

St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 3rd 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,
As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.
May the brilliant colours of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.
May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.
May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been
given and bounty we are to share with others.
We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

ATTENDANCE
AWARD
Year 3 & 6 100%

HOUSE POINTS
John

STARS OF
THE WEEK

Nursery
Albert & Sebastian

Reception
Malyk & Maisa

Year 1
Pashaan & Victoria

Year 2
Tymon & Oseyemere

Year 3
Kaius & Osariemen

Year 4
Vinnie & Ellis

Year 5
Rafa & George S

Year 6
Francesca & Jayden

LEARNER OF
THE WEEK

Reception
Altyar

Year 1
Jayden

Year 2
Elsa

Year 3
Sofia

Year 4
Francesco

Year 5
Paola

Year 6
Fire

Dear Parents,

The autumn weather really is beginning to creep in now and the last of the summer warm days seem few and far between. Please ensure that your child brings in a coat and a jumper or cardigan as the mornings are chiller than what we have been previously used to. Please also note that **Winter Uniform** starts from **Monday 6th October**.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Moseley

Attendance & Lates

There will be a greater focus on attendance and lates this year. We always pride ourselves in outstanding attendance but since Covid we are seeing many families taking holidays out of term time, long weekends and prolonged sickness. This affects children's progress and can cause increased anxiety as they are missing out. While I understand at times there are extenuating circumstances, I know that you want the very best for your children and will continue to support excellent attendance and punctuality. Gates will close promptly at 8.50am, children are late at that time. It causes great frustrations for parents signing children in so I know this will also be of paramount importance to you.

Buddy Assembly

Reminder Buddy assembly will be held on Friday 10th October and Friday 17th October. A parent reminder communication was sent out today via Arbor.

Chaplaincy Presentation

What a wonderful event for our chaplaincy team! We gathered in Bishop Stortford, where we reflected on our charity work and shared exciting ideas about developing our faith. It was truly a lovely opportunity to come together, fostering a sense of community and support. We were also thrilled to receive amazing badges that we are incredibly proud to wear, symbolising our commitment and dedication. This gathering has undoubtedly inspired us and strengthened our resolve to continue our important work!

St Francis of Assisi – Feast Day Celebration

Today we celebrated the feast day of St Francis of Assisi by having a whole school mass in church for 10am. At break time as an extra treat, we had an extended break as well as squash and biscuits during this time. In the afternoon we had an art themed St Francis session, our classes were mixed into their houses, and we created a range of collages, stain glass windows, portraits and animal themed. We will also be using the artwork to create a whole school display in the hall. A fantastic day was had by all!

Poetry Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating *National Poetry Day*! We were delighted to welcome back poet Neal Zetter, who ran inspiring workshops with every class across the school. Each year group explored different poems by Neal, rehearsed them with energy and enthusiasm and then performed their pieces in our very own Poetry Slam.

The performances were creative, lively, and full of confidence – a huge well done to all year groups for making it such a memorable occasion. It was an amazing day filled with rhythm, rhyme and lots of smiles!

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PTA AGM

The PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the St. Joseph's School PTA, will take place on: Thursday 16th October 2025 at 8.50am, in the School Hall.

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. Your attendance and input are greatly valued as we continue to support our school community.

Agenda Includes:

- Welcome and introductions
- Appreciation
- Co-Chairs' report on the past year
- Treasurer's financial report
- Election of committee members
- Plans and priorities for the year ahead
- Open floor for questions and suggestions

All parents and carers are automatically members of the PTA and are encouraged to attend.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact the school office or a member of the PTA Team by Tuesday 14th October 2025.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Open Afternoon

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will be holding an Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 21st 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 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 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 st September 2025			INSET	SCHOOL OPENS	
2	8 th September 2025				Beginning of term mass	
3	15 th September 2025	Meet the teacher KS1 3pm	Meet the teacher KS2 3pm			PTA EVENT Non-Uniform Day £1.00 per child
4	22 nd September 2025					YEAR 6 PRAYER SERVICE
5	29 th September 2025					St Francis of Assisi Feast Day Celebrations
6	6 th October 2025 BLACK HISTORY WEEK					BUDDY ASSEMBLY 1
7	13 th October 2025 ART WEEK					BUDDY ASSEMBLY 2
8	20 th October 2025		Nursery & Reception (Sept 2026) Open Afternoon 2pm			Spanish Day

Half term –Monday 27th October –Friday 31st October 2025

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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