



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

Newsletter – Friday 9th October 2026



Beacon Peaceful School

For the last two years, St Joseph's has been working with the Peaceful Schools Movement to create a curriculum and community centred on peace: inner peace with ourselves, peaceful relationships with others, peace in our school and peace in the wider world. It is a coherent thread which runs through everything: our silent reflections, our friendships, and the peacemakers who

support other children in school.

As a result of our efforts, we have been named as a Beacon Peaceful School. We are very proud of everyone who has contributed, especially the children who lead as peacemakers and in Learning for Peace.

St Joseph's Swimming

It has been officially confirmed that last year 100% of St Joseph's children left school able to swim and save themselves if they fell in water. Concerns about this made the [national news](#) in the August heatwave. We target our lessons here to ensure every child from every background has access to a fun, healthy activity and gains an essential skill to save their lives and those of others.

Attendance

Once again we set a new record for attendance, with 131 pupils in on time for the whole week. Thank you to everyone for the efforts in making our community whole every day, and doing what is needed so we can help your children flourish. We will continue to work with families where poor attendance is harming pupil's learning, to better identify the reasons for absences and provide support where needed.

Cancellations

Due to parents' evenings and staff absence for key training, the only clubs running next week are Lego Club with Mrs Barron, Multi-skills football with Ritchie Ball and Sophie Morgan Dance Club. We have also been forced to postpone our Soup Kitchen.

Parent Forum - Uniform

The first meeting of parent forum will be on Thursday at 9am to discuss uniform for the next academic year. Representatives of our current supplier will be there to address any concerns to understand the service we require better. I look forward to seeing you there

SEND Open Session

There will be a SEND session on Tuesday 20th October for parents who are new to school, or for parents who are interested in understanding the support pathways at St Joseph's and who do not currently have children whose additional support is co-ordinated by Mrs Ponting. Mrs Ponting will discuss provision with parents of children for whom she is already co-ordinating support at MyPlan and MyProfile reviews.

Slime Session

Please sign up for the PTA slime session next week. It promises to be a whole lot of messy scientific fun.

A full list of confirmed and likely events for the year is available on the school website.

WEEK AHEAD




TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 5	Reception, Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Year 2	Years 3 and 4
STEM Day		Mass 10am	NSSP Singing
			
All Classes		All Classes	All Classes
Parents		Parents	PTA
Parents Evening from 3.30pm		Parents' Forum (Uniform) 9 am	Slime Making Evening After School (subject to sufficient sign up)
			

No after school clubs this week except: Lego, On The Ball, Dance

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