



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Believe



Achieve



Succeed

Dear Families,

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our RE Open Classrooms on Tuesday. It was wonderful to welcome you in and share the children's learning with you. We would also like to thank the parents who took the time to complete one of our Parent Voice forms regarding opportunities for prayer in school. We truly value your feedback and will be building on your thoughtful ideas and suggestions. Looking ahead to the week to come, we are excited to be supporting Children's Mental Health Week in school, focusing on the theme 'This Is My Place'. This theme highlights the importance of belonging—when children feel they truly belong, they are more likely to experience positive mental health, form healthy relationships, and believe in their ability to make a difference. We invite you to join us in celebrating this theme at home by contributing to our Belonging Chain. Today, your child will receive a piece of colourful paper for your family to write or draw the ways in which you feel you belong to our school community.

Friday 6th February 2026



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

Spotlight in school



Virtue Ambassadors

Congratulations to our newly appointed Virtue Ambassadors for February! You have been recognised for living out the virtue of 'gentleness', we are so proud of you. You will be shining examples to others across the school, modelling gentleness in your words and actions! Well done to: **Greta** in Foundation, **Zofia** in Year 1, **Noah** in Year 2, **Adriel** in Year 3, **Sienna** in Year 4, **Hugo** in Year 5 & **Ella** in Year 6.

Mardi Gras meets Go BRIGHT

On Friday 13th February, the final day of this half term, we will be celebrating Mardi Gras while also raising money for a very worthy charity, The Bodie Hodges Foundation. On this day, we invite children to come to school dressed in their brightest carnival wear—this can include colourful clothing, hair colour, face paint, and fun accessories. In return, we kindly ask for a donation to support this fantastic charity. Let's work together to be the brightest school in Leicestershire while raising as much money as possible for a truly important cause!

PTFA Online Auction

Thank you for your support with our first online auction. This is a reminder that the auction closes on **Sunday 8th February 2026 at 9:00pm**. To take part, click [here](#) to view and bid on the items. We have a fantastic range of prizes!

Save the date...

Friday 6th February **PTFA Race Night - POSTPONED**
Thursday 12th February **Year 3 - 10am mass at church**
Friday 13th February **Mardi Gras Festival & Go Bright For Bodie 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 10th March **Open Classrooms - Curriculum**
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

Prayer for Children's Mental Health Week

Dear God,

Thank you for every child, for their uniqueness, their strengths, and their gentle hearts. We pray for all children who may feel worried, anxious, sad or overwhelmed. Please surround them with your love and peace, and help them to feel safe and valued in our loving care. Give them courage to talk about their feelings, and help them to know that it is okay to ask for help. Guide the adults around them — parents, carers, teachers, and friends — to listen with respect and patience. Help us to look out for one another, showing kindness and compassion to everyone in our school family. **Amen**