand how busy a morning can be.



District Sports



It was district sports this week. Two evenings of events took place. Monday evening, children were demonstrating their jumping, throwing and catching skills at Rednock and on Wednesday it was the track event at Dursley school. All of the children did so well. They had excellent attitudes, supported each other and did us all proud. I would like to thank Mr

Amigoni and Mrs Knight, who run the club and helped to get the children ready for the events. I would also like to thank all of the children who took part and represented our school so well. Thank you also goes to all of the staff and parents for their encouragement and support of our athletes!

Governor News

Finally, we held a celebration Mass to thank Syd Gwyer for all of the time that she generously gave (and still does!) in her role as a governor at St Joseph's for many years. She was keen to not have any fuss but we could not let her service to the school go un-noticed. Thank you to all who donated to a gift for her, we were able to get her some lovely reminders of her time at St Joseph's.

We are excited that there has been some interest in the foundation governor positions at our school and are hopeful that we may soon have 2 seats filled. I will of course let you know about this as it is the Bishop who approves positions on the LGC.

CYPMH

Please follow the link for the May edition of the Children and Young People's Mental Health newsletter produced by the NHS [CYPMH Monthly Newsletter – May 2025](#) . Skill Zone are offering some interesting days for families. Year 6 go to Skill Zone as part of their curriculum to teach them about keeping safe, many of them say this is the best trip that they go on, they are presented with scenarios, they need to work them out while learning about the safety aspects in all of them. Might be worth a look.

Caterlink – Parent/Guardian Survey

If you have a couple of minutes please complete this survey for Caterlink.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXMHL8D> Thank you.



PTA News

The PTA are planning another fun run event for after school on a Friday this term – watch out for further communication about this. The PTA will be selling cream teas, cakes, ice lollies, hot and cold drinks on Sports Day (8th July) and at the whole school picnic (15th July). Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz and donated prizes - £371 was raised.

Ice cream Sales



There was a shortage of volunteers for the ice cream sales this week – if you are planning on letting your child/children play after school on a Friday, even if it is only for 10 minutes please do consider volunteering to help sell ice creams – the children really enjoy it.

OOSC AGM



Thank you to all of the parents who supported the OOSC AGM. As I am sure some of you will know, there was a clash of dates with the District Sports that evening. I have had a lot of feedback about the event and it would appear that the meeting was not quorate. This means that the meeting that did take place is null and void. I would like to thank the committee for their hard work and commitment to the club. They will communicate to you separately as this meeting will need to take place again.

School Development Plan

We are at the time of year when amongst other things we are reviewing the development that has taken place this year, our successes, areas that we still need to work on and what is next. Our pupil voice at St Joseph's is really strong and they are instrumental in school improvement. It would also be really helpful to hear from parents too. Please take the time to complete a quick survey of 15 questions so we are able to use the data along with points made at the Parent Forum to support our planning for next year. Please click [here](#) to access the survey. The deadline for responses is 3pm next Friday 20th June. Many thanks for your support.

Year of Hope Pilgrimage

Mrs Barron and Mrs Hill took some of our Year 3 children (the children who are making their First Holy Communion and some from the Chaplaincy Team) to join children from St Roses and The Rosary schools on Monday. They had a lovely time, made new friends and came back full of ideas for future events.



Beyond the School Gate

Date for your diary - we are very lucky to have the opportunity to have Sam Stocken speak to parents in an informal way about how to support your child/ren at home. If you think that this is something that you would benefit from or would just like to come along out of curiosity, please do. Don't forget to email the Admin Team to let us know if you are able to join us that morning.



**Parent/Carer
Support
Group**

Come and join Sam Stocken, Educational Consultant, from For The Child LTD, to celebrate what you are doing well.

You will also have the opportunity to pick up tips with how to support your child outside of school and hear from a specialist of 'Behaviour As Communication'

BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATE



Tuesday 24th June 2025
8.45 a.m. - Refreshments
9.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

Free raffle!

**What others are
saying:**

- *"Relaxed, informative, engaging and safe."*
- *"Fresh ideas dealing with behaviours"*
- "Sam completely understands and uses language that you understand"*

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There will be the opportunity to purchase products to support your child from Frelie and Samboards, as well as the book by Paul Dix

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LET US PRAY



Mass Schedule

Mass begins at 10am

Thursday 19 th June	Year 4
Thursday 26 th June	Year 3
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 2
Thursday 10 th July	Year 1
Thursday 17 th July	Whole School Leavers' Mass



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

<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/WbzrXSiGw16hU/>

This week's prayer is written by Year 5

Dear Father,
Thank you for the Holy Spirit, it shows us the path of life.
Thank you for teaching us to be good.
Thank you for helping us when in doubt.

Let the Holy Spirit flow through our hearts and bring peace and unity to the world.

Amen



Dates for your



Summer Term 2 - June

Tuesday 17th - New Parent's Evening
EYFS 7pm

Wednesday 18th - Parent Forum 9am

Thursday 19th - Year 6 Leaver's Mass at
Clifton Cathedral

Saturday 21st - First Holy Communion
celebration 5.30pm St Joseph's Church

Wednesday 25th - EYFS Transition
afternoon

Monday 30th - Y6 production dress
rehearsal

July

Tuesday 1st - Y6 production 2.00pm

Wednesday 2nd - Y6 production 6.30pm

Thursday 3rd - Y6 production 6.30pm

Thursday 3rd - EYFS Transition
afternoon

**TEACHER RUN AFTER SCHOOL
CLUBS FINISH WEEK ENDING 4TH
JULY**

W/B 7th - Health Week

Tuesday 8th - Activities (morning)

Tuesday 8th - Sports Day 1.00pm

Wednesday 9th - reserve Sports day

Friday 11th - Reports out to parents

W/B 14th - Week of Awe and Wonder

Tuesday 15th - Whole School picnic - Y6
grow £5 stalls

Wednesday 16th - Music concert PM

Thursday 17th - Leavers' mass 9.30am

2.45pm - Final celebration Assembly

Friday 18th - Leavers' assembly 9am

End of the Year 1.30pm