

# St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024



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

Dear Lord,

As we embark on a new school year, we thank You for the joy of family time over the summer. We humbly ask for Your continued protection over our children and staff. May this year be filled with positivity and growth, allowing our school community to thrive under Your loving guidance. Amen.

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

Reception and  
Year 5  
100%

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a wonderful holiday. It's always a time of togetherness and hopefully happiness and fun. While I know that 6 weeks is a long time, it's the memories we create that last a lot longer.

It has been truly delightful to have our children back in school for the new academic year. As they explore new environments and engage with exciting topics, their enthusiasm is palpable. I have enjoyed popping into each class, witnessing the joy of learning as students dive into their subjects. We look forward to a rewarding year ahead!

This term is an exciting one filled with many opportunities and events for our children and families. We welcome a community at St Joseph's as we cannot work alone. Parents are welcome to join us for all celebrations, assemblies, masses etc. We really do encourage this not only to support your children but to be a part of our school. Please continue to read our weekly newsletter for updates. If you want to offer support in anyway, including reading etc please contact the office.

*Have a lovely weekend Mrs O'Connor*

**Parent survey results – Please see the results table below.**

### Attendance & Lates

There will be a greater focus on attendance and lates this year. There is a new DFE attendance document and as a school we will be issuing fines as our policy states. Our attendance last year was very good at 95.6% but we are seeing an increasing number of term time holidays which in turn affects children's progress. We always pride ourselves on outstanding. I know that you want the very best for your children and will continue to support excellent attendance and punctuality. Our lates have improved greatly in the last year, so thank you! 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.

### Beginning of year mass

On Thursday we celebrated our beginning of our academic year in the most special way, together through mass. It was a lovely opportunity to come together as a school community, to welcome our new families and children and to really celebrate through the communion of Christ. The choir sang beautifully and readers who contributed to the mass were excellent role models. Thank you to all the parents who came to support our mass, it was lovely to see you all there.

### Meet the teacher

On Thursday 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 of the information very useful.

### 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!

### Fitness 10 in 10

We are excited to introduce '10 in 10', a new initiative promoting fitness across our school. In just 10 minutes, we encourage every student to engage in 10 invigorating exercises. Our PE ambassadors are taking the lead in this initiative, inspiring their peers to embrace a healthier lifestyle. Let's celebrate fitness together and make every minute count!

### Clubs

After school clubs will commence on 16<sup>th</sup> September, details of these clubs will be sent out early next week.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery  
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Reception  
Emmanuel & Theo

Year 1  
Whole Class

Year 2  
Alexander and Italia

Year 3  
Desire and Joe

Year 4  
Harry and Paola

Year 5  
Adele and Kian

Year 6  
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## WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1  
Oseyemere

Year 2  
Yusef

Year 3  
Julian

Year 4  
Tadiwa

Year 5  
Aisha

Year 6

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

## Curriculum information

All year group curriculum information is on our website

### Autumn Term 1

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET	INSET	School Open	Beginning of term mass Meet the teacher 3.15/20pm	
2	9 <sup>th</sup> September	Topic Launch				PTA Event
3	16 <sup>th</sup> September					Buddy Assembly 1
4	23 <sup>rd</sup> September		Whole school retreat		Governor morning	Buddy Assembly 2
5	30 <sup>th</sup> September	Forest school week				St Francis Feast day
6	7 <sup>th</sup> October		School safer internet day		Year 5 Prayer service	Spanish day
7	14 <sup>th</sup> October		Year 6 Prayer service	Maths day	Year 2 prayer service	Class charity day
8	21 <sup>st</sup> October	Black history week Art week	N and R open afternoon and tour 2pm	Parent consultations	Year 4 Prayer service	School coffee morning
Half term –Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October –Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024						

## 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

## Parent Survey - Summer 2024 Summary (09/07/2024)

1. My Child is happy at this school	Percentage	Quantity
strongly agree	69.4%	68
agree	27.6%	27
disagree	0%	0
strongly disagree	0%	0
don't know	3.1%	3
Total		98

  

2 My child feels safe at this school.	Percentage	Quantity
strongly agree	79.6%	78
agree	18.4%	18
disagree	0%	0
strongly disagree	0%	0
don't know	2.0%	2
Total		98

  

3. This school is a supportive and joyful community.	Percentage	Quantity
strongly agree	74.5%	73
agree	25.5%	25
disagree	0%	0
strongly disagree	0%	0
don't know	0%	0
Total		98

  

4. Staff at this school are positive role models for my child.	Percentage	Quantity
strongly agree	73.5%	72
agree	23.5%	23
disagree	0%	0
strongly disagree	0%	0
don't know	3.1%	3
Total		98

  

5. The school is well led and managed.	Percentage	Quantity
strongly agree	69.4%	68
agree	26.5%	26
disagree	2.0%	2
strongly disagree	0%	0
don't know	2.0%	2
Total		98

<b>6. The school supports my child's spiritual and moral development.</b>		
	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
strongly agree	71.4%	70
agree	26.5%	26
disagree	0%	0
strongly disagree	0%	0
don't know	2.0%	2
Total		98
<b>7. I understand the school's Catholic mission and I am supportive of it.</b>		
	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
strongly agree	79.6%	78
agree	19.4%	19
disagree	0%	0
strongly disagree	0%	0
don't know	1.0%	1
Total		98
<b>8. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.</b>		
	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
strongly agree	55.2%	48
agree	40.2%	35
disagree	2.3%	2
strongly disagree	0%	0
don't know	2.3%	2
Total		87
<b>9. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.</b>		
	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
strongly agree	21.0%	17
agree	19.8%	16
disagree	1.2%	1
strongly disagree	1.2%	1
don't know	56.8%	46
Total		81
<b>10. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.</b>		
	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
strongly agree	48.9%	44
agree	38.9%	35
neither agree nor disagree	12.2%	11
disagree	0%	0
strongly disagree	0%	0
Total		90
<b>11. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.</b>		
	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
strongly agree	66.3%	65
agree	28.6%	28
neither agree nor disagree	5.1%	5
disagree	0%	0
Strongly disagree	0%	0
Total		98

12. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?		Percentage	Quantity
Yes		24.5%	24
No		75.5%	74
Total			98

  

12a If yes how strongly do you agree with the statement...	Percentage	Quantity
strongly agree	25.0%	8
agree	31.3%	10
neither agree or disagree	31.3%	10
disagree	3.1%	1
strongly disagree	9.4%	3
Total		32

  

13. The school has high expectations for my child.		Percentage	Quantity
strongly agree		69.4%	68
agree		24.5%	24
neither agree nor disagree		5.1%	5
disagree		1.0%	1
strongly disagree		0%	0
Total			98

  

14. My child does well at this school.		Percentage	Quantity
strongly agree		71.4%	70
agree		23.5%	23
neither agree or disagree		5.1%	5
disagree		0%	0
strongly disagree		0%	0
Total			98

  

15 The school lets me know how my child is doing.  
(Free text) \* see below

16. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school		Percentage	Quantity
strongly agree		69.4%	68
agree		18.4%	18
neither agree nor disagree		11.2%	11
disagree		1.0%	1
strongly disagree		0%	0
Total			98

  

17. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.		Percentage	Quantity
strongly agree		63.3%	62
agree		25.5%	25
Neither agree or disagree		5.1%	5
disagree		6.1%	6
Strongly disagree		0%	0
Total			98

18. The school supports my child's wider personal development	Percentage	Quantity
strongly agree	67.3%	66
agree	23.5%	23
neither agree nor disagree	6.1%	6
disagree	3.1%	3
strongly disagree	0%	0
Total		98

  

19. I would recommend this school to another parent.	Percentage	Quantity
Yes	100.0%	98
No	0%	0
Total		98