



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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Dear Families,

Good luck to all of our Year 6 children, along with Year 6 pupils across the country, who will be taking their SATs next week. These tests are a reflection of all their hard work throughout their journey at St Joe's, and we are incredibly proud of them. We wish them every success and ask God to fill them with confidence, calmness and determination during the week ahead. As we approach the culmination of the Easter season, we also look forward to two important celebrations in school. On **Thursday 14th May**, we will celebrate **Ascension Day**, when Jesus returned to His Father in Heaven. We warmly invite all family and friends to join us for **Mass in church at 1:30pm**. Our final Easter celebration will take place on **Thursday 21st May** with our annual **Pentecost Parties**, celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. Children will take part in a prayer session in our Forest School and are **invited to wear RED** on this day — the colour of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, next week we will also be marking **National Mental Health Week: Take Action**.

To find out more, please [click here](#).

Friday 8th May 2026



Wishing you a lovely weekend, Mrs Dabbs

Spotlight in school

SUMMER FETE

Our FINAL non-school uniform day is 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 on Thursday 14th May.** We encourage ALL children to wear something GREEN on their non-school uniform day to show support for **Metal Health Awareness Week**.

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!

Join us for our Summer Fete — with delicious food, live singers, cocktail bar, games, and fun for all the family!

🎵🎶🍰🍷 **Don't forget the Great St Joe's Bake Off!**

To make the day a huge success, we're asking for parents / families to volunteer to help run one of our stalls: beat the buzzer, hook a duck, hole in one, jam jar tombola, bottle tombola, sweet tombola or the lucky dip!

Even a small amount of time would make a big difference. If you can help, please get in touch with **Jo Thorpe: Chair of the PTFA on 07944 445445**. Thanks for your support!

Parents In Need – Support group @ St Joseph's

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.



Save the date...

Monday 11th May: SATs Week for Year 6

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

Thurs 14th May: Ascension Day Mass in church 1:30pm

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

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

Weds 20th May: Foundation & Year 1 Mass in school 9:30

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

Wednesday 1st July Sports Day

Prayer for all children sitting exams

Dear God,
You KNOW us by name, you CALL us by name
our name is PRECIOUS to you.
We lift to you all those who are preparing for exams.
Bring peace to their bodies,
allow clarity to reign in their minds.
God of peace surround them,
God of power go before them,
God of love hold and sustain them. Amen

