



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

Newsletter – Friday 12th June 2026

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing May half-term break. It has been a real pleasure to welcome our children back into school, full of energy, enthusiasm and ready for the exciting weeks ahead. There is a real sense of momentum across the school as we move into the final half of the academic year.

This term is always a special one. It is a time when we see the progress our pupils have made come to life—whether in the classroom, on the sports field, through creative projects, or in the many enrichment activities we have planned. Our Year 6 pupils continue to demonstrate maturity and resilience as they prepare for the next stage of their journey, while across the school we are seeing growing confidence, independence and a strong sense of community.

We are also looking forward to a busy and rewarding few weeks, with trips, events, transitions, performances and many opportunities for parents and carers to get involved. These moments are a wonderful way to celebrate our pupils' achievements and strengthen the partnerships that make our school such a positive and supportive place to learn. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we will make this half term a happy, successful and memorable one for every child.

Welcome from Dr Johnson

I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with you as Head of St Joseph's from September. I look forward to meeting you and your children over the next weeks when I am in school.

I spent the first twelve years of my professional life in academia (hence the Dr). Since finding my vocation as a primary teacher, I have led teaching, curriculum development and SEND in a wide range of schools across Gloucestershire. I come to St Joseph's from another LWCET school, St Peter's Primary, where I have served as Inclusion Lead for the last two years.

I am fortunate to be entrusted with the care of a flourishing community, centred on upholding the highest academic standards for happy children who find personal success in all areas of life. It is, and will always be, a community inspired by Catholic teaching which proudly welcomes those of all faiths and none and from all backgrounds. I am committed to ensuring that this place will always nurture children who meet the wide world with open hearts, and with the knowledge, compassion and leadership skills needed to change it for the better.

Your children cannot make that journey without all that you offer them, and I look forward to working with all of you in the future to understand how, together, we can help them fulfil their potential. Over the coming months I would love to learn more from the children, families, staff and governors who make St Joseph's such a special community, so that together we can build on the school's many strengths. Please introduce yourself if you see

me when I am in school and share what is special about your children, so that we can begin to write the next chapter in this school's history together.

Staffing Update

We welcomed Miss Bennett to school today, who will be the class teacher in Year 2 next year. Our Year 1 children met her today and spent some of their time in their new classroom.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Daly at the end of the year. She will be moving on for personal reasons and we wish her all the very best as she ventures onto pastures new. We would like to thank her for all of the time and energy that she has brought to Reception and beyond in the time at St Joseph's. We will miss her love of sparkle and fun. She has been instrumental in the improvements to the learning environment and curriculum for our youngest learners and for that we truly thank her.

Whilst sad to see Mrs Daly go, Miss Read is delighted that this has given her the opportunity to make a move into Reception and continues to build on the strong foundations that Mrs Daly has built. Mrs Guoite and Mrs Hannon are looking forward to be working together next year to teach Year 1.

So, the class teachers for September will be:

Year 6 – Mrs Knight
Year 5 – Mrs Carr
Year 4 – Miss Keightley
Year 3 – Miss Drury
Year 2 – Miss Bennett
Year 1 – Mrs Guoite and Mrs Hannon
Reception – Miss Read

Reception and Year 1 parents will be given the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher later on this term. More information to follow.

LWCET NEWS



Dame Rachel de Souza is the Children's Commissioner, she is a great advocate for Catholic education having been brought up as a Catholic herself. She understands what we're doing as Catholic schools and she genuinely cares.

Every couple of years she releases a survey to gather views of children so that she is able to represent them to the government in order to make changes for the better. She's just released her most recent and the link is here:

[About this survey : The Big Future survey - have your say!](#)

Please spend a few moments with your child/children completing the survey so that they have their say.

Bikeability



We were so proud of our Year 6 children last week. Despite the weather (some of them got caught out in the thunder storm!), they demonstrated resilience and determination to be the best that they could be. All of them showing that they were safe to be out and about on the roads by the end of the week. Well done everyone!

The Library

Challenge

11 July – 12 September 2026

This Year's Summer Library Challenge

Later on this term one of the librarians will be coming into school to share with the children this year's Library Challenge. This year's theme is Tales Through Time. As the children read throughout the summer, they can earn rewards - we know how much our young readers love that! Any child can join from age 3+, they will be given a Challenge Journal in which they can collect stamps and rewards for each completed task.

To find out more - scan the QR code on the poster attached to the newsletter or visit gloslibraries.uk/welcome-library-challenge

We all know how important reading is and you would be shocked to learn of the 'summer slip'. This is the impact that 6 weeks out of school with no reading/ tables practise happens and the impact this has on the children when they come back to school, both academically and emotionally. This Library Challenge is a fun way of getting out and about whilst keeping this important skills going over the summer, ensuring that your child comes back to school ready to learn in the same position that they left in July.

Music Lesson



Year 3 and 4 have benefitted from the excellent singing lessons that Mr Robinson has come into school to deliver on Fridays throughout the year. This is a singing programme that was set up by the Diocese but the learning has been so much more. We signed up to the lessons on a free

trial this year, not knowing just how much the children would learn from Mr Robinson's expertise. We are delighted that the Diocese will be subsidising the lessons again next year, enabling more of our children to benefit too.

Topic Webs and letters

Last week you received a letter and topic web from your child's class teacher. This is to inform you about your child's learning for the term and share with you ways that you can support them. After circulation, the webs and letter are put on your child's class page, should you need to access the information at a later date. https://www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com/web/st_peter/358032

Work experience

It has been great to welcome some of our ex-pupils back to school this week on work experience. How lovely that they want to come back to us for the week and for us, how lovely to see the young adults they are becoming.

Statutory Assessments

Our Year 1 and Year 4 children have or will be completing these over the next couple of weeks. The results of the assessments will be shared with parents with the children's end of year reports. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for all of the support with reading and learning of times tables. With both, the children benefit from little and often daily practise for a short time is undoubtedly the best approach. Whilst they are statutory tests, which many don't approve of, they do demonstrate that a child is at the correct level for their age and have secured good foundations to build upon.

Over the next few weeks, Mrs Daly will be preparing the Early Years Foundation Stage profile for all of the children in Reception. Again, another statutory assessment demonstrating whether a child has met Good Levels of Development (GLD). This too will be shared with parents along with their end of year report.



District sports

At the beginning of June, as always we take part in the District Sports events. On Monday night, Mr Amigoni and Mrs Knight took several of our children to Rednock, to the field events, (along with the children's parents) where they competed against other schools in jumping and throwing events. The children did us proud as always performing to the best of their ability.

Unfortunately, due to the weather Wednesday's track events were postponed until next Wednesday, same time, same venue.

This year, the children were delighted to be wearing our new running kit for the first time. We need to say a huge thank you to Wooldridge Milking Technologies for sponsoring these lovely new running tops. We are so grateful for your generosity.

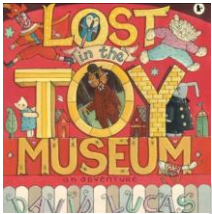
I would also like to thank Mr Amigoni and Mrs Knight for running first the cross country and then the athletics clubs this year, Mrs Ponting (PE Lead) for organising the events and to all for the parents and staff who supported the events.

First Holy Communion

We celebrate our first children's First Holy Communion tomorrow at St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to come and join us.



Story Time at the Convent



Only 2 more sessions to go – 19th June and 10th July. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Attendance



If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please let the Admin Team know first thing in the morning and no later than 9am. This will save a lot of time chasing parents to find out why a child is not in school – as is our statutory responsibility.

The good news at the moment is that the children on the PA tracker are green – this means that their attendance is improving. It is our hope that over the next few weeks, several of them will come out of this category.

As the weather becomes warmer, we often see an increase in requests for term-time leave. If there are exceptional circumstances where leave cannot be avoided, a Leave of Absence request form must be completed in line with our Trust policy [LWCET AttendancePolicy-final.pdf](#). We also ask that families are open and honest about absences, as this helps us to support you and your child effectively.

If you are considering taking your child out of school for a holiday, we would gently ask you to think carefully about the impact this may have on their learning. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child achieve their very best through regular attendance at school.

♥ thank you ♥
for all you do

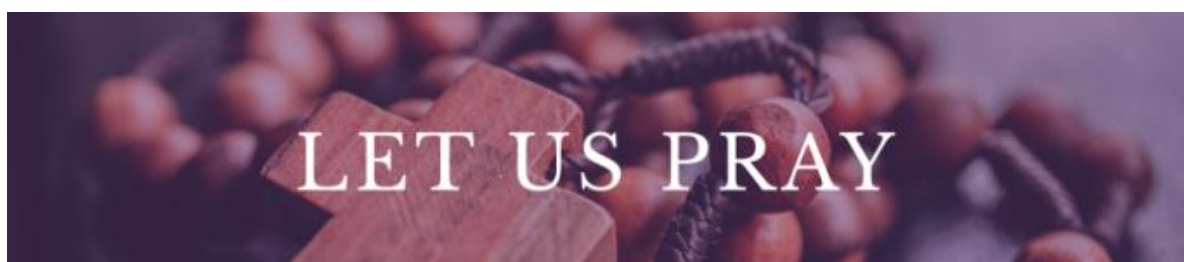
PTA News

The PTA Fun run that was re-arranged to the Friday before half term raised £204.00. As usual the children had so much fun – it was great to see parents joining in too. Thank you to all involved in the organising and running of this event and to the staff who stayed to support it.

The next events that will be coming up are Sports Day and the whole school picnic, where the PTA will be selling cakes, refreshments and ice creams.

Reminder about the Quiz at the Old Fox, Coaley on Monday 6th July at 7pm. We are in need of raffle prizes for this event. If you have anything suitable, please bring it to the Admin Team.

Friday Ice cream sales are going well. There are lots of new volunteers who are helping to sell them, last week raised £40.00 in 20 minutes! Thank you to all of the parents who have signed up to help with this. If there are any others who can help, please sign up in your class Whatsapp group or email the PTA to let them know.



Mass begins at 10am

Parents are warmly welcome to join their child's class when it is their turn to go to Mass. Please let the Admin Team know if you are able to come.

18th June – Year 6 Leaver's Mass – Clifton Cathedral at 11am
25th June – Year 4
2nd July – Year 3
9th July - Year 2
16th July - Whole School Leaver's Mass at 9.30am



[June 2026](#)

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



This week's prayer is written by Jemima Y4:

*Dear Father
Thank you for all the animals and insects alike. Thank you for all our savannas, forests and plains. Thank you for all the wonderful things you made. Thank you for making every person in this universe. Thank you for making us so unique. Amen*



Dates for your



Summer Term 2 - June 2026

Wednesday 17th - District Sports

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

Thursday 18th - Leavers Mass at
Cathedral 11am

Wednesday 24th - Parent Forum 2pm -
all welcome

WB 29th - Show week Y6 (Monday 29th
dress rehearsal, Tuesday 30th Matinee,
Wednesday 1st July Evening
performance)

Thursday 25th - EYFS Transition
afternoon

WB 29th - Last week of teacher led
clubs

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Thursday 2nd - Transition afternoon
(EYFS)

WB 6th - Health Week

Tuesday 7th - Sports Day

Friday 10th - Reports out to parents

WB 13th - Week of Awe and Wonder

Tuesday 14th - Whole School picnic - Y6
Make £5 Grow stalls

Wednesday 15th - Music concert PM

Thursday 16th - Leavers' mass 9.30am

Friday 17th - Schools out for summer -

SCHOOL FINISHES AT

1.30PM