



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 16th January 2026

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

Prayer

Dear God,

We thank you for a new year;

A year that is full of opportunities.

Please help us to take each opportunity to make this a good year for other people and not just for ourselves. Help us to try hard, to be courageous in attempting new things and to care for others. Amen.

Time for reflection

*Another year is dawning, we'll have adventures new.
Who knows what will happen? Who knows what we'll do?
We're full of good intentions as we try to mend our ways
By making resolutions – some get broken within days!
Let's hope this year is peaceful. Let's hope that all is calm.
That we can work together to keep us free from harm.
Whatever our religion, whatever faith or creed,
We can all do our bit to help people in need.*

Subject of the week: RE

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Library open morning and afternoon:

Each Monday and Friday morning between 8:10 – 8:40am, parents and children are warmly invited to our Library for our Grab a Book and a Biscuit session. This is a lovely way to start the day with your child and a good book. As part of our relaunch, the Library will now also be open once a month on a Friday evening from 3:20 – 4:15pm. These special sessions will offer a calm and cosy space for families to enjoy books together at the end of the week. Join us on the next evening session on Friday 6th February.

Nursery Spaces:



Nursery spaces are still available for September 2026 – please note we are 30-hour provider and can offer wrap around care from 7.45am – 5.30pm.

Supplementary Application forms are available from the school office.

We welcome applications from children of all faiths to our Nursery.

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

Severe and Extreme weather warnings:

In light of the recent severe weather warning regarding snow, ice and storms, we would like to inform parents and guardians of our approach to school closures. Our primary aim is to ensure the safety of all students and staff while maintaining educational continuity. We will only close the school if absolutely necessary, as we endeavour to keep the school open whenever possible. Should the situation change and a closure be deemed necessary, we will communicate this promptly through Arbor and our school website banner. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during these challenging weather conditions. Please remain vigilant to emails and the school banner should we need to change or adapt timings for opening or closure. We thank you all for your continued support.

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

ATTENDANCE
AWARD
Year 2 99%

HOUSE POINTS
Mark

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Kavian & Jude

Reception
Ermanuel & Jasper

Year 1
Ariella & Michael

Year 2
Jason & Mattyas

Year 3
Osariemen & Yusuf

Year 4
Joe & Selin

Year 5
Harry & Hope

Year 6
Adele & Fire

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Patsy

Reception
Elora

Year 1
Princess Faith

Year 2
Favour

Year 3
Ava

Year 4
Julian

Year 5
Lucy

Year 6
Kian

Reminders:

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.

- Please remember those healthy items for packed lunches.
- 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.
- **St Joseph's is a 'NUT-FREE' Zone!**

Spring Term 1

| Week | Date-Week beginning | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1 | 5 th January 2026 | INSET DAY | SCHOOL OPENS EPIPHANY MASS 2PM | | YEAR 4 PRAYER SERVICE | |
| 2 | 12 th January 2026 | | | | | |
| 3 | 19 th January 2026 | | | | | PTA NON- UNIFORM DAY |
| 4 | 26 th January 2026 ART WEEK | | | | YEAR 3 PRAYER SERVICE | |
| 5 | 2 nd February 2026 | | | | | YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY |
| 6 | 9 th February 2026 | | SAFER INTERNET DAY | PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY AND VALENTINES DISCO | | |
| Half term -16 th February -20 th February 2026 | | | | | | |

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