



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

Newsletter 24th October 2025

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy half term at St Joseph's; we are delighted to share some of our successes and achievements with you.

Rosary

It was wonderful to see so many parents and children joining together to pray the Rosary on Wednesday mornings. Thank you to our Chaplaincy Team for leading these sessions.



Sports News:

We've had an exciting start to the year with three brilliant sporting events that showcased our pupils' enthusiasm, teamwork, and growing skills.

Boccia Festival: Children from Years 2 and 5 had a wonderful morning learning new skills and enjoying the inclusive nature of Boccia. It was a joy to see their confidence grow throughout the session.



Year 3 Golf Competition: Our Year 3 team impressed everyone with their determination and fantastic golf skills, finishing a superb **second place overall**—a brilliant achievement!



Basketball Festival: The Year 6 team demonstrated excellent teamwork and resilience, scoring some brilliant baskets and showing great sportsmanship throughout the event.



Little Princess Trust:

One of our children will be donating his hair to the Little Princess Trust. Please see the attached link for further information and to donate:

[Katia Badhan is fundraising for Little Princess Trust](#)

Year 6 Retreat Days:

On Thursday 9th October and Friday 10th October, Year 6 were lucky enough to be the first classes of this academic year to participate in the retreats led by St Joseph's Parish.

The theme of the day was Transformers. Year 6 is a very special year where, with God's guidance, we are able to transform ourselves into anyone we want to be.

We learnt about the story of Zaccheaus: a wealthy tax collector from the time of Jesus, who completely transformed his life to spread the word of God. In groups, we made 'Faith-Bots' and thought about if we had the power to create a special bot with magical powers, what would we create? Ideas included: arms to help the homeless, a water gun to spray holy water, special feet designed to pick-up litter and many more.

We are very grateful for these special days, and we now have a much more solid understanding of how we can 'transform' ourselves on our Year 6 journey.



Staffing News:

Mrs Wawerek is leaving the Family of St Joseph's today after 8 years of dedication and commitment to the children of our school as she embarks on a new adventure working in a residential setting for children. We will be very sorry to see her go and we wish her all the very best.

We have successfully recruited three new teaching assistants who will be joining our team once all their safeguarding and pre-employment checks have been completed, which I am hoping will be in early-mid November. Further information to follow.

House Points for this half term:

St Anthony: 3,983

St Margaret Clitherow: 5,363

St Oscar Romero: 3,405

St Bernadette: 2,140

St Pope John Paul II: 4,962

Congratulations to the children in St Margaret Clitherow; you will receive your surprise reward the week after half term!

Awards Assembly

Each half term, six children from each class will be acknowledged for their efforts to live out our school rules and for trying hard to act in a 'saintly' way.

S	Safe choices and listening.
A	Always remembering to be honest, kind and gentle.
I	I do the best I can, and I help others to do the same.
N	Noticing and acting when someone needs help.
T	Treating ourselves, our community and our property with respect.
S	St Joseph's is a place where we follow in Jesus' footsteps.

This half term, we say a huge 'well done' to the following children:

S	Toby, Jovane, Sebastian S, Aleksander C, Ramsey, Spencer, Teddy, Aoife, Maeve, Matthew T, Rafael S, Natalie.
A	Emmeline, Daria, Sophia O, Matei K, Fred, Mary, Vincent S, Ethan L, Evie, George W, Alice J, Emily M.
I	Vicente, Louis T, Elsie, Victoria T, Tanya, Luca C, Eddie, Sebastian C, Cillian, Antonio D, Poppy J, Michal.
N	Selena Z, Annamarie, Mila, Amelia R, Emilia D, Millie Ma, Orla, Erin, Clark, Olive, Andrew, Ben D.
T	Isabella B, Théa, Joao, Eden K, Penelope, Raphael R, Juliette O, Edward, Ruramai, Amelia M, Hannah M, Nina.
S	Ava H, Noah, Antonio B, Arabella, Hanson, Delilah H, Laura, Rosa, Nancy, Teiran, Leah, Leo S.

Key dates for November and December:

Thursday 6th November: School Association Movie Night

Thursday 6th and Tuesday 18th November: Open Day for prospective parents

Tuesday 25th November: School Association 'Christmas' Disco

Tuesday 27th November and Tuesday 2nd December: Parents' Evening*

*Further information regarding booking slots will follow

Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd December: Year 1 Advent liturgy for parents

Thursday 4th and Tuesday 9th December: Year 2 Nativity to parents
Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th December: Reception Nativity to parents
Wednesday 17th December: Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day – we will be collecting items for the food bank on this day.
Friday 19th December: End of Term (1.30pm)

A child's prayer for our global family:

**Dear God,
Speak to our hearts and help us to see that we are one big family.
Old or young, short or tall, wherever we live, you made us all.
Help us to share, however hard it seems, to make our world fair,
And live out our dreams.
Amen.**



I wish you all a restful half-term, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd November.

Ann Cassidy-Jones
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