



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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Dear Families,

Friday 25th September 2026

*Love of Neighbour
virtue for
September*

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for **Open Classrooms** on Tuesday. I know that the children enjoyed showing you, their family, inside their new classroom and they loved being able to show off their super maths learning! We are so proud of how well the children have settled into their new classes and how hard they have been working in all their lessons. If you weren't able to make this Open Classroom, we hope that you can make the next one which will be on **Thursday 19th November**. The next focus will be learning across our wider curriculum and celebrating the children's homework projects. We hope to see you there!

As we move into October next week, we will be preparing for our Harvest Celebration. On Tuesday 6th October, Fr Chris will be celebrating Mass in school for all of our children, including our Foundation children, who will be attend the first half of the mass. We warmly invite all of our families and parish to celebrate this special celebration with us. We also ask that on this day, children bring in donations for our local community, which we will donate to the Jubilee Foodbank in Market Harborough. You can click [here](#) to find out what items they are in need of. Thank you in advance.

Have a wonderful weekend and God bless, Mrs Dalbis

Updates from St Joe's

Park & Stride Prize Day - Tuesday 29th September

The fabulous team from South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership will be on the school gate this coming Tuesday from **8:30am**. The children will be greeted by the team and their mascot **Spike**, who will be handing out stickers and prizes to all children who walk at least 5 minutes away from school. We encourage families to park at The Commons Car Park on this day, using our school permits. By parking there every day it helps to keep the roads around our school safer and greener!

We hope that as many families as possible will join us for this fun and healthy initiative, whether your child walks, scoots, or cycles, your participation will help to make our school environment safer. A special thank you to our Breakfast Club Team, who will be supporting the children in joining in with this fun initiative.



Thrive!

Last academic year, our year 5 children (now in year 6) were part of a very exciting project combining Financial Literacy and emotional resilience learning through the Thrive! programme. The programme was delivered in partnership with, Market Harborough Building Society, Mind and WizeUp. As the children continue with the programme this year, they have been tasked to raise money for a project of their choice! The Year 6 children have spoken and they would like to purchase leavers hoodies for every child in their class for the end of this academic year. Throughout the year they will lead fundraising events to help them achieve their goal. Their first event will be a **cake sale in the school playground at 3pm on Friday 9th October**.

Dates for your diary

Tues 29th Sept Park & Stride Prize Day 8:30am

October is Black History Month

[Families can find out more here...](#)

Tues 6th Oct Harvest Mass in School at 9:30am

Mon 12th Oct Parents' Evening from 4:30-7pm

Tues 13th Oct Parents' Evening from 3:30-6pm

(More information about booking your time slot will follow)

HALF TERM

MON 19th October to FRI 23rd October

Mon 26th Oct Back to school

Mon 16th Nov Homework project hand-in day

Thurs 19th Nov Open Classroom (Curriculum focus)

Fri 20th Nov **SCHOOL CLOSED** - Staff training day

Catholic Life

We warmly invite all family, friends and all in our community to the following Mass:

Tuesday 6th October at 9:30am in school

Harvest Mass

"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

