



'Live, love and learn in a caring Christian community'

### **Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of the academic year! It has certainly been eventful! As always, it would be impossible to capture everything from the past half term here, but I hope this newsletter will give you a flavour of life at St Joseph's over the past seven weeks.

#### **Awards Assembly**

As you know, each child has received an award this year during our half termly assemblies for the way in which they have followed our SAINTS rules.

During our awards assembly last week, we celebrated the following children for being wonderful role models in the way that they have consistently lived out our Mission Statement throughout the year:

Cedar	Lottie Westwood and Matei Kozak
Cherry	Jessica Pullen and Louie Kerlake
Elm	Maggie Skelton and Elliott Ng
Fir	Fred McElhinney and Penelope Murphy
Hazel	Vincent Self and Laura Coman
Maple	Beau Clarke and Helia Lam
Oak	George Westwood and Olive Newman
Pine	Cillian Sweeney and Nancy Tilley
Poplar	Rafael Saboya Santos and Olivia Tunmore
Rowan	Adam Nosworthy and Lucy Grimley
Sycamore	Charlie Gannon-O'Leary and Maja Wloszczak
Willow	Raymon Kelaj and Ida Miller

#### **House points for the Summer Term:**

Saint Anthony	6,408
St Margaret Clitherow	5,124
Saint Bernadette	6,591
Saint Oscar Romero	6,407
Saint Pope John Paul II	5,267

Well done to every single child – you have all contributed to the totals for this term!

Congratulations to the children in St Bernadette – I know you all thoroughly enjoyed your well-deserved collective reward!

## Year 6 SATs:

We are absolutely delighted to share our Year 6 SATs results with you:

### **Reading:**

	St Joseph's 2025	National 2025
Working at or above the expected standard	<b>92%</b>	75%
Working at greater depth	<b>42%</b>	33%

### **Maths:**

	St Joseph's 2025	National 2025
Working at or above the expected standard	<b>92%</b>	74%
Working at greater depth	<b>48%</b>	26%

### **Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling:**

	St Joseph's 2025	National 2025
Working at or above the expected standard	<b>90%</b>	73%
Working at greater depth	<b>50%</b>	30%

Huge congratulations to all our Year 6 children; your hard work, determination and resilience all paid off!

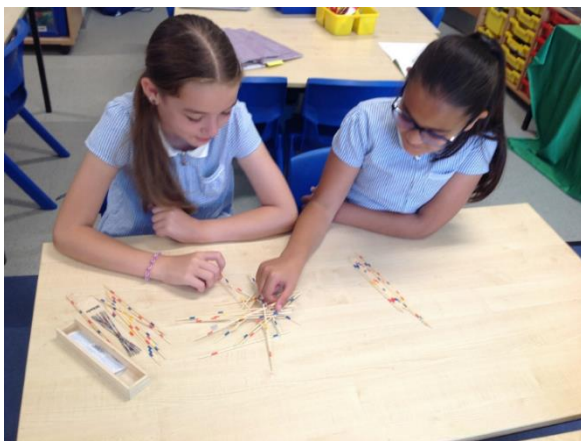
### News from the School council:

Our School Council Representatives have been very productive this year. They liaised between the children in their classes and our PTA. They wrote proposals to the PTA to ensure the wishes of the children in their classes were met. Thank you to the PTA for listening attentively and considering the children's ideas.

Thank you to the School Council for your commitment to this project and all your hard work throughout the year.

This term, the dedicated School Council Representatives helped to organise lunchtime clubs and supported the younger children in our 'Games Club' and our 'Construction Club'. They also helped to manage our 'Speed Stacking Club'. Well done for checking the resources to ensure that a good time could be had by all. It has been great to see the children enjoying themselves!

Some of the younger School Councillors also carefully cared for the flowering plants in the planters. They discovered how our wildlife enjoys plants as much as we do! The squirrels were drawn to the bulbs we planted, and the snails and slugs enjoyed munching on the vegetation. A wonderful learning experience was had by all. Thank you for not giving up!



### Sporting News:



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the second year in a row! The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We entered twenty inter-school competitions this year and are exceptionally proud of all the children who took part.

Four of these competitions had an overall winner who progressed to county finals and for the first time ever we were successful in two competitions! We were Tennis County Finalists and Basketball County Champions 2025 - an amazing achievement! Thank you so much to all the children, staff and parents who helped make this possible.



### Success in Science:

Congratulations to Abigail in Oak Class (Year 4), who has been announced as the winner of our Trust-wide Science Week competition.

Abigail created an exceptional poster exploring the theme of *'Changing and Adapting'*, demonstrating both creativity and a clear understanding of key scientific concepts. Her work stood out for its thoughtful presentation, engaging visuals and insightful explanation of how living things adapt to their environments.

We are incredibly proud of Abigail's achievement and delighted that her hard work and enthusiasm for Science have been recognised at a Trust level. Well done, Abigail – a truly well-deserved achievement!



### Staff Farewells:

At the end of this school year, we say farewell to the following members of staff:

**Miss Theunissen** – thank you for guiding Elm Class for the summer term; taking on a class in the middle of the year is not easy, and you have shown real care for each child.

**Mrs Canny** – you have formed the children you have taught into respectful, independent young people, who have a desire to be the best versions of themselves, through the care and compassion you have shown them. We wish you well in your new school.

**Mrs Duhig** – you are a true model for our whole school community for how to follow in Jesus' footsteps and are always willing and ready to go the extra mile to help anyone. We wish you a well-deserved restful retirement.

**Mrs Ogilvie** – you have set a wonderful example to the children and your colleagues through your calm nature and extremely conscientious attitude. I'm sure you will rise to the challenges that your new role working with children with special educational needs will bring.

We thank them all for their hard work and dedication to the school during their time here. They have all enriched the lives of our children and our school community and we wish them all the very best for the future.

We wish **Mrs Kitchen** a wonderful maternity leave; we look forward to her return in the Summer Term.

#### **Key dates for the Autumn Term:**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: **INSET Days – school closed to pupils**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Pupils return to school

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: **HALF TERM**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: **End of Term 13.30**

On behalf of all the staff, I thank you sincerely for your support of the school this year, and I wish you all a wonderful summer.

We look forward to the start of the new school year, which will begin for the pupils on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Until then, I leave you with the words of my favourite Irish blessing; the words feel appropriate for the members of our school family that we will see again in September as well as those that will be leaving us to join new schools:

*May the road rise to you meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
And the rain fall soft upon your fields,  
And, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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