



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Believe



Achieve



Succeed

Dear Families,

Friday 28th August 2026

A very warm welcome back to another exciting school year at St Joseph's and a warm welcome to our new families who have joined us in Foundation class - we are thrilled that you are now part of our St Joseph's family! It has been wonderful to have the children back in school, and we have been so impressed by how quickly and happily they have settled back into school life. They have returned full of enthusiasm and ready to learn – and they look incredibly smart in their school uniforms.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead and all the opportunities it will bring for learning, growing, achieving and making special memories together.

As we begin this new school year, we would like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. It is this strong sense of working together that makes our St Joseph's family such a special community.

Here's to a happy, successful and exciting year ahead for us all! **God bless, from Mrs Dabbs**

New year, new start!

St Joseph's Journey

What a wonderful start to the new year we have had... it has been so heart-warming to see how hard the children are working in class and

showing 'super walking' around school. They have loved hearing our message for the new year... **'We are a school family, we work together, we support each other.'** We have talked about how we can make our school the best that it can be! The children have been given the mission to support each other, by following our school promises of being kind, working hard and making the right choices. We have also explored how we can follow the example of our school patron saint on our St Joseph's Journey through Primary School.

LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR

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Attendance - Every School Day Matters

Being in school every day helps children to learn, grow in confidence and feel part of our St Joseph's family. Missing school means missing not only lessons, but also friendships, experiences and special moments.

We understand that, on occasion, your child may be too unwell to come to school. Please refer to our attached information leaflet, **'Is my child too ill for school?'**, for helpful guidance.

If attendance is becoming difficult, please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Dabbs. We are here to listen, support and work together – **small steps can make a big difference.**

Notices

School Uniform & PE Kit

Children should come to school in **full school uniform** every day, except on their designated PE day, when they should wear their **full PE kit** to school.

If your child's PE lesson is **swimming**, they should come to school in full school uniform and bring their swimming kit with them. Thank you for your support in helping our children look smart and ready for school each day.

From next week your child's PE days will be:

Monday: Year 3, Year 6 and Year 5 swimming

Tuesday: Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5

Wednesday: Year 1 and Year 3

Thursday: Year 2 and Year 4

Friday: Foundation, Year 1 and Year 6



Catholic Life

This year, we're excited to take on a special new challenge – learning a verse of Scripture by heart for each of our virtues, helping God's Word guide us every day!



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind and love your neighbour as you love yourself."

Luke 10:27