



Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. Our pupils have been working exceptionally hard, producing wonderful work and making a fantastic start to their learning this term. It's truly heartening to see their enthusiasm and dedication.

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donations to our pre-loved uniform collection. Your support has been overwhelming, and we are pleased to announce that our stocks are now full. While we no longer require general uniform donations, we would still gladly accept any blue school jumpers with logos, PE t-shirts, or jumpers bearing our school logo. Please remember, our pre-loved shop remains open for everyone to use.

On another note, we would like to remind you about our attendance policy. As you know, good attendance has always been a priority at St Joseph's, and this year we're working under the new statutory framework. This introduces some new requirements, including the need for medical evidence if your child is absent for more than **three consecutive days**. Without this evidence, we're obliged to unauthorise the time off. We understand this might seem stringent, but we're bound by the new framework and appreciate your cooperation. Where possible, please book medical appointments outside school hours. Your support in helping us maintain excellent attendance is invaluable.

Lastly, a gentle reminder about personal items in school. We kindly ask that children don't bring personal toys, dolls, or teddies to school to avoid any risk of loss or damage. We provide a variety of activities and equipment for the children during lunchtimes, including drawing and writing materials. While pupils are welcome to bring their own stationery for use during lunchtime, please remind them that they're responsible for looking after their belongings.

A few notices...

An invitation from the Parish to an evening of music on Saturday 28th September. It will be a chance for our community to come together with some members entertaining others with a variety of music and song. Everyone is invited to come along!

PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association) AGM will be held in school on Tuesday 17th September at 6pm. Everyone is welcome, and there will be opportunities for all to get involved. Your support truly makes a difference to our wonderful school.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making St Joseph's a wonderful place of learning and growth.

Have a wonderful weekend.

**God bless,
Mrs Dabbs**

This week's attendance:

1. Year 6 – 100%
2. Year 3 – 99.3%
3. Year 1 – 99.1%

Key dates for your diary:

Thursday 19th September @10am

Start of the Year Mass at Our Lady of Victories for Year 1 to Year 6 children. All family and friends are welcome to join us.

Tuesday 8th October

Open Classrooms – English Focus

Monday 14th October and Tuesday 15th October

Parents' Evening – in person

Tuesday 15th October @9:30am

Harvest Mass in school – all welcome to join us!

Wednesday 16th October

[Open Morning for admissions 2025](#)

Friday 18th October

Last day of the half term

Moments of PRIDE...

Congratulations to our School Chaplains on their appointment for this Academic Year.

We are so proud of you all

Lead Chaplains: Alice Stock and Bella Mitchell

Year 6: Izabela English and Isabella Porter

Year 5: Nancy Furniss and Malaki McCann

Year 4: Laurie Webb and Logan Rignall

Year 3: Averie Agbanyim-Symm & Imogen Dabbs

Good Luck to the team!!!



Mr Liddle and the team have made a fantastic start on the Rickshaw Run in India in memory of Matthew.

We send him our love and prayers and good luck to all the team. If you would still like to donate, [click here](#).

The Rickshaw Run—is a mission to fund the construction of a new classroom in India. This project, costing £14,000, will annually educate 50 girls, directly contributing to their empowerment. Every donation will directly fund the construction of this classroom. Thank you for all your donations, the total raised so far stands at an incredible: £29,636