



9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is so lovely to be back in school again and I hope you all had a great summer break. I would like to offer a very warm welcome to our new children and their parents. I am very excited about the year of learning ahead of us and I am sure your children will thoroughly enjoy their time at school this year. During these first few weeks, we will focus on settling the children in and ensuring they feel happy and comfortable being back at St Joseph's.

Over the summer, we have been very busy decorating the following areas: Year 1, Year 6 classrooms and the Key Stage 2 corridor stairwells. All of the rooms look bright and cheery. We also had a new lockdown alarm installed. At some point this term, we will carry out our lockdown procedures and lock down our school. Lockdowns commonly occur when the children and staff need to be locked within buildings for their safety, i.e. in an emergency such as a stray dog on our premises or an intruder in our school grounds. A message will be sent to you during our lockdown practices via the School Gateway App.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our building fund. With the money donated, we have had new fire doors fitted throughout the school.

Over the next few years, I hope to get new windows for Years 4, 5 and 6. However, I will need to raise approximately £30,000; therefore, please ensure that you pay your Building Fund donation, which is £30 per child, per term. Payments can be made via the School Gateway App. Thank you for your contribution, as it genuinely helps improve our school environment.

WELCOME



Welcome to the following children and their families:

Foundation 1: Ella, Joshua, Anastasia, Jasmine, Michael, Joshua, Michael, Camille, Peter, Molly, Jeanie, Maxence, Sofia, Matei, Olivia, Timotej, Beau, Anais, Steve, Samuel, Mia



Foundation 2: Lucas, Iona, Oliver, Miky, Lewis, Ava, Edgar, Rielle, Harry, Amelia, Danilo, Oliver, Bruce, Maya, Molli, Avani, Myra, Amariah, Maya T, Poppy.

Year 1: Victor, Faustine





Year 2: Katie

Year 3: Albin, James, Pavol



Year 4: Carmen

Year 5



Year 6



Meet the Teacher Afternoon

After school on Thursday 29th September, you will have the chance to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom. At the end of the day, the children will be dismissed as usual.

The children will then bring you back to school for a classroom tour.

Key Stage 1 & 2 (Years 1, 2, 3,4,5 6) Please feel free to visit anytime time after 3.15p.m. until 4.30p.m.

Foundation Stage 1 and 2 starts at 9.00 a.m. on Friday 30th September.

Wrap Around Care

Nursery

We now offer full-time hours from 9.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. with a lunchtime club. Your child may attend nursery part-time (9.00a.m. until 3.00p.m.) or full-time.

Breakfast Club

The school's Breakfast Club runs five days a week (during term-time only) from 7.35 a.m. - 8.50 a.m. for Nursery to Year 6 children. You can choose which days your child attends. A healthy, nutritious breakfast of cereal, toast and squash is provided.

Breakfast Club prices are charged as follows:

£5.00 per child per day (7.35 am start)
£3.50 per child per day (8.00 am start)

Bookings can be made through the School Gateway App.

Please click on the link below:

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

After School Club

Happy Days is a privately run after-school club based at the Clitheroe Centre in South Oxhey. The Happy Days staff will collect your child from St Joseph's school at the end of the day. The club starts from 3.15 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. and is on every day. Please contact [After School & Breakfast Clubs based around North West London | Happy Days Clubs](#) for more details. At the club, the children have lots of fun and have access to various toys and games.

First Holy Communion

If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion next year, please see Father John.

Newsletters

I will send out newsletters fortnightly. Please inform the office if you do not receive a newsletter via e-mail. Paper copies will be distributed if you do not have an e-mail account.

PE kits

Please ensure PE kits are brought into school each Monday. Children should take their PE kit home to be washed on Fridays.

Packed Lunches

As a healthy school, we ask that your child have a healthy packed lunch. Children may have a small daily treat, such as a chocolate biscuit. Crisps are only allowed on Fridays. Packed lunches **must not** contain any type or form of nuts (including spreads such as Nutella), fruit and nut bars and some cereal bars. This is necessary as we have children with severe allergies.

Glass bottles or cans of fizzy drinks are not allowed.

School Meals

Our school kitchen offers delicious lunches. School dinners are prepared and cooked on site. These include Wednesday Roasts and Friday Specials. Lunches are ordered and paid for online at app.schoolgrid.co.uk.

If you would like your child to receive a school dinner:

- please register on SchoolGrid at app.schoolgrid.co.uk;
- please order termly to ensure your child's lunch is arranged in advance;
- please cancel the lunch option if your child is absent from school or if you have sent in a home packed lunch;
- please ensure your child brings a home-packed lunch if you have not ordered dinner before the cut off time of 8.45 a.m.;
- please make your payment through School Gateway "SchoolGrid Dinner Money". Payments need to be paid in advance.

Breaktimes

Milk provided is free for children under five and may be purchased in advance for children aged five years and over and in Years 1 and 2. All children may bring water or squash to

drink and a piece of fruit/cheese for their morning break (Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children have fruit provided as part of a national scheme).

Important Notice

1. **Individual and sibling photographs** will be taken on Tuesday 13th September.
2. 'Meet The Teacher' will be on Thursday 29th September
3. Please may I remind you that dogs are **not** allowed anywhere on the school site.
Thank you for your co-operation.
4. Flu vaccination sessions will take place in school on Tuesday 11th October and Wednesday 30th November. Consent forms will be sent to parents and should be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.
5. Please note that Parents Forums will be held at different start times throughout the year as suggested at the last Parents Forum.

Have a great week,

Linda Payne

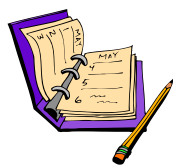
Dates for the diary

More than ever - please treat this calendar as a guide – I am sure as we progress through the year, there may be variations.

The acronym TBC means to be confirmed.

September	
Tuesday 13 th September	Individual/Sibling Photographs
Friday 16 th September	Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 23 rd September	Welcome Mass in School at 11.00.a.m. TBC
Thursday 29 th September	Meet the Teacher for Years 1 – 6
Friday 30 th September	Meet the Teacher and join our Foundation Stage Macmillan Coffee Morning. Foundation Stage parents are welcome to attend. More information to follow.

October	
	Month of Mary
Tuesday 11 th October	Flu Vaccination Session
Wednesday 12 th October	Year 1 Phonics Meeting for Parents. Starting at the following times: 2.30pm. or 5.00p.m.
Friday 14 th October	Pink Non Uniform Day to support Breast Cancer Appeal (Children may wear pink).
Week commencing 17 th October	Virtual Parents' Evening (all week) Class days TBC - To Be Confirmed
Thursday 20 th October	Harvest Assembly: All Parents are welcome to attend. Approximate start times:
	Foundation 1 9.10a.m.
	Foundation 2 9.15am.
	Year 1 9.20a.m.
	Year 2 9.25a.m.
	Year 3 9.30a.m.
	Year 4 9.35a.m.
	Year 5 9.40a.m.
	Year 6 9.45a.m.



Thursday 20 th October	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
Friday 21 st October	School Closed – Deanery Inset Day
24 th October – 28 th October	Half Term Holiday – School Closed
Monday 31st October	Start of term

November	
Tuesday 1 st November	All Saints Day Mass (TBC)
Friday 4 th November	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. (after assembly)
Friday 4 th November	PFA Fireworks Night. Parent Volunteers needed to help at this great event. Gates open at 6.30p.m.
Thursday 10 th November	Year 5 Remembrance Mass at 2.00p.m. Year 5 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 17 th November	Year 4 Refugee Mass at 2.00p.m. Year 4 parents are welcome to attend.
Friday 25 th November	Occasional Day – School Closed
Wednesday 30 th November	St Andrew's Non Uniform day (children may wear blue, white or tartan). Flu Vaccination Session

December	
Thursday 1 st December	Year 6 Advent Mass at 2.00p.m. Year 6 parents are welcome to attend.
Friday 2 nd December	Foundation Stage, Key stage 1 & 2 Christmas PFA Disco Parent volunteers needed.
Wednesday 7 th December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play (dress rehearsal- parents and toddlers welcome). Starts at 9.30a.m
Thursday 8 th December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play. Starts at 9.30a.m. All parents welcome to attend.
Friday 9th December	Last swimming for Year 3 and Year 4
Tuesday 13 th December	Pantomime Trip, Watersmeet Theatre
Wednesday 14 th December	Pantomime Trip, Watersmeet Theatre
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (children may wear a Christmas jumper/teeshirt).
Monday 19 th December	KS2 Advent Service. Starts at 1.30p.m. TBC
Tuesday 20 th December	Whole School Christmas Quiz & Foundation Stage Party
Wednesday 21 st December	Mass in church 9.15a.m. All parents welcome to attend. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.
22nd December – 4th January	Christmas Holiday – School Closed

January 2023	
Spring Term	
Thursday 5th January	Start of term
Friday 5th January	Epiphany Mass in Church (No Celebration Assembly)

February	
Thursday 2 nd February	Parents' Forum at 5pm
Monday 6 th February	Parents' Consultations all week Save the date
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 10th February	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.

13th – 17th February	Half Term holiday – School Closed
Monday 20th February	Start of Term
Wednesday 22nd February	Ash Wednesday

March	
Wednesday 1 st March	St David's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green, red, white or yellow).
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day. All parents are welcome to attend the World Book Day Assembly This is a non-uniform day. Children may dress up as their favourite book character.
Friday 17 th March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green or white). Mother's Day Assembly starts at 9.00a.m. All F1 – F2 mothers/carers welcome to attend. More information to follow.
	St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed. (TBC)
Monday 27 th March	Lenten Cake Competition (all children may enter by baking a cake). Cake sale.
Wednesday 29 th March	Lenten Toy Sale (please donate old toys).
Friday 31st March	Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) (F1-Y6) All parents welcome to attend the Easter Bonnet Parade. Children to make the bonnets at home and bring them into school. All children may participate in this event. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.

April	
Monday 17th April	Start of Term
Friday 21 st April	St George's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear red, white or blue).

May	
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday. School closed.
Friday 5 th May	Parents' Forum at 2.30p.m.
2 nd – 20 th May	KS1 SATs- Year 2
Monday 8th – 11th May	KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests (free breakfast club for Year 6 pupils all week, starting at 8.00a.m.)
Monday 8th May	KS 2 Spelling, punctuation and Grammar Paper 1 & 2 tests
Tuesday 9th May	KS2 Reading Test
Wednesday 10th May	KS2 Maths Paper 1 & 2 Test
Thursday 11th May	KS2 Maths Paper 3 Test
Monday 15 th May	Walk to School Week
Thursday 18 th May	Ascension Mass All parents welcome to attend.
Thursday 18 th May	Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All

	Year 5 parents are welcome to attend)
Tuesday 23 rd May	KS2 Sports Day at 9.30a.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Tuesday 23 rd May	KS1 Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Friday 26 th May	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term Holiday – School Closed

June	
Monday 5th June	Inset Day – school closed.
Tuesday 6th June	Start of Term
Tuesday 6 th June	Year 1 Phonic tests commence Year 4 Multiplication tests commence
Thursday 8 th June	Class Photographs
Tuesday 13 th June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 9.30p.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Tuesday 13 th June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Monday 26 th June	St Peter and St Paul Mass TBC

Tuesday 27 th June	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
July	
Monday 3 rd – 7 th July	Year 6 Trip to Wales
Monday 3 rd July	F1 new children and parents visits 1.30p.m.
Tuesday 4 th July	Reserve date: Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Tuesday 4 th July	Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)
Wednesday 5 th July	New to Year 2 SATS & Transition Meeting (All Year 1 parents are welcome to attend)
Monday 10 th July	F1 new children and parents meeting 1.30p.m.
Thursday 13 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 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Monday 17 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 18 th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m. KS2 parents are welcome to attend. Year 3,4,5 and 6 pupils must be back in school at 5.40pm
Wednesday 19th 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.