

# St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025



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

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. remind us to take time to rest. remind us of the wonder of your creation. remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.  
Amen.

*Have a lovely weekend Mrs Moseley*

ATTENDANCE  
AWARD  
Reception 100%

HOUSE POINTS  
Matthew

## Art week

For the first time this year we have enjoyed being creative in Art Week. We can definitely see the progress we are making in Art throughout whole school.

Across the school we have explored different styles of art including printing in Y5, Prehistoric art to include texture and shading in Y3, and creating an artist study in Y6. Y2 and Y4 are understanding tone and texture in drawing using various art materials. Hopefully you will be able to see some of your children's work on their year group page later today.

## Football match

A thrilling football match took place on Thursday afternoon between St Joseph's and Hurst Drive football teams.

From the first whistle, both teams displayed great passion and sportsmanship. Hurst Drive started strong and scored an early couple of goals. However, St Joseph's fought back bravely, and but were unable to equalise.

St Josephs kept up the pace and enthusiasm for the whole of the second half but it wasn't to be our win in the end. We lost 9-0 but we know what we need to work on, and we had a lot of fun playing. Our first half goalkeeper - Devid - did a number of amazing saves. He was my man of the match.

## Buddy Assembly 2

A second outstanding performance by Year 6 and Reception. As always, it was a pleasure to see them welcoming their buddies to St Joseph's School and to hear the thoughtful words that Year 6 had written. Year 6 were awarded their buddy badges and presented Bibles to their Reception buddies, making both parents and teachers very proud. They look forward to spending more quality time together in the coming year.

## Rock steady

Rock Steady has been going well so far and the children are still very excited about attending their sessions. We are looking forward to hearing the results of their learning in an assembly as some point between now and the end of term. Keep up the excellent effort everyone!

## PTA AGM

The PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the St. Joseph's School PTA, was held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025,

Thank you to all those parents attended.

The AGM is an important opportunity for all parents and carers to hear about the work of the PTA over the past academic year, review financial statements, and elect the committee for the coming year.

We are delighted that last year's PTA is going to stand again, however there is a vacancy on this committee for the role of treasurer, if you are interested in joining the committee, please contact the school office or a member of the PTA Team.

Further details on upcoming news and events will be sent out shortly.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery  
Anne-Marie & Jude

Reception  
Aylin & Amelia

Year 1  
Tatiana & Emmanuel

Year 2  
Jason & Isalah

Year 3  
Aren & Stefania

Year 4  
Beatrice & Kaima

Year 5  
Devid & Alya

Year 6  
Janelle & Kian

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Reception  
Ezekiel

Year 1  
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Year 2  
Isaac

Year 3  
Kelechi

Year 4  
Dreinan

Year 5  
Lia

Year 6  
Yaman

### St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Open Afternoon

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will be holding an Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025** at 2.00pm-3.00pm for all prospective new parents who will be applying for a Reception school or Nursery place to start in September 2026.

There will be an opportunity to view the school in action and to meet with the Headteacher and the Foundation/Early Years Teams

### Reception - September 2026

Reception applications commence on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 and close on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Supplementary Information Forms and supporting documentation should be submitted to the school office from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 and close on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Supplementary Application forms and supporting documentation should be submitted to the school office from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 e 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 1

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025			INSET	SCHOOL OPENS	
2	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025				Beginning of term mass	
3	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Meet the teacher KS1 3pm	Meet the teacher KS2 3pm			PTA EVENT Non-Uniform Day £1.00 per child
4	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025					YEAR 6 PRAYER SERVICE
5	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2025					St Francis of Assisi Feast Day Celebrations
6	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 BLACK HISTORY WEEK					BUDDY ASSEMBLY 1
7	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 ART WEEK					BUDDY ASSEMBLY 2
8	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2025		Nursery & Reception (Sept 2026) Open Afternoon 2pm		Spanish Day	

Half term –Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October –Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

## 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.

# NUT FREE SCHOOL



# THANK YOU