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

**Newsletter 23rd October 2026**

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. As always, it was a pleasure to lead the end of half term assembly this morning and to hear the children talk so excitedly about their learning. Some of their highlights were "mummifying tomatoes," "creating Anderson shelters," "getting better at art," and "playing in a basketball tournament."
Please see attached our separate sports newsletter.

**Attendance:**
As you know, we are focusing on ensuring that our attendance reaches an average of at least 96.3% this year. I am really pleased to report that as it currently stands, we are exceeding that target; the current statistics are as follows:

| Year Group: | Current Attendance: |
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| Nursery | 96.4% |
| Reception | 96.9% |
| Year 1 | 95.2% |
| Year 2 | 96% |
| Year 3 | 95.8% |
| Year 4 | 96.4% |
| Year 5 | 98% |
| Year 6 | 96.8% |
| **Whole School** | **96.4%** |

This is a great start, and I look forward to continuing to share positive news with you.

**Zones of Regulation:**
We have been asked by a large number of parents this half term for resources to support children with their emotional regulation at home. As such, we have decided to reintroduce the 'zones 'of regulation' programme in school after half term. This programme has been proven to be highly effective in helping children to understand their inner emotional world and to give them strategies to manage their feelings. We will be in contact after half with more details about the programme; in the meantime, this link will give you access to more information and resources: Self-Regulation Curriculum | The Zones of Regulation

THE ZONES OF REGULATION

**House Points for this half term:**
St Anthony: 3224
St Margaret Clitherow: 4065
St Osacar Romero: 4075
St Bernadette: 2245
St Pope John Paul II: 3387
**Congratulations to the children in St Oscar Romero house; 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.

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| **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:

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| **S** | Cassie, Hugo B, Bailey, Théa, Zachary F, Sebastian S, Lola, Finleigh, Ted T, Levi A, Olivia W, Isla M. |
| **A** | Raphael C, Paige S, Mia A, Elisa C, Ivana A, Elsie P, Delilah H, Courtney C, Darcy C, Param P, Neya D, Bruce D. |
| **I** | Otto C, Alva Hill, Isabella B, Tonye, Jack Mc, Ruby M, Lewis, Fred Mc, Isabel L, Amelia B, Josie, Maeve. |
| **N** | Edward P, Makai, Amelie D, Lucy T, Fraser A, Antonio B, Ruari, Penelope, Jacob E, Orla, Olive, Seth. |
| **T** | Amasha, Oscar W, Verity, Annamarie, Casey, Kevin P, Tiffany, Jasmine L, Barbara, Taijah, Eoghan, Tom Z. |
| **S** | Skye, Veronica, Arie, Jacob K, Isheal, Riella, Adam B, Victoria N, Millie M, Scarlett, George W, Catherine O. |

**Key dates for November and December:**
Wednesday 4th November: children return to school
Thursday 12th and Tuesday 17th November: parent consultation meetings
Thursday 19th November: 'Books on the Move' – more information will follow
Thursday 26th November: Open Day for new parents
Tuesday 1st December: Nursery Christmas Celebration at 9.30; School Association Disco
Wednesday 2nd December: Year 1 Advent Liturgy (time TBC)
Thursday 3rd December at 9.30: Reception Nativity
Friday 4th December at 2pm and Tuesday 8th December at 9.30: Year 2 Nativity
Thursday 10th December: School Association Christmas Fayre
Friday 18th December: End of Term at 13.30

As October is the month of the Rosary, the Chaplaincy Team have been helping the children to make rosary beads and to take part in this very special prayer form.




I wish you all a restful half-term, and I look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 4th November**.

Ann Cassidy-Jones
Headteacher