



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School-
September 2024



Welcome Back

**WELCOME
BACK**

A very warm welcome back to all of our children and families from what we hope has been a really happy and fun-filled summer. All of the staff are looking forward to seeing you back in school and getting started with the exciting year that lies ahead!

We keep in our prayers our Year 6 children who left us in July. We hope that they continue to let their light shine as they journey on to their new secondary schools.

Whole School Mass

All are welcome to join us on **Thursday 26th September at 9:15am, for our Whole School Mass in Church**. It will be a great opportunity to gather as a school family and community to celebrate our new school year.

We hope to see you there.

Entering and Exiting School



A reminder that children can enter school from 8:45am and must be in their classroom for registration at 8:55am at which time the gate will close. Children can be left at the gate to make their way across the playground to their classrooms where they will enter the school.

All classes finish at 3:15pm. Children will exit via their classroom door onto the playground.

SEND arrangements - If your child has an existing arrangement in place, this will continue.

Welcome to New Staff

We welcome a new member of staff to St Joseph's Catholic Primary team, Miss Hunter.

Miss Hunter is Class 2 Teacher. She already settled very well into school life at St Joseph's and she looks forward to getting to know all of the children and families over the coming weeks and months.

We are sure that you will all make her feel very welcome and part of our school and wider community.



Uniform and PE Days

We know that our pupils always look very smart in their uniform and no matter where we take our children we are complemented on their smart appearance. We ask that children wear black shoes (trainer style shoes are acceptable but strictly no logos), that all jewellery, including earrings, are removed prior to coming to school and that anyone with hair longer than shoulder length has it tied back.

Your child's class teacher has sent out information informing you of your child's PE days and arrangements. On your child's PE days we ask that they come into school wearing their school PE t-shirt, school cardigan or jumper/school hoodie, school PE shorts or in colder weather, where possible, dark coloured tracksuit bottoms/leggings. Please note-football strips for PE are not permitted.



Religious Education



Please see the overview of what your child will be studying in RE as we return to school this term. You will receive a letter containing more information about the RE curriculum that your child will cover throughout the year and this will also include important dates throughout the year within the Catholic calendar.

We look forward to sharing with you some upcoming dates for Celebration of the Word and Masses and participating in these special times of reflection and prayer with you all.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AUTUMN TERM 2024 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),
This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church [Family], Baptism and Confirmation [Belonging] (except Year 4 who will be following the Sacramental Preparation Programme) and Advent and Christmas [Loving]. Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY <small>3rd September - 2nd September</small>		SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it. "We show God's love to one another." Include those who have died.
Early Years MYSELF - God knows and loves each one Year 1 FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family Year 2 BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning Year 3 HOMES - God's vision for every family Year 4 PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture Year 5 OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God Year 6 LOVING - God who never stops loving		
JUDAISM 30th September - 4th October <small>Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.</small>		
BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING <small>7th October - 8th November</small>		SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.
Early Years WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family Year 1 BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family Year 2 SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism Year 3 PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism Year 4 CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness Year 5 LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment, and service Year 6 VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life		
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING <small>18th November - 13th December</small>		SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.
Early Years BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday Year 1 WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas Year 2 PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas Year 3 VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus Year 4 GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus Year 5 HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one Year 6 EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world		

Breakfast and Tea Time Club



Breakfast and Tea Time Clubs will start immediately and can be booked using the microsoft form sent via email by Mrs Richardson. Please check your emails regularly.

Breakfast club runs from **7.30-8.45am** and Tea Time club is available from **3.15 - 5.15pm Monday - Thursday** and **3.15 - 4.15pm Friday**.



After School Clubs

Information regarding the After School Clubs that we have on offer will be sent out to parents this week. After School Clubs will commence week beginning Monday 16th September.



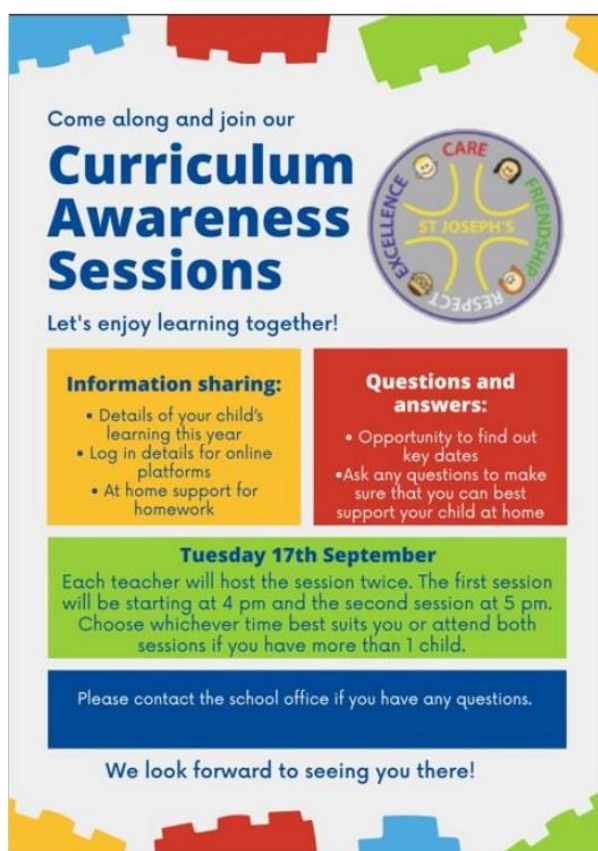
Reading Books

Please could we ask that children's reading books are brought into school with them each day in their bookbags. We ask that when you hear your child read at home you also please sign their reading diary. Children will have set days that they read with staff in school, however, when bookbags are in school it is easier for staff to make the most of additional opportunities to read with children.

Please can we also ask, if you have any school reading books at home that have not been returned from last year, please can you return in your child's bookbag.

Curriculum Awareness Sessions


Parents/Carers are invited to join us in school for Curriculum Awareness Sessions on **Tuesday 17th September**. Each class teacher will run **2 sessions one at 4pm and one session at 5pm, you only need to attend 1 session per child**. These sessions will be a great opportunity to find out some key information about what you child will be learning this year and how best to support your child at home.



Come along and join our

Curriculum Awareness Sessions

Let's enjoy learning together!



Information sharing:

- Details of your child's learning this year
- Log in details for online platforms
- At home support for homework

Questions and answers:

- Opportunity to find out key dates
- Ask any questions to make sure that you can best support your child at home

Tuesday 17th September

Each teacher will host the session twice. The first session will be starting at 4 pm and the second session at 5 pm. Choose whichever time best suits you or attend both sessions if you have more than 1 child.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you there!

European Day of Languages- Sponsored Fun Run



On **Friday 27th September** we will be celebrating 'The European Day of Languages'. The aim of the day is to promote awareness of the importance of language learning and acknowledgement of other diverse cultures across Europe. In school, we will be celebrating throughout the day in lots of ways. Each class has been allocated a specific country. These are as follows:

Class 1 – France (blue, red and white)

Class 2 – Spain (red and yellow)

Class 3 – Italy (green, red and white)

Class 4 – Greece (blue and white)

If possible, we would like the children to wear the colours of their class. The colours are included in the list above.

As part of this day, all children will have fun completing a run and an obstacle course of 4 countries linked to the list above. To support our school funds, please find attached a sponsorship form for this event. We would appreciate any donations, no matter how big or small, as every penny helps. Any proceeds raised will go back into school funds to organise events and activities for the children. Sponsor forms can be returned in your child's book bag after the event. A 'payment item' will be set up in ParentPay to allow for any sponsorship payments. Thank you for your continued support.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

All welcome to join us for our MacMillan Coffee Morning which will take place on **Thursday 26th September, 10.15am-11.15am** in the school hall. This will follow our whole school mass in Church.



Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening this term will take place on **Tuesday 12th November** and **Monday 18th November**. Information will be sent out to book appointment times.



Dates for the Diary

- **Fairtrade Fortnight**
September - Monday 9th -Sunday 22nd
- **Curriculum Awareness Session in School**
and 5pm -Tuesday 17th September 4pm
- **Whole School Mass**
9:10am -Thursday 26th September
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning**
- 11:15am - Thursday 26th September 10:15
- **European Day of Languages and Sponsored Fun Run**
School - Friday 27th September in
- **Autumn Disco** - Monday 21st October
- **Remembrance** -Monday 11th November
- **Parents' Evening** -Tuesday 12th November
- **Children In Need** - Friday 15th November
- **Parents' Evening** - Monday 18th November

Contact Us

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. As always, we seek to make communication between home and school as effective as possible. If you have any queries, or would like to contact school, please see the information below.

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