



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School- September 2025

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!

A special welcome to our new Reception children, new children in other year groups and their families, we look forward to getting to know you really well and helping you to settle quickly into our school family.

We also 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.

St Joseph's 70th Birthday

This month marks the 70th Anniversary of the opening of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. To celebrate this significant occasion, the children will lead a Mass at St Joseph's Church on Thursday 11th September at 9:15am. Afterwards, parents and family members are invited back to school for refreshments and to hear the children sing some songs.

On this day, the children will also enjoy a picnic lunch instead of the regular school meal. A form will be sent out to parents via email to indicate your child's lunch preference for this day.

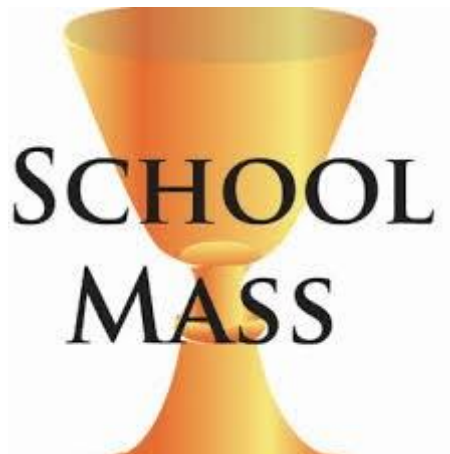
Over the next week, children will learn more about heritage of St Joseph's School and the change that have happened over time. If you have any historic photographs that link to the school or when past family members have attended the school, please could these be sent via email office@stjosephsblackhall.net.



Whole School Mass

All are welcome to join us **for our Whole School Mass in Church on Thursday 11th September 2025 at 9:15am**. It will be a great opportunity to gather as a school family and community to celebrate our new school year and to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of our school.

We hope to see you there.



Entering and Exiting School



Please see below a reminder of entrance and exit points and timings of the school day.

- Nursery & Reception children will enter and exit school through the Reception Garden Gate between 8.45-8.55am for drop off and 3.15pm for collection.
- Children from Year 1-6, between 8.45-8.55 am, will enter school via the gate on the school yard, parents to please leave children at the gate and staff will be at the door to greet children.

At home time children will be collected from the school yard.

SEND/Individual Arrangements

Please note, if you already have an arrangement in place where your child/children are dropped off and collected at the main entrance to school then this arrangement will continue as normal. A member of staff will be available between 8.45-9am to greet the children who have this arrangement in place to enter school via the office.

Staffing



New Staff

We welcome Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Mann to our staff team who will be working with our Nursery and Reception children. They are excited to get to know the children and all of our school community really well.

Uniform and PE Days

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

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.**

If your child's class is taking part in outdoor education this term, please can they bring into school with them suitable clothing for outdoor weather conditions that you do not mind getting dirty. This includes, wellies, a waterproof coat, hat, gloves and a change of socks.

PE Days:

Class 1 - Tuesday (PE), Friday (Outdoor Education)

Class 2 - Wednesday (PE), Friday (Outdoor Education)

Class 3 - Monday (PE), Wednesday (PE)

Class 4 - Monday (PE), Wednesday (PE)

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 2025
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] 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
(2ND SEPTEMBER - 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025)

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

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.

JUDAISM (29TH SEPTEMBER-3RD OCTOBER 2025)

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING
(6TH OCTOBER-7TH NOVEMBER 2025)

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING
(17TH NOVEMBER-12TH DECEMBER 2025)

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

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.

Breakfast and Tea Time Club



Breakfast and Tea Time Clubs will start immediately and can be booked in the usual way, via the link sent to you via email.

Breakfast club runs from **7.30-8.45am**, and Tea Time club is available from the end of the school day until **5.15pm Monday - Thursday** and until **4.15pm Friday**.



After School Clubs

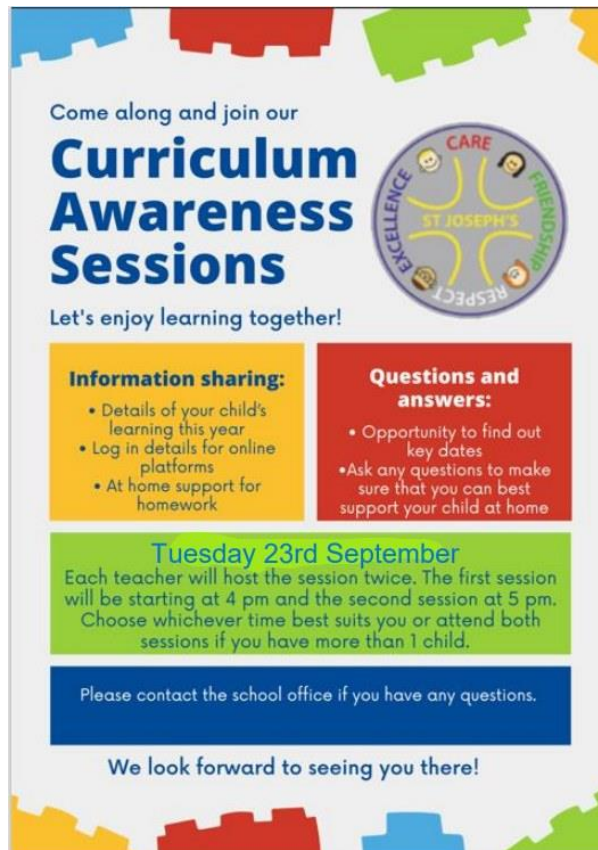
Information regarding the After School Clubs that we have on offer will be sent out soon to parents. **After School Clubs will commence week beginning 15th September.**



Curriculum Awareness Sessions

Parents/Carers are invited to join us in school for **Curriculum Awareness Sessions on Tuesday 23rd 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 23rd 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!

Sponsored Fun Run



On Friday 26th September all children will have fun completing a sponsored fun run in school. Children will bring home a sponsor form prior to this event and we would greatly appreciate any donations, no matter how big or small, as every penny helps. Any proceeds raised will go towards developing a new sensory room in school. 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 25th September 9am-10.30am** in the school hall.



Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening this term will take place on **Monday 10th and Tuesday 18th November**. Information will be sent out to book appointment times.



Dates for the Diary

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| • Fairtrade Fortnight
September-5th October | - Monday 22nd |
| • Curriculum Awareness Session in School
September 4pm & 5pm | - Tuesday 23rd |
| • Whole School Mass
September 9:15am in Church | - Tuesday 11th |
| • National Day of Peace | - Friday 19th September |
| • Macmillan Coffee Morning
September 9-10:30am | - Thursday 25th |

- **Sponsored Fun Run** - **Friday 26th September**
- **Parents' Evening** - **Monday 10th**
November and Tuesday 18th November
- **Children In Need** - **Friday 14th 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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