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*"To live, love and learn
in a caring Christian Community"*

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Testimony for Travel Plan

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we are totally committed to active and sustainable travel. We continually encourage our children to walk, cycle or scoot to school. As a Catholic school, we have children that live in many areas of Hertfordshire and Essex, that fully walking to school for them is not possible, however we always encourage our parents to park and stride to school. We continue to deliver many impactful initiatives throughout the academic year. This includes:

Bling our Ride- In May 2026 we held a 'Bling our Ride' event for our pupils to encourage active travel and creativity. Throughout the week all children had the opportunity to decorate their scooter or bike and bring it into school. The children had the opportunity to show their rides off during a parade. There were winners in each year group for the best decorated scooter/bike.

Bikeability- Every academic year, we continue to offer Bikeability training to our Year 6 pupils to help them develop their cycling skills and learn knowledge about safety when cycling on the roads. We believe this training provides our pupils with independent cycling they can use when they move to secondary school.

School Eco Council- The Eco council took part in the Big School Bird Watch run by the RSPB. Pupils put down seeds for the birds and counted how many birds visited the playground within a one-hour period. By taking part in this activity, we are encouraging pupils to spend more time outside in the fresh air and promotes the protection of green spaces. Our school is currently in the process of being awarded an Eco accreditation for our commitment in helping the environment.

Happy Shoesday- The children participated in Happy Shoesday during Walk to School week. The school encouraged them, to walk, scoot or cycle to wear wearing any suitable shoes other than school shoes. The children also had an opportunity to design their very own shoes.

Parent meeting regarding parking issues- We held a parent meeting to discuss the issues we have with parking around our school. The parents were able to express any solutions or opinions they have on how we can reduce the dangerous parking and congestion. This meeting had a positive impact as we were able to see how it affects the parents.

Local walks- Throughout the year the children have had the opportunity to walk to our local church to attend Retreat days and Mass. Whilst walking the children learn about road safety.

At St Joseph's, our School Travel Plan delivers a consistently positive impact for both pupils and parents. This success is proven by our annual travel surveys and the targeted green initiatives we introduce throughout the year. We actively encourage every member of our school community to take personal responsibility for protecting the environment.