



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Believe



Achieve



Succeed

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of our second week back to school, it has been a joy to see the wonderful learning happening across our school. Our children have settled back into routines with enthusiasm and purpose, truly living out our Virtue of the Month, *Love of Learning*. Classrooms have been buzzing with curiosity, creativity, and thoughtful discussion as pupils embrace new challenges and take pride in their progress. There have been plenty of stickers added to books in recognition of fantastic presentation and our Gold Ticket Shop was full this morning with children exchanging their tickets for their chosen reward. As we move into next week, we are going to be sharing a lovely poem about learning with our children - the challenge will be to learn it off by heart. Click [here](#) for a preview of the poem!

Friday 16th January 2026




Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, Mrs Dabbs.

Spotlight in school

LOVE OF LEARNING
virtue for **JANUARY**

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the PTFA cake sale last Friday. It was lovely to see so many of the families there, and a great opportunity to catch up at the start of the new year! 

PTFA Online Auction

The PTFA are excited to launch our very first online auction, and we would be grateful for your support. The auction runs from Friday 30th January to Sunday 8th February 2026 at 9:00pm. To take part, simply click [here](#) to view and bid on the items. We have a fantastic range of prizes, including signed sports memorabilia, family days out, experiences, vouchers, and unique treats. Full details of all auction lots are included in the attached catalogue. Every bid helps raise valuable funds for our children and school community — thank you for your support.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

9th February to 15th February 2026

We will be promoting this important week in school. Please read the attached letter to find out more...

BELONGING CHAIN

The theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **THIS IS MY PLACE**. The theme explores the vital role of belonging. When children feel they truly belong, they are more likely to have positive mental health, build healthy relationships, and believe in their ability to make a difference. This activity helps students reflect on how they feel a sense of belonging at school.

Save the date...

Monday 19th January

Last swimming lesson for Year 4

Monday 26th January

Year 5 begin swimming lessons on Monday afternoons

Friday 6th February - PTFA Race Night - POSTPONED

Tuesday 3rd February Open Classrooms - RE Focus

Friday 13th February - Mardi Gras Festival &

Go Bright For Bodhi Hodges Day - FUNDRAISING

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February
HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 23rd February Parents' Evening (VIRTUAL)

Tuesday 24th February Parents' Evening (FACE to FACE)

Friday 27th February PTFA Race Night

Friday 6th March PTFA Special General Meeting & Coffee Morning in school

Friday 6th March Homework Project hand-in day

Tuesday 3rd February Open Classrooms - RE Focus

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April
EASTER HOLIDAY

Catholic Life

First Holy Communion

The first parents' meeting will be on **Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7.00pm** in the Octagonal Hall. At this meeting, the programme will be introduced and the full plan shared. The first children's session will take place on **Sunday 25th January 2026 from 9.20am to 10.20am**.