



St Joseph's Blackhall Newsletter May 2025

"Let us always show respect, friendship, excellence and care in all we do and say."

Upcoming Events in School

Please read our newsletter carefully to find out some important upcoming dates and events that will take place this term.

Pope Francis

As a school family we join with our global family around the world in praying for Pope Francis who has sadly died, recently. We are grateful for his service as Pope and the legacy which he has left behind, we continue to keep him and his family in our prayers.

We now wait with anticipation for the election of a new Pope, and we pray for guidance for the cardinals involved in this process as they make such an important decision.



School Uniform and PE Kits

We are very proud of how smart our children look in their school uniforms, but we have recently seen an increase in non-uniform items being worn for school. We ask for your continued support in ensuring that our high standards of uniform and presentation continue throughout the Summer Term.

Could we please ask that for school children wear:

- Grey school cardigan or jumper for Reception to Year 6. Jade green jumper or cardigan for Little J's
- Grey skirt/Grey trousers
- Blue polo shirt for Reception to Year 6. Yellow polo shirt for Little J's
- Blue summer dress/grey shorts
- Black school shoes (can be trainer style but not trainers)

For PE we ask that children come into school wearing

-Black PE shorts

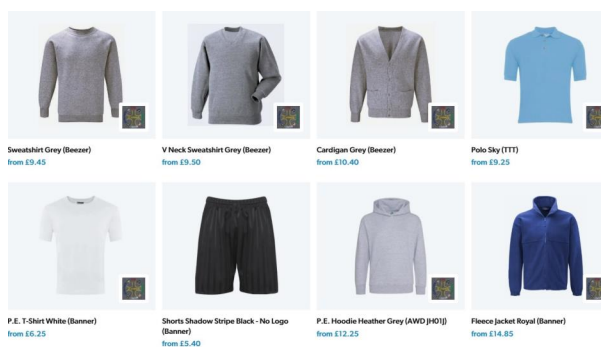
-White t-shirt

-PE Hoodie or School jumper

-Trainers

Uniform can be purchased from our supplier Tots to Teams

<https://totstoteams.com/schools/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-blackhall>



Year 6 SATs Week

Year 6 SATs week will commence Monday 12th May. Please keep our Year 6 pupils in your thoughts and prayers during this week. We are extremely proud of their hard work and commitment to learning.



Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week is the week beginning 12th May. The theme this year is 'Community'. Throughout the week children will learn how being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. They will focus on how we thrive when we have strong connections with other people and supportive communities and that communities can provide a sense of belonging, safety, support in hard times, and give us a sense purpose.



VE Day

On Thursday 8th May, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, children are invited to come into school wearing red, white and blue. Children will spend the day learning about this momentous event in history and will learn some wartime songs and games.



First Holy Communion

On Saturday 21st June our Year 4 pupils will be making their First Holy Communion. This is a wonderful day for all to celebrate and we ask that you continue to keep our First Holy Communion children and their families in your prayers.



Sun Safety

As we are now approaching the summer, and after having a few lovely warm days, we ask that parents ensure that children come to school wearing suncream and bring with them a hat. As you know, children are outside during breaks and lunchtimes and additionally, we love to take our learning outside as much as possible. Therefore, to ensure that children can take part in this, they need to be protected from the sun. Please could you also make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school with them each day.



Sports Day

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Sports Day will take place on the morning of Friday 20th June on the school field. Sport races for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take place between 9.45-10.30am. KS2 (Years 3,4,5 &6) will take place between 10.45-11.30am. Please could we ask that children come to school on the morning of sports wearing their white school PE top, black school shorts and trainers (if there is any problem with this please see your child's class teacher); they will be provided with a coloured bib to wear whilst racing which shows their team colour. Following the races, parents/grandparents are welcome to bring their own picnic and stay and join us on the school field to enjoy a picnic lunch -weather permitting. Children who usually have school dinner will have a picnic provided by the school kitchen on Sports Day. During the afternoon, back in class, the children will take part in a variety of sport related activities. We are sure it will be a day to remember.

Tombola Donations

This year, as well as a raffle, we will have a few stalls for parents to access during the morning of sports day. One of the stalls will be a tombola stall. **We would really appreciate any donations for the tombola stall and raffle, and ask that these are brought into school by Wednesday 11th June so that we can organise the prizes.**



Important Dates

Monday 5th May- School closed, bank holiday

Thursday 8th May -VE Day Celebrations in school

Monday 12th -Thursday 15th May- Y6 SATs week

Monday 12th -Friday 16th May- Mental Health Week

Tuesday 20th May - Class 2 Assembly 9:10am in the School Hall

Wednesday 21st- Friday 23rd May- Robinwood Residential Year 6

Thursday 22nd May - Class 3 Celebration of the Word 9:10am in the School Hall

Thursday 5th June - Class 3 Maths Café

Friday 6th June - Class 1 Celebration of the Word 9:10am in the School Hall

Thursday 12th June - Class 4 Maths Café

Friday 20th June- Sports Day

Saturday 21st June 10am- First Holy Communion Mass at St. Joseph's Church Blackhall

Tuesday 24th June - New Reception Starters, Parent Meeting 4:30pm in school

Tuesday 1st July 9.10am - Reception Assembly

Thursday 3rd July - Class 3 Assembly 9:10am in the School Hall

Friday 4th July- School closed Staff Training Day for all Trust Schools

Friday 18th July - School Closes for the Summer Holidays at lunchtime



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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