

St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 19th September 2025



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

Loving God,
help us live shrewdly
as children of the light,
trusting you more than wealth
and sharing your gifts generously
Amen.

Dear Parents,

Our second week in and it seems Summer was forever a time ago and we are now into the full swing of September and enjoying the last of the summer sunshine. This week has been our first full one and we are fully settled. Learning is in action, classrooms are looking engaging, and everyone is getting busy. School life as we know and love it!

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 effects 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. Mrs Skelton and Mrs Pisaturo will let you know what day your child's assembly will be held on.

Meet the teacher

On Monday and Tuesday, we held our annual 'meet the teacher' session. Our class teachers were able to meet new and familiar faces after school. This is an excellent opportunity to establish what is happening throughout the year in each of our classes and for parents to become familiar with the classes' routines and expectations. Thank you to all the parents that came to support your child, we hope you found all the information very useful. Please check the website for further curriculum information should you need it for you child.

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!

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.

ATTENDANCE
AWARD
Year 4 100%

HOUSE POINTS
Mark

STARS OF
THE WEEK

Nursery

Reception
Amelia Grace & Ishmael

Year 1
Naomi & Maia

Year 2
Yasli & Shamiso

Year 3
Aria & Dogan

Year 4
Julian & Selin

Year 5
Callum & Olivia W

Year 6
Jenessa & Isabelle

LEARNER OF
THE WEEK

Reception
Robert

Year 1
Princess Faith

Year 2
Jason

Year 3
Alexander

Year 4
Phoebe

Year 5
Messi

Year 6
Aisha

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.

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

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!

At St. Joseph's we live, love and learn by the example of Jesus.
Aspiring for excellence for all, together as a catholic community.

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-diary 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