St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Inspiring everyone to REACH through
Faith, Hope, and Love

Newsletter – Friday 13th November 2026
School will be closed on Monday for an INSET Day

It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back in only their second week, filling our classrooms once again with learning, laughter and enthusiasm. Next week gives us two important opportunities to look beyond ourselves. During Anti-Bullying Week, we will think about kindness, respect and the responsibility we all have for promoting peace with one another. We will also be learning more about Sikhism, giving children the opportunity to understand another faith, its traditions and the values that Sikh communities hold important. I am looking forward to another busy and thoughtful week together.

Anti-Bullying Week and Week of Awe and Wonder
We will participate in Anti-Bullying week next week with a series of events aimed at understanding how bullying (repeated, deliberate actions to harm someone physically or mentally) can be identified and stopped. We will also be joined by members of the Sikh community and spend time examining how their beliefs shape their lives, art and contributions to science.

Known staff absences and changes over the next week
Next week, Miss Read will be out of school on Thursday, and her class will be taught by Mrs Barron. We know that children form close bonds with the adults most often in their rooms and can find their absence difficult. We also know some children need to be supported if routines change. Please support your child by letting them know if this change affects them.

Attendance
This week, our children have attended **832 full sessions** of school. Every one of those sessions matters. They represent 832 chances to learn something new, enjoy time with friends and feel part of our school community.
Thank you to all our parents and carers for the effort you make to get children into school. We know that there are times when illness or other barriers make attendance difficult. We monitor attendance carefully so that we can notice concerns early, listen and understand what is happening, and offer families timely support to help overcome barriers wherever we can. Where attendance remains a concern, we will continue to work with families and, where necessary, take further appropriate steps. By working together, we can give every child the best possible access to their education.



School Disco
The first disco of the school year will soon be upon us, and we look forward to welcoming everyone on Friday between 6.00pm and 7.30pm. The PTA have sent out details. We hope everyone can attend.

A reminder that we have established a Disabled Parking Zone for drop off and pick up between the school gates and Tinkley Lane. We again ask you to respect this, and will ask non-blue badge holders to move on if parked in this area.

Forest Green Rovers, through their ambassador Austin, have invited any children and staff to watch their match against Tamworth on 28th November. We need to notify them of the tickets we need shortly, so if you would like to attend for free and have not let us know, please let the school office know how many tickets you would like, and the type Over 65, Adult, U21, U16 and U11. This offer is also open to staff , so we may see you there.

WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

INSET DAY



TUESDAY

Year 5

RIAT STEM Day



WEDNESDAY

Whole School

10.10 Sikh Life Assembly

Year 3 and 4 Football Team

Afternoon Football Tournament



THURSDAY

Reception

10am Mass



FRIDAY

Years 3 and 4

NSSP

National School Singing Project



Whole School

PTA Disco

6pm – 7:30pm



CLUBS

DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL YEARS 1 AND 2	AFTER SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5, 6	MUSIC LESSONS
MONDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED			
TUESDAY	Boardgames	Kids with Bricks	With the Ball	Piano
WEDNESDAY	Choir	Stop Motion	Cross Country	Violin
THURSDAY	Football and Reading Club			Guitar
FRIDAY	Football or Disco			

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	SCHOOL CLOSED	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
YEAR 5		UNIFORM	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
YEAR 4		UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT	PE KIT
YEAR 3		UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT	PE KIT
YEAR 2		PE KIT	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
YEAR 1		PE KIT	UNIFORM	UNIFORM	PE KIT
RECEPTION		UNIFORM	PE KIT	UNIFORM	PE KIT