



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 24th October 2025

Our School Values **Respect - Self-belief - Faith - Friendship - Resilience - Self-control - Perseverance - Aspiration**

Lord of all time and seasons, we give thanks for the lessons learned and friendships made this school half term. As we enter this upcoming break, grant your peace and protection to our children and families. May this coming week be filled with joy, rest, and safe adventures.

ATTENDANCE
AWARD
Year 3 %

HOUSE POINTS
Mark

Our school learning journey – Autumn 1

At our school, we pride ourselves on a jam-packed curriculum that is both enriching and engaging for all our pupils. Our curriculum not only covers traditional academic subjects but also includes a wealth of cultural capital opportunities. These experiences are crucial in broadening our students' horizons and instilling a sense of curiosity about the world around them.

The engagement in learning at our school is nothing short of excellent, as we continually strive to foster a stimulating environment where every child feels inspired to delve deep into their studies. Recent external visits have yielded outstanding outcomes, allowing our learners to apply their skills in real-world contexts, solidifying their understanding and passion for learning.

We remain committed to continuing our journey as an outstanding school, ensuring that our children acquire a range of essential skills that will serve them well in the future. Learning here is great fun, and our children exemplify what it truly means to be fantastic learners.

Our teaching staff takes immense pride in our accomplishments, and we are ever grateful for the unwavering support from our parents. Together, we are building a vibrant community dedicated to creating lifelong learners.

Spanish day

Buenos Dias! This week we celebrated our Spanish National Day at St Joseph's. The children came to school in the morning wearing a combination of Spanish colours: red and yellow. In Spain it's a day of big parades and celebrations to commemorate the date in 1492 when Christopher Columbus, or Cristobal Colon, as he is known in Spain, arrived in the Americas in the hope of finding a route to the East Indies and Asia.

Last year we researched the life of Christopher Columbus, explored the country and learnt a famous dance called the Flamenco. This year we have celebrated the work of Spanish-speaking artists. Each class chose a different artist, researched their lives and then produced a piece of art in the style of their chosen artist. It was great fun and really enjoyable to see such a range of artwork. We have very talented children here at St Joseph's!

Parent Consultation

Parent Consultations will take place on **Thursday 6th November 2025 from 1.20pm - 7.00pm in the school hall.**

Please note the following:

- School will close at normal time on Thursday 6th November 2025.
- Our Paid After School Club will NOT be operating on Thursday 6th November 2025
- Teacher led clubs will NOT be running on this week. (ONLY Football on Wednesday 5th will continue)

Appointments can be made only via Arbor the booking system is now live and will close on Tuesday 4th November 2025. Should you need to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please note: This is the only way you can make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

If you wish to discuss your child's SEN targets in more detail and not during this meeting then please do not make an appointment. Our Senco or the class teacher will be in touch separately to arrange an appointment with you to review targets and set new ones.

Parent Reading

We are seeking enthusiastic parent volunteers to join our reading programme and share the joy of literature with our pupils. As a parent reader, you will have the opportunity to engage with students, fostering their love for reading and improving their literacy skills. We welcome you to participate at a time that suits your schedule. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Entwisle or visit the school office. Your involvement can make a significant difference in our children's educational journey. Thank you for your support!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Erme & Kavlan

Reception
Oliver & Thalia

Year 1
Leonidas & Emmanuel

Year 2
Asaiah & Tabi--Mercy

Year 3
Alexander & Bella

Year 4
Tyler & Joe

Year 5
Ryan & Polina

Year 6
Acacia & Aisha

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Sebastian

Reception
Pietro

Year 1
Raluchukwu

Year 2
Martin

Year 3
Rory

Year 4
Beatrice

Year 5
George L

Year 6
Verone

Reception - September 2026

Reception applications commence on Monday 3rd November 2025 and close on Thursday 15th January 2026. Supplementary Information Forms and supporting documentation should be submitted to the school office from Monday 3rd November 2025.

As well as completing and submitting the Supplementary Information Form to the school office, you must also apply for a school place online.

The online application process for Under 11s (Reception) can be found on the following website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Reception 2026 applies to children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022.

Nursery - September 2026

Nursery applications should be made via the school only and will commence on Monday 3rd November 2025 and close on Thursday 15th January 2026.

Supplementary Application forms and supporting documentation should be submitted to the school office from Monday 3rd November 2025.

Nursery applies to children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023

Please Note: We are a 30 hours childcare provider, and welcome applications from children of all faiths to our Nursery.

Parking

Parents/visitors to our school are kindly reminded:

- Be considerate of road markings and neighbours when parking near our school.
- do not park or stop on yellow lines or zigzags.
- do not ignore road markings.
- do not park over driveways.
- do not cause increased danger for road users.
- do not be abusive or rude to the local residents or other members of the community.

Scooters

Please be reminded that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on school premises.

Please disembark at the school gate and walk/wheel the scooter/bike from the school gate and leave them in the designated bike/scooter area next to the library.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

AUTUMN TERM 2

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	3 rd November	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER (INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOS)			PARENT CONSULTATIONS	PTA EVENT NON - UNIFORM
2	10 th November ANTI-BULLYING WEEK		REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 9.10AM			YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY
3	17 th November				YEAR 5 PRAYER SERVICE	ONESIE UPON A TIME DAY
4	24 th November DT WEEK					
5	1 st December	ADVENT ASSEMBLY		PTA DISCO AFTER SCHOOL		YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY
6	8 th December			CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY CHRISTMAS DINNER PTA SANTA GROTTA		
7	15 th December			YEAR 1&2 NATIVITY 2.30P	R&N SING ALONG (9.15am) TALENT SHOW 10AM CLASS PARTIES PM	LAST DAY OF TERM CAROL SERVICE 11AM SCHOOL CLOSES 1.30PM
Christmas Holiday –Monday 22nd December -5th January 2026						

REMINDERS!

1. Please remember those healthy items for packed lunches.
2. Please remember your child should be wearing their house badge every day to school. Additional badges can be purchased from the school office for 30p
3. Children are NOT to ride Bikes and Scooters whilst on school premises. This is still happening and can cause accidents so parents please be mindful – if this continues then bikes and scooters will be banned!
4. Children are NOT to play on the Adventure Trail or in the access road outside the Royal Avenue gate, as this vehicular gate is in constant use.
5. Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking near the school site.

St Joseph's is a 'NUT-FREE' Zone!

A Healthy Packed Lunch

Suggestions for food to include in a healthy packed lunch

- **At least** one portion of fruit or vegetable every day.
- Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, beans, soya or hummus), every day
- Oily fish such as pilchards, salmon or tuna
- A starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice noodles, potatoes or other type of cereal every day.
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard.
- Cereal bars rather than cakes or biscuits
- Seeds, crackers and cheese, vegetables or bread sticks with a dip

Drinks

- No drinks are to be brought into school – water is provided.
- Water bottles are to be brought on school trips – NO other drink.

FUN FRIDAY

Suggestions for food to include **ON A FUN FRIDAY** in a healthy packed lunch.

- Snacks such as crisps
- Chocolate coated biscuits or wafers **or**
- Small cake e.g. fairy cakes, cake bars, muffins **or**
- Small pudding pot e.g. chocolate mousse)

Foods that should not be brought into school (These are foods that we have already asked not to be brought into school)

- Confectionery such as chocolate bars.
- Sweets
- Nuts or nut products (although they can be healthy there is a very serious risk to other children with allergies).
- Fizzy drinks or any soft drinks.

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THANK YOU