



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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Dear Families,

Friday 1st May 2026

What a wonderful week it has been at school. The children have been working incredibly hard and making the most of the sunny weather. The highlight of the week, however, has to be the outstanding achievement of our choir. We are incredibly proud that St Joseph's Choir has been awarded School Choir of the Year following their fantastic performance at De Montfort Hall on Tuesday 28th April. The children sang with confidence, talent and joy—well done to them all, and a special thank you to Mrs Thompson for her dedication and leadership.

We also warmly invite our school community to have their say on the Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2026–2030, “Go Make Disciples” (Encounter, Discipleship and Mission). If you are interested in joining with our parish discussion about this plan, please do come along on **Wednesday 6th May at 7:30pm** in the Octagonal Hall to share your thoughts on the future of our parish. The discussions so far have included communication across the parish, welcoming of new people and supporting our youth. Would you like to add to these discussions? We would love to hear from you!

Wishing you a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, Mrs Dabbs

Spotlight in school

Parents In Need – Support group @ St Joseph's

Over the last few months St Joseph's has been part of a **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity** pilot scheme. There have been meetings run by facilitators and it has brought parents and teachers together to understand what is required from the Parenting / Teaching partnership in relation to SEND within our school.

One thing we have found invaluable is having a relaxed open environment to talk freely amongst ourselves and with the attending teaching staff. We have found we are not alone in the parenting challenges and would really welcome anyone who wishes to come along.

The pilot scheme has now ended and has been handed over to us to carry on the good work that has been started.

We will be holding the group on these dates:

Wednesday 20th May: 1:45pm & Friday 26th June: 9am

You don't need to come along to all of them. Just come and have a chat, see what it's all about.

SUMMER FETE

A huge thank you to our parents and carers for your very generous donations towards our Summer Fete, so far.

Our FINAL non-school uniform day will be 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...

Monday 4th May: BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 8th May Open Classroom - English Focus

Monday 11th May SATs Week for Year 6

Thurs 14th May: Non-school uniform for the Fete (Y3 ONLY)

Friday 15th May: Non-school uniform for the Summer Fete



We are thrilled to announce...

PTFA Summer Fete

Saturday 16th May 2026 | 11am - 3pm



**Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
HALF TERM BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 15th June Homework Project hand in day

Friday 19th June Open Classroom - Curriculum Focus

Invacuation

Next week, we will be carrying out an invacuation practice in school. This involves bringing all children safely inside and securing the building as a precaution. While we hope this is something we never need to use, practising ensures that both staff and pupils know how to respond calmly and safely. An invacuation may be necessary in situations such as smoke from a nearby fire or an animal on the school grounds. We will explain the process to the children in a gentle and reassuring way, the practice will be carried out calmly, with their wellbeing at the centre of everything we do.