St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

'We Work, We Care, We Pray, We Share'

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Friday 24th April

As we return to school for the summer term, we do so with a real sense of excitement for the term ahead. The longer, brighter days bring such a special energy to our school. We are especially looking forward to spending more time outdoors—playing together on the field, exploring the forest area and enjoying the many opportunities for outdoor learning. These moments are often the ones children treasure most, filled with laughter, discovery and a growing sense of wonder about the world God has given us. We look forward to a happy and enriching term where our children can flourish, build friendships and continue to grow in faith, confidence.

Earth Day 2026

On Wednesday we recognised Earth Day as a special opportunity to reflect on how we can care for the world around us. Inspired by the message of *Laudato Si'*, we have encouraged our children to see themselves as Stewards of God's Creation. Throughout the week, pupils have taken part in activities such as litter picking, gardening and helping to look after our school grounds. By working together to care for our environment, we hope to instil a sense of pride, responsibility, and respect for the natural world. These small acts of care help our children to live out their faith in meaningful ways, reminding us all that looking after our common home is a shared responsibility.







Summer Flower Beds



Following our recent spring clean-up of the outdoor areas, we are now beginning to prepare our spaces for the summer months. We are looking for donations of summer bedding plants, compost, as well as items such as wind chimes and bunting to help make our outdoor environment bright, welcoming, and enjoyable for the children.

If you are able to contribute any of these items, donations next week would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us care for and enhance our school environment



With Love and Faith in Jesus: A Celebration of Our St Joseph's Family – Thursday 18th June 9.15am

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to join us for our special summer celebration: *With Love and Faith in Jesus: A Celebration of Our St Joseph's Family*. This event has been created to bring our school mission statement to life and celebrate all that makes St Joseph's such a caring and faith-filled community. It will be a lovely morning where children, families and staff come together to share in fun, reflection and fellowship.

Throughout the morning, there will be a range of craft activities and creative stalls for children and families to enjoy together. These will link to our values of learning, love, and faith, giving everyone the chance to take part in hands-on experiences. We will also have prayer spaces set up around the school, offering quiet, peaceful areas for reflection. These will provide an opportunity to pause, give thanks and reflect on our faith journey as a community.

The purpose of the day is to celebrate our school family, to recognise how we learn together with love and faith in Jesus and to reflect on how we are growing to become the people God calls us to be. We very much hope you can join us for this special occasion and share in the joy of our St Joseph's family.



Dates For Diary

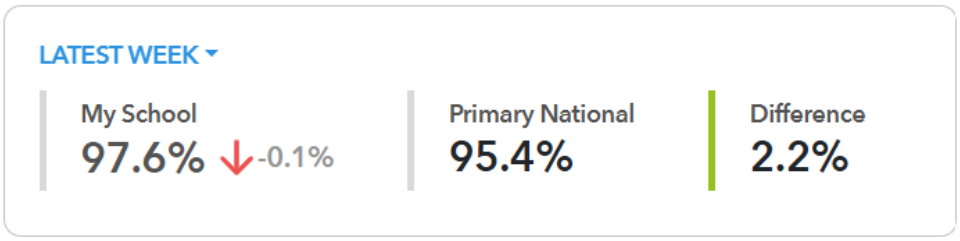
Thursday 30th April	PTA meeting 3.25pm (summer fair planning)
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 8th May	**Non-Uniform Day** (Bottle)
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SAT examinations
Friday 22nd May	**Non Uniform Day** (Chocolates)
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May	Half Term
Friday 5th June	**Non Uniform Day** – (Wrapped Children's Lucky Dip Gift)
Thursday 11th June	Sports Day 9.15am
Friday 12th June	Summer Fair
Thursday 18th June	With Love and Faith in Jesus Celebration 9.15am
Thursday 25th June	Year 6 Catholic Retreat Day
Monday 13th July	KS2 Production 6pm
Tuesday 14th July	KS2 Production 6pm
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Meal/Bowling
Wednesday 22nd July	End of Term – 2pm finish

Attendance Matters

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children attend school regularly and on time. Last week, our attendance was 97.6%, which is above the national average of 95.4%—a fantastic achievement for our school community.

Every day in school counts. Good attendance not only supports children's learning and progress, but also helps them build strong friendships, routines, and a sense of belonging. Even small amounts of missed time can quickly add up and impact a child's confidence and attainment. We kindly ask for your ongoing support in making sure children attend school every day unless they are unwell. Together, we can continue to build positive habits and give every child the very best opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for working in partnership with us.



Attendance breakdown			Year To Date							25 Aug 25 - 17 Apr 26
Pupil Groups	Pupils		All	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
All	All	95	School	97.34%	96.17%	97.63%	98.36%	97.54%	98.68%	94.35%	97.14%
			FFT National	94.80%	93.82%	94.53%	94.96%	95.19%	95.16%	95.03%	94.76%
			Difference	+2.54%	+2.35%	+3.10%	+3.40%	+2.34%	+3.52%	-0.68%	+2.38%

Faith in the Community





