



**St Joseph's**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Believe



Achieve



Succeed

### Dear Families,

Today, children gathered in their House Groups to reflect on the Feast of Candlemas, which marks the official conclusion of the Christmas season. The feast is celebrated 40 days after Christmas on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. We focused on the beautiful message that Jesus is the Light of the World and considered how each of us is called to share this light with others, bringing hope and kindness to those around us. As a reminder of this message, the children will be bringing home a small candle and a prayer card today. We encourage families to take a moment on Monday to share this together. It is a poignant reminder that even the smallest light can make a big difference in our world. **Wishing you a wonderful weekend, Mrs Dabbs**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**



Dear Lord,  
Thank you for being the light of the world and for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to shine his light upon us.  
Thank you for these candles at Candlemas.  
May they burn brightly in the darkness and be a symbol of your goodness.  
Thank you for your love for the world.  
May we love one another and show respect to all living things and our environment.  
Thank you for your forgiveness.  
May we all walk in the light of your compassion.  
In Jesus' name  
Amen.



### Spotlight in school

#### St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day

On Wednesday, our Chaplains went to English Martyrs Secondary School to celebrate the Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas. It was an inspiring day filled with HOPE, where all 23 schools were commissioned to live out their Jubilee Pledge. Our collective mission is to bring hope to our families, schools, communities, and the world.



#### Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. It was wonderful to see such strong interest in this partnership. This collaboration presents a valuable opportunity for our school community to work together, learn from one another, and grow together.

✨ **Our next meeting will take place in school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm.**

Please do come along for coffee, cake and a chat — and feel free to encourage other parent & carers to join us too!

#### Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

**9<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

We will be promoting this important week in school.

Watch this space for more exciting information

**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.

LOVE OF LEARNING  
virtue for JANUARY

### Save the date...

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Open Classrooms - RE Focus**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February Year 4 - 10am mass at church**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February PTFA Race Night - POSTPONED**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February Year 3 - 10am mass at church**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February Mardi Gras Festival &**

**Go Bright For Bodhi Hodges Day - FUNDRAISING**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Parents' Evening (VIRTUAL)**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February Parents' Evening (FACE to FACE)**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February PTFA Race Night**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March PTFA Special General Meeting &  
Coffee Morning in school**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March Homework Project hand-in day**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March Open Classrooms - Curriculum**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
EASTER HOLIDAY**

**THIS WEEK**

PARENTS WELCOME

**TUES**

3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

**OPEN CLASSROOMS  
FROM 8:40-9:30**

