St Joseph's CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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Dear Families, Friday 30th October 2026

Goodness Virtue for October

Welcome back to our final half of the Advent Term and as always an exciting one - so much to look forward to!

Our first event this term is the ***PTFA Bonfire Family Fun Night on Friday 6th November from 3:30pm*** *in the school playground. Please join us for a treasure hunt, toasting marshmallows, hot chocolate and sparklers - fun for all of the family.*

Our next event is the an evening of entertainment for adults only as the ***MHET present Stars in Your Eyes on Friday 13th November at 7:30pm*** *This event promises to be spectacular, as our PTFA veterans take to the stage for one night only, as they regroup to put on a star-studded show. Tickets are selling fast... please purchase yours from the School Office so that you can come along to this fun-filled night, enjoy the entertainment and raise funds for St Joseph's.*

We are proud to announce that St Joseph's has been awarded the ***'Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition and Quality'*** *from the national association, Music Mark. This prestigious award, which only the top 10% of school achieve, has been given to the school to acknowledge the high quality music provision that we provide. A huge congratulation must go to Mrs Thompson for her dedication to providing the best musical opportunities for our children. We would also like to thank her and all the peripatetic music teachers at St Joe's for their hard work and committment - you are a wonderful team!*

Have a wonderful weekend and God bless, Mrs Dabbs

Updates from St Joe's

CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER

We're once again joining our Parish to celebrate this special event. This year our School Choir will perform at 11am, and we'll be running the Toy Stall, Chocolate Tombola and creating Christmas Hampers to raffle. To collect donations, we will be holding themed days in school - in exchange for items for our stalls. Our first themed day is ***Friday 6th November*** *when the children can come dressed to school in their own clothes and ready for our Bonfire Family Fun Night. On this day we ask for donations towards the class hampers. We are collecting:*

Foundation: *Christmas stocking fillers (small toys or teddies)*
Year 1: *Christmas decorations*
Year 2: *Christmas sweet treats (puddings, mince pies)*
Year 3: *Christmas savoury treats (crackers, crisps, olives)*
Year 4: *Christmas comforts (bubble bath, soap, candles)*
Year 5: *Christmas activities (games, colouring books, pens)*
Year 6: *Christmas drinks (hot chocolate, tea, coffee, alcohol)*

Attendance and Punctuality

Class	Attendance	Class	Lates
Year 5	95.45%	Year 3	0.6%
Year 3	92.22%	Year 6	1.04%
Year 6	92.19%	Year 4	2.3%
Year 1	92.04%	Foundation	2.76%
Year 4	90.8%	Year 1	2.99%
Year 2	90.34%	Year 5	3.03%
Foundation	90.34%	Year 2	3.86%

Dates for your diary

Fri 6th Nov: *PTFA Family Fun Event at* ***3:30pm*** *in school*
Tues 10th Nov: Dress in your own clothes (in exchange for sweets & choclolates for the Bazaar)
Mon 16th Nov: *Homework project hand-in day*
Mon 16th Nov Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week (in exchange for pre-loved toys for the Christmas Bazaar)
Thurs 19th Nov: *Open Classroom (Curriculum focus)*
Fri 20th Nov: SCHOOL CLOSED *- Staff training day*
Mon 30th Nov: *Whole School Advent Mass in Church*
Tues 1st & Wed 2nd Dec: *Foundation Nativity in Chruch 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

Thank you to all the children (and parents!) for making such a wonderful effort with their Saints costumes today - we have had a truly wonderful celebration in school and church to mark the special feast of ALL SAINTS DAY which takes place on Sunday 1st November. Happy Feast Day!



Dear God, *Thank you for all the saints who loved you so much. Help us to be kind, brave, and loving like they were. Show us how to follow Jesus every day. We want to be your saints too!* ***Amen***