



**St Joseph's**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Believe



Achieve



Succeed

## Dear Families,

Our school was filled with colour and joy today as the children looked absolutely fabulous in their vibrant outfits to celebrate Mardi Gras. It was wonderful to see such creativity and enthusiasm, all while coming together for a very meaningful cause. By taking part, our children have helped raise money for The Bodie Hodges Foundation, showing generosity, kindness and a real sense of community spirit. We are incredibly proud of our Chaplains who chose to support this charity and to everyone for embracing the celebration so wholeheartedly and for giving so generously. Thanks to your magnificent donations we have raised £183.

**World Thinking Day on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - we invite all Guiding and Scouting Groups to wear their associated uniforms to school.**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026



Thank you for your continued support.  
Wishing you a wonderful half term break, Mrs Dabbs

## Spotlight in school

### THE BRIARS

#### Year 5 Residential to The Briars

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 class, who spent three wonderful days on residential at The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre. Throughout the trip, the children showed great independence, and resilience, embracing new experiences with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. They took part in prayer, reflection and team-building activities, deepening their faith while building stronger friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. Their excellent behaviour and willingness to support one another were a credit to themselves, their families and our school.



#### PTFA Virtual Horse Racing Night

Join us for a fun filled and exciting evening on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**, as we host our first Horse Racing Night! Enjoy watching the races on the big screen, cheer on your chosen horses and soak up the atmosphere with family and friends. A licenced bar will be available and betting is completely optional. It promises to be a great night out while helping to raise vital funds for our school community.

**Gates open at 7pm. First race at 7:30pm. £5 entry.**

## Save the date...

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)**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February Year 5 - 10am mass at church**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February PTFA Race Night in school 7pm**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day - dress up as a character from a book!**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March PTFA Special General Meeting & Coffee Morning in school 9am - 9:30am**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March Homework Project hand-in day**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March Open Classrooms - Curriculum**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 - 10am mass at church**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March St Joseph's Feast Day Mass 10am**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March Year 3 and 4 Easter Play in Our Lady of Victories Church at 2pm and 6pm**  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April EASTER HOLIDAY**



## Catholic Life

### Journey Through Lent

**Next Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday.** This special day in the Catholic calendar marks the start of Lent, a time when Christians prepare for Easter through prayer and reflection. The ashes placed on the forehead remind us to turn back to God and to live more thoughtfully. We will begin our Lenten preparations in school after the half term break. If you would like to celebrate Ash Wednesday as a family, **you are invited to join our Parish family for mass in church at 10am.**

