



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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11th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you.

Thought of the Week

I hope you and your wider family are all well and finding your way through this latest lockdown. From feedback received from this week's parent's consultations, I know there is a mixed picture of how everyone is coping, ranging from very happy to the point of enjoying lockdown, to those really struggling with balancing work and having children at home. We want you to know that you are doing a great job and thank you all for your hard work. Hopefully, we will all be back in school soon. Fingers crossed for the 8th March.

Book Day

To promote our love for reading, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. Children at home and those in school, may dress up as their favourite book character. Please see start times below for our virtual assembly. All parents and carers are welcome to attend our virtual assembly via Google Meet.



Year Groups	Assembly Start Time
F1 & F2	9.00a.m.
Years 1 & 2	9.30a.m.
Years 3 & 4	10.30a.m.
Year 5 & 6	11.30a.m.

St David's Day

On Monday 1st March, there will be a non-uniform day to celebrate St David's Day, the Patron Saint of Wales. The children at home and those in school may wear green, white or red on this day.



St Patrick's Day – Non Uniform Day

On Wednesday 17th March, there will be a non-uniform day to celebrate St Patrick's Day. He is the Patron Saint of Ireland. The children may wear green, white or yellow on this day. We are asking for a voluntary £1.00 contribution towards our Lenten appeal.



Twitter

Please follow us on twitter for news about our school. Please feel free to share photographs or videos of your child's learning too. Our twitter address is:
@stjosephs775



Important Notices

Nursery School Applications

The paragraph below is very important for all parents with children born between 1st September 2017 and 31 August 2018. Applications for admission to our Nursery Class is now open.

Please ensure you complete the **School's Supplementary Form which you can obtain from the School's Website or the School Office**. Your priest will also need to complete a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** which is obtainable from your church. All forms must be completed and returned to the school office before admission can be considered.

Therefore, in order to apply for our school, we must receive:

1. Supplementary Information Form.
2. Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable).
3. Baptism Certificate (if applicable).

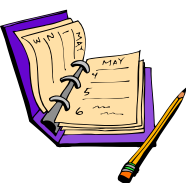
The closing date is 22nd February 2021. Please do not be late as this could jeopardise your child's place at the school.

2. Medicines in Schools.

If your child has an asthma pump or has an epi-pen, please ensure your child's medicines are correct and in date. Thank you.

Have a great half term.

Linda Payne
Headteacher



March	
Monday 1 st March	Virtual, remote St David's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green, red, white or yellow).
Thursday 4 th March World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day	Virtual World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day. All parents are welcome to attend the Virtual World Book Day Assembly This is a non-uniform day. Children may dress up as their favourite book character.
Friday 12 th March	To be confirmed (TBC) - Mother's day Class Assembly starts at 9.00a.m. To be confirmed. This may need to be postponed until the children are in school again.
Wednesday 17 th March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green or white).
	St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed. (TBC)
	Last swimming for Year 3 and Year 4 TBC
Monday 22 nd March	Lenten Cake Competition (all children may enter by baking a cake). Cake sale. TBC (Fingers crossed, this will go ahead)
Tuesday 23 rd March	Lenten Toy Sale (please donate old toys). TBC (Fingers crossed, this will go ahead)
Friday 26th March	Virtual Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) (F1-Y6) All parents welcome to attend the Virtual Easter Bonnet Parade Children to make the bonnets at home and bring them into school. All children may participate in this event.TBC End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.
April	

Monday 12th April	Start of Term
Friday 16th April	Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 5 TBC
Friday 23 rd April	St George's Non-Uniform Day (children may wear red, white or blue).
May	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday. School closed.
Friday 7 th May	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 14 th May	Last swimming for Year 5
Monday 17 th May	Walk to School Week
Tuesday 18 th May	KS1 Sports Day at 9.30a.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Tuesday 18 th May	KS2 Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Thursday 20 th May	Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 5 parents are welcome to attend)
Friday 21st May	Swimming starts for Year 6 TBC
Friday 28 th May	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
31st May – 4th June	Half Term Holiday – School Closed

June	
Monday 7th June	Inset Day – school closed.
Tuesday 8th June	Start of Term
Tuesday 15 th June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 9.30p.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Tuesday 15 th June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Thursday 24 th June	Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1 at 2.00p.m
Friday 25 th June	F1 new pupils visits 1.30p.m.
Friday 25 th June	St Peter's & St Paul's Mass in school at 9.00a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass
TBC	Year 6 School Journey.

July	
Thursday 1 st July	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Friday 2 nd July	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 2 nd July	F1 visits and New Parents meeting 1.30p.m.
	Final Year 3 swim – double session TBC
Wednesday 7 th July	Reserve date: Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 7 th July	Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)
Thursday 8 th July	Transition Day for all pupils Secondary School Transition day New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. (Current F1 parents to attend).
Friday 9 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass. Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Monday 12 th July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
	Final Year 6 swim – double session TBC

Tuesday 13 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Wednesday 14 th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m. KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 15th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass End of Term Year 6 lunch End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.