



**St Joseph's**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Believe



Achieve



Succeed

**Dear Families,**

Friday 17th April 2026

Welcome back after the Easter break – it has been a real pleasure to see the children return to school so settled, hardworking and ready for the term ahead. They have shown great enthusiasm in their learning already, reflecting our virtue for this month, Faithfulness, as they continue to grow in confidence, commitment and kindness. We have a very busy and exciting term planned, with lots for children and families to look forward to, including our Summer Fete, Year 6 leavers' celebrations, the Year 5 and 6 production, transition day to new classes, and welcoming our new admissions for 2026. Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we move into a wonderful summer term together.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Mrs Dabbs



Our virtue for April is...  
**FAITHFULNESS**

**EXCITED TO**  
**HOST**



**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 CBE, Consultant Paediatrician at Leicester Children's Hospital.

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

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**Spotlight in school**

**CHOIR OF THE YEAR**



We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Thompson and our choir will be performing again at the Leicestershire Music School Choir of the Year Competition - Grand Final on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7pm at De Montfort Hall. We wish them all the best of luck as they compete against the following schools: Gartree, Newlands, Thomas Estley, Sacred Heart, Wreake Valley, English Martyrs & Little Hill.

**SUMMER FETE COLLECTIONS**

We are looking forward to our Summer Fete and preparations are well under way thanks to our wonderful PTFA! As we do each year in the run up to the big day we will be holding **THREE** non-school uniform days, in exchange for items for stalls at the fete.

Our **FIRST** non-school uniform day will be on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** in exchange for bottles and tombola gifts.

Our **SECOND** non-school uniform day will be on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May** in exchange for sweets and chocolate.

Our **THIRDS** non-school uniform day will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** in exchange for filled jars *\*Please note that as Year 3 will be on a trip on this day, their non-school uniform day will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May.*

Please bring your jars filled with treats such as lego, toys, hair accessories, sweets (in wrappers), chocolates, crafts or stationary!

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. With your help, we will be sure to have a wonderful community event!

**Save the date...**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Non-school uniform for the Fete**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Non-school uniform for the 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 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**

**Message from Fr Chris**

Diocesan Pastoral plan 2026 to 2030 called **"GO MAKE DISCIPLES"**

Encounter discipleship and Mission

We hope to begin our response after Easter!

A presentation of the Plan at masses on 18 & 19 April 2026

**A Beginning: Where are we as a Parish? Where would we like be?**

An initial meeting: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm with representatives from Parish groups & PPC.

For all Parishioners 6 May 2026 7.30pm in Octagonal Hall;

Please take a summary of the Plan or see all the resources at <https://gomakedisciples.uk/>

**Please pray for the Good of our Parish**

Go  
make  
disciples