



**St Joseph's**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



## Dear Families,

Friday 24th April 2026

Our children have had a wonderful time celebrating Earth Day on Wednesday, taking part in a range of engaging activities that encouraged them to reflect on how we can all play a part in protecting our planet. They have also been learning about David Attenborough in the lead-up to his 100th birthday. A truly inspiring local figure, he is renowned for his remarkable nature documentaries, including the acclaimed Planet Earth series, and has dedicated his life to raising awareness of wildlife, conservation, and climate change. The children have enjoyed exploring his life and legacy, and understanding how his work continues to inspire people around the world to care for the environment.

These experiences reflect our whole-school values and link closely with our passion for Forest School, where children build a strong connection with the natural world through hands-on outdoor learning. By exploring nature first-hand and learning from influential figures such as David Attenborough, our pupils are encouraged to become thoughtful, responsible, and environmentally aware individuals who understand the importance of caring for our world.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Mrs Dabbs

## Spotlight in school

### **FINANCIAL LITERACY & EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE**

We're delighted to be launching our Financial Literacy and Emotional Resilience programme for Year 5 as part of the Thrive! Forward initiative. This exciting programme is delivered in partnership with Market Harborough Building Society, Mind, and WizeUp, and focuses on building essential life skills that will support our pupils both now and in the future.

These are vital topics that can make a lasting, positive difference to children's wellbeing and future opportunities. If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please speak to Mr Hooley.

### **SUMMER FETE**

A huge thank you to our parents and carers for your very generous donations towards our Summer Fete. We have received lots of fabulous bottles and an exciting range of prizes for our tombola—your support is truly appreciated and will help make the event a great success.

Our next non-school uniform day will be on Friday 1st May, in exchange for donations of sweets and chocolate. We will also be holding our final non-school uniform day on Friday 15th May, where we invite children to bring in a filled jar. **Please note that Year 3 will have their non-school uniform day will instead take place on Thursday 14th May.**

Jars can be filled with a variety of treats such as LEGO, small toys, hair accessories, wrapped sweets, chocolates, crafts, or stationery—get as creative as you like!

## Save the date...

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April: Choir of the Year Competition at DMH**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April: Tackling the Screendemic at 7pm**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Non-school uniform for the Summer Fete**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Open Classroom - English Focus**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May SATs Week for Year 6**  
**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May: Non-school uniform for the Fete (Y3 ONLY)**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Non-school uniform for the Summer Fete**



We are thrilled to announce...  
**PTFA Summer Fete**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 | 11am - 3pm**



**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**HALF TERM BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June Homework Project hand in day**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June Open Classroom - Curriculum Focus**

**EXCITED TO**  
**HOST**

Please do bring your family, friends and neighbours along...

## Tackling the Screendemic: Are Screens Taking Over?

We invite you to join us at the school for this community event, in partnership with Neil O'Brien MP and featuring guest speaker Dr Sanjiv Nichani OBE, Consultant Paediatrician at Leicester Children's Hospital.

**THURSDAY 30 APRIL - 7:00PM**

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