



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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Dear Families,

Friday 9th October 2026

**Goodness
virtue for
October**

We started the week with a wonderful assembly - H2O Showdown - which was led by the great team at Severn Trent. This important assembly helped to raise awareness about saving water and looking after our environment. The children joined in enthusiastically and the team would like to know if the children have shared these key messages at home. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete the following Parent/guardian survey. Anyone who complete the survey will be entered into a quarterly prize draw!

On Monday, we will be holding a special assembly to mark Black History Month. Black History Month is an opportunity to remember important moments in history and to celebrate the achievements, contributions and influence of Black people in the UK and around the world. It highlights the rich heritage, culture and experiences that have helped shape our communities and society. First established in the UK in 1987, Black History Month encourages everyone to share, celebrate and learn about Black history and culture. It is a time to recognise inspiring individuals, reflect on their achievements, and learn more about the positive impact they have had on our world.

In school we will be exploring some of the remarkable stories of Black leaders, innovators, artists, scientists and campaigners. Learning about their lives and achievements helps us celebrate diversity, understand one another better, and appreciate the unique gifts each person brings to our communities.

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.

The Importance of Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality are essential for every child's success at school. Being in school every day and arriving on time helps children build confidence, develop positive routines, and make the most of every learning opportunity. Even a small amount of missed learning can add up over time, making it harder for children to keep up with their classmates. Arriving promptly also ensures that children start the day calmly and are ready to learn from the very first lesson. By working together to promote excellent attendance and punctuality, we can help every child achieve their full potential and enjoy all that school has to offer. From next week we will be sharing the attendance and punctuality statistics for each class each week - celebrating the high expectations in our community. Thank you for your continued support with attendance and punctuality.

Dates for your diary

October is Black History Month

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

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

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

(Please book your time slot online - all meetings are Face-to-Face)

HALF TERM

MON 19th October to FRI 23rd October

Mon 26th Oct 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

Catholic Life

HELLO YELLOW! ♥

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our Hello Yellow day. Your donations helped to raise **£128** for Young Minds, raising awareness and funds for young people's mental health. [Click here for information](#)

Harvest Donations

Thank you also for your very generous donations to our collection for the Jubilee Foodbank. We are so blessed to be part of such a kind and generous community.

