



‘Live, love and learn in a caring Christian community’

### **Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to drop you a quick note with a few pieces of information and the dates for the next couple of months.

#### **Baby Kitchen:**

Our congratulations go to Mr and Mrs Kitchen on the birth of their beautiful baby boy – Ethan. We wish them all every blessing.



#### **Rosary Prayer Sessions:**

It was heartwarming to see so many parents and grandparents attending our Rosary prayer session last Wednesday, which was led by the Chaplaincy Team. You are all warmly invited to join us every Wednesday morning in the month of October from 8.40 in the studio for 10-15 minutes of peace, quiet and prayerful reflection at the start of the day.



### **Parent and Pupil Survey Results:**

Thank you to all those parents who provided their feedback via the parent survey at the end of the last academic year. The data was collated and analysed by the Trust and the following highlights have been identified:

- 96% of parents would recommend St Joseph's to another parent.
- 97% state that the school provides a good Catholic education.
- 93% state that the staff are good role models for their children.

At the end of the last academic year, the pupils were all given the opportunity to provide feedback on their experiences at school. Below is a summary of the findings:

- 97% of pupils would recommend this school to another child.
- 100% of pupils state that they have a trusted adult in school to talk to.
- 95% of pupils state that their teachers help them to be the best that they can be.

The area identified as an action point in both the parent and the pupil surveys relates to the children's opportunities to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular provision. As a result, this will be a key part of our school development plan this year; we are looking to introduce a wider variety of before and after school clubs as well as enhancing our forest school area to enrich the pupils' extra-curricular provision during the school day. I look forward to sharing the impact of these actions later in the year.

#### **Key dates for October, November and December:**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October: flu vaccinations

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Rosary before school (8.40am)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October: Willow Class Retreat at the parish centre

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Sycamore Class Retreat at the parish centre

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Parent Café for parents of children with SEND – invitations from Mrs Rogers

#### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Half Term**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November: School Association Movie Night \*\*TBC

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Open Day for prospective parents

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November: School Association Christmas Disco

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Parents' Evening\*

\*Further information regarding booking slots will follow

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> (9.30am) and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> (2pm) December: Year 1 Advent Liturgy

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> (9.30am) and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> (2pm) December: Year 2 Nativity

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> (2pm) and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> (9.30) December: Reception Nativity

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Nursery Family Christmas Celebration

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December: School Association Christmas market

#### **A Prayerful Reflection:**

The children have all been learning about the gifts of Creation during RE lessons; I encourage you to go for a walk as a family and spot the signs of Autumn that are all around us. Perhaps you could share with your child one part of God's beautiful Creation that you are grateful for.



