



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Lent term. As the signs of Spring begin to appear, the children have returned to school refreshed and re-energised, and it has been a pleasure to see their enthusiasm and joy for learning already shining through as they settle quickly back into school routines. This short five-week half term offers a valuable opportunity to build on their progress. It was also wonderful to see so many of you in school or joining us online for parents' evening this week, and we appreciate your continued support as we work together to make the most of the weeks ahead. As we begin the season of Lent, our focus in school will be to **Pray, Fast and Give**. Today the children will be bringing home their Lent Calendar to support you in taking time together as a family to reflect and grow during this special season.

Friday 27th February 2026



Thank you for your continued support.
Wishing you a relaxing weekend, Mrs Dabbs

Spotlight in school

World Book Day

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on

Thursday 5th March, a wonderful opportunity to share and celebrate our love of books and reading. The day promises to be full of fun and creativity, with the children enjoying a range of activities designed to spark imagination and inspire a lifelong love of stories. We can't wait to see the children (and staff!) dressed as their favourite book characters, and we encourage everyone to bring along a copy of the book their character appears in, if possible. Thank you, as always, for your support in helping to make this such a memorable and exciting day for the children.

Move it March! and Park and Stride

As part of the county-wide Move It March initiative, we're encouraging families to take part in Park & Stride throughout March — a simple way to build healthy travel habits, reduce congestion on the roads around school and promote a safer, more active school community. Our Park & Stride point is **The Commons Car Park**, where you'll find posters with QR codes to scan each time you join in. Scan four times to earn an entry into the prize draw, or eight times for double entries. It's also a great chance to use your **St Joseph's parking permit**, which allows free parking at school drop-off and collection times — permits are available from the school office if you need one. Thank you for supporting this initiative and helping our school community stay active and healthy.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
5 MARCH 2026

Save the date...

- Friday 27th February PTFA Race Night in school 7pm**
Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools
✨ **Our next meeting will take place in school on Wednesday 4th 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!
- Thursday 5th March World Book Day**
Friday 6th March PTFA Special General Meeting & Coffee Morning in school 9am - 9:30am
Friday 6th March Homework Project hand-in day
Tuesday 10th March Open Classrooms - Curriculum
Thursday 12th March Year 6 - 10am mass at church
Thursday 19th March St Joseph's Feast Day Mass 10am
Tuesday 24th March Year 3 and 4 Easter Play in Our Lady of Victories Church at 2pm and 6pm
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April EASTER HOLIDAY



RE - learning about Holi

Our children have really enjoyed learning about Holi this week! They explored the festival's vibrant colours, traditions and stories, and took part in creative activities that helped them understand why Holi is such a joyful celebration of spring, friendship and new beginnings. This year the festival will be celebrated on Wednesday 4th March, happy Holi to all of our Hindu families!

