



**St Joseph's**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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Dear Families,

Friday 16th October 2026

**Goodness  
virtue for  
October**

What a wonderful first half term it has been! We are incredibly proud of all our children, who have made such a fabulous start to the new school year. It was lovely to celebrate their many successes with you at Parents' Evening on Monday and Tuesday, and to reflect on just how much they have already achieved. Thank you to everyone who has completed our parent survey. Your feedback is really important to us, and if you haven't yet had the chance to take part, the survey will remain open until Friday 30th October. We look forward to hearing from you. [Just click here](#). Thank you.

A huge congratulations to our newly appointed Eco Team: **Year 2**, Sophie, **Year 3**, Loxley and Arthur, **Year 4**, AJ, Louis, Ayanna and Oscar, **Year 5**, Maria and **Year 6**, Christopher and Charlie! We are so proud of them all and know that their enthusiasm, ideas and commitment will make a real difference to helping our school and wider community to be more ECO friendly.

Finally, we are so proud of Sam and Gemma in our kitchen who have achieved 5 stars from Environmental Health after their visit to the school kitchen on Tuesday this week. What a brilliant way to finish such a positive first half term!



Have a wonderful weekend and God bless, Mrs Dalbis

## Updates from St Joe's



### Parents In Need – Support group @ St Joe's

We will be holding the first gathering on **Tuesday 27th October at 8:45am-9:30am**. This friendly support group for parents is an opportunity for you to gather together, have a chat and ask any questions you may have about support for your child.

### Stars Performance

We are delighted that the Market Harborough Educational Trust (MHET) is bringing back its popular Stars Performance evening on **Friday 13 November**. Led by Karen Liddle and Allie Whelan, the event will feature a fantastic line-up of returning acts and raise valuable funds to support our children's education. Tickets are £15 and available from the school office. The ticket price includes snacks, and a licensed bar will be available. Tickets are expected to sell quickly, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

### Attendance and Punctuality

| Class      | Attendance | Class      | Lates  |
|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Foundation | 98.7% ★    | Year 5     | 1.9% ★ |
| Year 3     | 98.4%      | Year 3     | 2.4%   |
| Year 5     | 97.1%      | Year 1     | 2.5%   |
| Year 4     | 96.9%      | Year 6     | 2.8%   |
| Year 6     | 95.2%      | Foundation | 3.9%   |
| Year 1     | 93.4%      | Year 4     | 4.2%   |
| Year 2     | 93.0%      | Year 2     | 4.6%   |

## Dates for your diary

**Mon 26th October** Back to school

**Fri 30th Oct** All Saints Celebration (dress as your favourite Saint) Mass in Church at 9:30am

**Fri 6th Nov** PTFA Family Fun Event at **3:30pm** in school

**Mon 16th Nov** Homework project hand-in day

**Thurs 19th Nov** Open Classroom (Curriculum focus)

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

**Mon 30th Nov** Whole School Advent Mass in Church

**Wed 2nd & Thurs 3rd Dec** Foundation Nativity in Church at **2pm** (all family and friends are welcome to come!)

**Fri 4th Dec** Menphys Carol Concert at De Monfort Hall

**Tues 8th Dec** Year 1 & 2 Nativity in school **2pm & 6pm**

**Wed 9th Dec** Year 1 & 2 Nativity in school **9:30am**

**Mon 14th Dec** Benediction in Church at **11:30am**

**Fri 18th Dec** Christmas Liturgy in Church at **9:30am**

## Catholic Life

**Our Parish Carol Concert on Sunday 13th December at 3pm in Our Lady of Victories**

We warmly invite all our families and children to join us and for the first time ever, we are inviting all children to come dressed as their favourite character from the Nativity Story! Whether they choose to be an angel, shepherd, king or even a little donkey, we know they will love being part of this special celebration.

