



St Joseph's Catholic Academy



Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome back to our final term of the year – our Pentecost Term. This term, as always, is packed full of exciting events, such as our Summer Fete, Carnival, Sports Day, Year 5 and 6 Production and of course preparing for transition to the next year group. It is a very busy, but wonderful term!

During this term, we are thrilled to welcome back Mrs Vadher from her maternity leave. Mrs Vadher will be resuming her role in Year 5 from Monday 2nd June. It is with a very heavy heart that we will then be saying farewell to Mr Balliston who has been covering Year 5 this academic year. Mr Balliston has been a fantastic teacher for the children and has helped each one of them to flourish. We know that the children, parents and staff will dearly miss him. We wish him every success as he moves on to his new role at Preston Hedges School and we are grateful for the tremendous work he has done.

We would like to wish Mrs Wheeler all the best for her maternity leave, which will begin on Monday 19th May. We hope that her time is filled with rest, joy and precious moments with her little one. We are pleased to let you know that for the rest of this academic year our Foundation class will be taught (and cared for!) by Mrs Amphlett – Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays and by Mrs Trappitt – Mondays & Tuesdays. On Wednesdays and Thursdays Mrs Trappitt will continue teaching Year 4, sharing this role with Mr Hooley.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Braham, Teaching Assistant in Year 6 and Mrs Kolic, part-time Office Manager, who will both be leaving us at the end of May. We wish then all the best as they pursue their new adventures. For the rest of this academic year, Mrs Little will be resuming the role of full-time Office Manager.

Finally, in July we will be saying goodbye to our wonderful Mrs Little as she retires from her post as Office Manager. Karen has been the heart of our Office and indeed the school for a number of years, bringing organisation, kindness and unwavering dedication to everything that she does. We will deeply miss her presence and leadership but extend our love and best wishes for her retirement.

We are now looking to recruit a full-time Office Manager to join our team from August 2025. Please do share this link with anyone who you think may be interested. Thank you.

[Our Vacancies - St Thomas Aquinas – Catholic Multi-Academy Trust](#)

Moments of Pride



Well done to our fantastic Lunchtime Leaders – they have made a fantastic start this week! They have helped lunchtimes to run more smoothly by helping the younger children clear away their trays, making sure children have enough water at their tables and encouraging children to eat their vegetables. Thank you, team, you are superstars!

Please find attached to today's email a flyer regarding the VE Day celebrations in Market Harborough this weekend. We are proud to announce that our Year 6 class will once again be attending the Flag Raising Ceremony on Thursday at 10am near the Old Grammar School. It is such an honour to be invited to this community event.



Wishing you all a wonderful **bank holiday** weekend!
God bless,
Mrs Dabbs

Key dates for your diary:

Monday 5th May Bank Holiday: School Closed

Monday 12th May Year 6 SATs Week

PTFA Summer Fete – Saturday 17th May 2025

Tuesday 20th May Open Classrooms – RE

Tuesday 20th May Family Prayer Group at 3:30pm

Friday 23rd May Pentecost Parties in school

Half Term Break

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May: School Closed

Monday 2nd June Return to school

SPORTS DAY – Wednesday 2nd July 2025
(Foundation, Y1 & Y2 morning / Y3-Y6 afternoon)



LAST CHANCE to hand your photos into class teacher – prizes to give away! TUESDAY 6th MAY

St Joe's Summer Fete... can you help?

1. The Bake Off (any entries need to have name, contact number and list of allergens)
2. We are still collecting single serving yoghurt pots
3. We are still collecting any leftover/unwanted party favours.



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O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.