St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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

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Friday 26th June

With Love and Faith in Jesus: A Celebration of Our St Joseph's Family



What a truly special Mission Morning we shared at St Joseph's! It was a lovely opportunity to come together as a school family and celebrate how we live out our mission each and every day.

Throughout the morning, our children shone brightly as they reflected on our mission statement. It was wonderful to see and hear how this mission is brought to life in our classrooms, our playground and in the way we care for one another. The children demonstrated open hearts, kindness, respect and a deep sense of faith following the example of Jesus and the values of St Joseph. Moments of prayer, discussion and shared learning reminded us all of the strong, loving community we are so proud to be part of.



Thank you to all the parents, carers, and family members who joined us. Your presence meant so much to the children and staff, and it strengthened the sense of togetherness that makes our school so special.

We are incredibly proud of our St Joseph's family and look forward to continuing to grow in love, faith and service together.

Loving God,

We thank You for the gift of our school community and for the many blessings You give us each day.

Guide us as we live out our mission statement:

"St Joseph's family learn together with love and faith in Jesus to become the people God calls us to be."

Help us to learn with open hearts and minds, to treat one another with kindness and respect, and to grow in faith through the example of Jesus.

Bless our students, teachers, staff, governors, and families. Strengthen the bonds that unite us as one school family. May we support and encourage one another in times of joy and challenge.

Like St Joseph, help us to be faithful, caring, and trusting in Your plan. May our words and actions reflect Your love, and may we always seek to serve others with compassion and generosity.

We ask You to help us become the people You call us to be, using our gifts to make a positive difference in our school, our parish, and our wider community.



We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



A Huge Thank You to Our PTA

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our PTA, especially Celia Gardner and the entire team, for organising another wonderful Summer Fair. Their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm made the event a great success and a fantastic occasion for our school community.

It was lovely to see so many of our families attend and enjoy the afternoon together. Events such as these help to strengthen the sense of community that makes our school such a special place.

Thank you to everyone who supported the fair, whether by volunteering, donating, attending or taking part. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

We are incredibly grateful to our PTA for all they do for our school and look forward to many more successful events in the future.



Mad Science Club is Returning to St Joseph's!

We are delighted to invite children from Years 1–6 to join the exciting Mad Science Club! Packed with hands-on experiments, fascinating discoveries and plenty of scientific fun, this club is a fantastic opportunity for children to explore the wonders of science in an engaging and interactive way. Please note that this is a paid subscription club. Letters containing full details and information on how to sign up have been sent home. We encourage families to register early to secure a place and look forward to seeing lots of our young scientists take part!



Sport's Day Update

Unfortunately, due to the recent wet weather and, more recently, the extreme heat, we have had to postpone our Sports Day. We know how much the children and families were looking forward to the event, and we appreciate your understanding.

Our new Sports Day date is **Thursday 9th July**, starting at **9.15am**. We are keeping our fingers crossed for favourable weather so that we can finally enjoy this special day together. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you to cheer on our pupils.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISIONER – THE BIG SURVEY……

As Children's Commissioner, I'm writing to ask for your support in helping children at your school take part in my new survey, The Big Future. Your pupils can take part here:

http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture.

As many of your Year 6 pupils will have recently finished their SATs, this could be a great opportunity for them to reflect on their time at primary school and share their hopes and ideas for the future in their own words. I want to hear from children aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country, and your support will help make that possible. I'm asking children about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they want to see in their communities, and what they think a good childhood should look like today. Schools with particularly high participation rates will receive formal recognition for helping amplify children's voices, along with a summary of their pupils' responses, and an invite to my final Festival of Childhood. I'll publish the findings next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures at the highest levels.

Thank you very much for your support. Dame Rachel de Souza Children's Commissioner for England

School Uniform for September

Although the summer holidays are just around the corner, now is the perfect time to start thinking about school uniform for September. We kindly ask families not to leave orders until the last minute, as this can lead to delays and limited availability of some items.

School uniform can be ordered online through our supplier. Ordering early will help ensure that your child is fully prepared and ready for a smooth start to the new academic year.

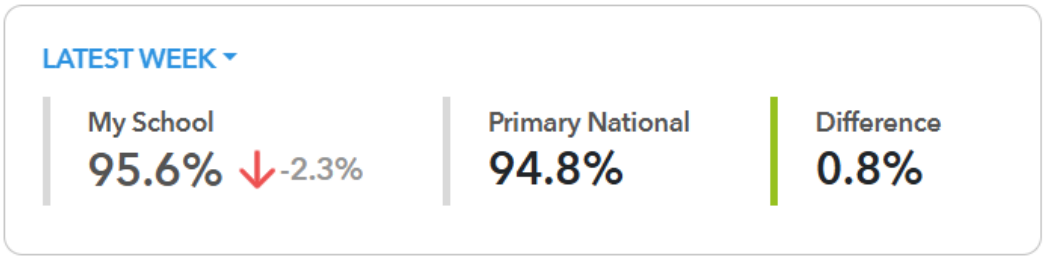
Thank you for your support and cooperation.

https://www.stitchdesign.co.uk/uniform/St_Josephs_Catholic_Primary_School_PR6_8SD/

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 25th June	**Year 6 Catholic Retreat Day**
Friday 26th June	**Year 4 and 5 Trip to Liverpool Cathedral**
Tuesday 30th June	**Other Faiths Day – Islam and Judaism Workshops**
Friday 3rd July	**Music Concert with John's Group Assembly 9.15am**
Friday 10th July	**Year 5 Holy Cross Science Morning**
Monday 13th July	**KS2 Production 6pm**
Tuesday 14th July	**KS2 Production 6pm**
Monday 20th July	**Year 6 Leavers Meal**
Tuesday 21st July	**Year 6 Leavers Mass in Church (2pm)**
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 95.6% , which is slightly above the national average of 95.6%.

I would like to make families aware that we have recently received a large number of requests for holidays during term time that exceed 5 school days. Holidays over 5 days, will incur a fine.

Under current government attendance regulations, schools are required to issue a penalty notice when a child has 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school-week

Faith in the Community



ULTIMATE SURVIVOR

27th July - 30th July

WEEK ONE: Nature and Outdoor Adventure

9AM-3:30PM PAID

10AM-2PM HAF

Ages 5-11

FREE HAF PLACES FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

£24 A DAY OR £90 ALL FOUR DAYS

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CHORLEY SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES
- Woodland Hike
- Obstacle Race
- Camp Challenges



SURVIVAL SKILLS
- Shelter Building
- Water Safety & First Aid
- Knot Tying & Pioneer Skills



HEALTHY FUEL
- Trail Mix Lab
- Outdoor Picnic
- Camp Snacks



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WORLD CUP GLOBAL FESTIVAL

3rd August - 6th August

WEEK TWO: Global Cultures & Sport

9AM-3:30PM PAID

10AM-2PM HAF

Ages 5-11

FREE HAF PLACES FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

£24 A DAY OR £90 ALL FOUR DAYS

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CHORLEY SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES
- Tournament Day
- Inclusive Football
- Club Visit



WORLD CULTURES
- Design own Kits
- Culture Exploration
- Glow Football



ATHLETE FUEL
- Food Festival
- World Tasting
- Cultural Snacks



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GRAND CREATORS

10th August - 13th August

WEEK THREE: Construction & Upcycling

9AM-3:30PM PAID

10AM-2PM HAF

Ages 5-11

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CHORLEY SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

CREATIVE BUILDING
- Treasure Hunt
- Inspiring Voices
- Creator Workshop



ARTS & GAMES
- Upcycling
- Slime Making
- Construction Comp



INVENTORS FUEL
- Brain Food
- Food Masterclass
- Creative Snacks



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