13th November 2026

Our School is a family of faith, hope, love, fun and learning for all

Another Busy and Wonderful Week at St Joseph's!

It's been another very busy week in school, filled with lots of learning, laughter and fun!

It's wonderful to see the children so focused and enthusiastic in their classrooms, working hard and embracing their learning. Just as lovely is hearing the sound of laughter and happy chatter as they enjoy playing with their friends at break times. A perfect balance of learning and fun!

There has also been plenty happening beyond the classroom this week, with our fantastic extra-curricular activities in full swing. Generation Rock rehearsals, piano lessons, Minecraft Club, sports clubs and choir have all been keeping our children busy and giving them lots of opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills and discover new talents. If your child would like to get involved, or you would like any further information about these activities, please contact the school office.

Country wide have been in school this week. Helping to spruce up the EYFS area, jet washing and painting.



Keeping Cosy This Winter

As the colder weather is beginning to arrive, we ask that you please make sure your children come to school wrapped up warm. Winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves are all essential as the temperatures continue to drop. Please remember to label all items clearly with your child's name, as this really helps us reunite any lost belongings with their owners.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend, stay warm and enjoy some well-deserved family time!

23rd November	KS1 Remembrance Mass
6th December	Parish pensioners Christmas lunch
16th December	KS1 Mass of the Shepherds Parents welcome Christmas lunch day
18th December	Christmas Jumper day School Closes 1:30pm
4th January 2027	School reopens

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team at St Joseph's consists of myself (Miss Johnson), Mrs Heywood, Miss Bennett and Miss Raymond. If you wish to discuss any concerns with us, please ask and at least one of us will be available. All our staff are trained in safeguarding, and we are here to keep your children safe and happy at all times.

School Attendance and Term Time Holidays

Please note that only absences categorised as urgent and exceptional will be authorised. No term time holidays will be authorised. A copy of the absence request form is on the school website and copies are available from the school office. Please provide adequate time for school to process the request.

Any child who arrives after 9:15am without valid reason (e.g. a medical appointment) will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Penalty notices will be issued for any 10 unauthorised absences within a 10-week period (this is equivalent to 5 school days)
Penalty notices will rise to £160, per child, per parent. If paid within 21 days, this will be reduced to £80. If a second penalty notice is issued, this will be at £160 but will not have the option of being reduced.
A 3rd penalty notice cannot be issued within 3 years of the first one. If the threshold (10 sessions) is met for a 3rd time, this will result in prosecution.

Our attendance and punctuality at St Joseph's is good however our biggest attendance issue is around holidays in school time, and following government guidelines, I am never allowed to authorise holidays in school time.

Please note that if your child is ill prior to or directly after a school holiday, or a planned holiday of 4 days or less, school may ask for evidence of illness or flight details. This is to comply with government guidelines and also from a welfare point of view.

Don't Miss Out – Reception places for September 2027

For children in Nursery – the window for applications to primary school is now open and closes on the 15th January 2027. If your child attends St Joseph's Nursery, this does not automatically entitle you to a place in our Reception year group. You must still apply via the local authority. The link to apply is as follows: https://share.google/kHulRvW0Gb6JCpamy

Celebration Assembly

This year's Celebration Assembly will take place on a Friday at 2:45pm in the main school hall. If your child has been selected for an award, we would like to invite you as parents to attend this assembly. As staff will be making a decision regarding awards on a Thursday, a message will be sent to you on Thursday afternoon to invite you if your child will be receiving a certificate. We hope to start this early in the new term.

School Uniform and PE Kits

All children have been told about the importance of having pride in their uniform and how a school uniform lets everyone know that every child is part of our St Joseph's family. The children at St Joseph's have always looked smart in their uniforms and we need that to continue. The school uniform at St Joseph's consists of:

White shirt or blouse

Grey trousers or shorts or pinafore dress or skirt

Purple sweatshirt or cardigan

School tie, black shoes/plain black trainers

If your child has PE, they should come into school wearing their full PE kit:

White or purple T-shirt

Purple short/ plain black shorts/ jogging bottoms

Trainers

Grey hoodie or purple sweatshirt or cardigan

PE days are as follows:

Class	Day	Class	Day
Nursery	Tuesday	Mr Ellam / Ms Mackey	Tuesday and Friday
Reception	Tuesday	Miss Ellis	Monday and Wednesday
Miss McNicholas	Tuesday and Thursday	Mr Sutton	Tuesday and Thursday
Mrs DiVito	Monday and Thursday	Mrs Hiddleston	Monday and Wednesday
Mrs Prince	Tuesday and Thursday	Miss Bennett	Wednesday and Friday
Mrs Bryan	Wednesday and Thursday	Resource Provision	Friday

School Meals

The Autumn Term menu can be found at the end of the newsletter. The children will order their meal within class each morning during registration. A meal can only be ordered in Nursery and KS2 if your Arbor account has sufficient funds. Next week we will be on **week 2.**

Toast for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 can also be ordered at registration subject to sufficient funds. If you are unsure how to add credit to your Arbor account, please speak to the office.

Parking

Over the past couple of days, we have had several complaints by neighbours over the parking around school. Please be respectful to our neighbours by not blocking drives or access to their home. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Forest School

Mrs DiVito will be teaching Forest School to the **RP** class on the following dates:

4Th November
11th November
18th November

After School Club

After-School Club places **must** be booked via Arbor in advance (12 hours before). After-School Club runs from 3:15pm to 6pm. **Fridays it closes at 5pm**

The cost of after-school club is as follows: 3:15pm – 5pm £6
3:15pm – 6pm £10

PARENT FACTSHEET

10 tips to stay safe online

Pass our pointers on to your child to help keep them safe online. You can read through these with your child, or give them this sheet, depending on their age and what you think would be most helpful.

- Be careful talking to people you don't know and trust in real life – anyone can pretend to be a child online. If you do talk to people you don't know, don't tell them your personal information – such as your name, age, what street you live on, your school's name, or your location. If they ask for images or videos of yourself, say no, stop talking to them and report this to a trusted adult
- You need to be 13 years old to use most social media apps. If you do use them, keep your profiles private, to limit what others can see. Think carefully about what you share and with who – once you've shared an image, you can't control what the other person does with it. Remember, it's against the law to take, share or view sexual images of under-18s
- Use AI chatbots carefully – not everything they generate is real. They may also tell you to do things that could harm you or someone else. Don't give them your personal information or photos – they could be used to make fake images, or to bully or blackmail you
- Keep in mind that what you post online now could be seen by people in the future, like when you're trying to get a job when you're older
- If you see something upsetting, or you're bullied online, tell an adult you trust. Ask them to report it by following the instructions on the website, game or app – they'll probably need to select the 3 dots next to a post or comment
- When you read, listen to or watch the news online, think about where the information comes from, and if it could be made up or a hoax
- Look out for hoaxes and scams, like messages you're meant to forward on or ones that ask you for payment details or your password
- Be wary of schemes promising easy cash for receiving and transferring money – they're almost definitely criminal activity
- Watch out for loot boxes or other parts of games where you pay money to take a chance on getting a reward – you can end up spending lots of money on them
- Remember, people make their lives look more exciting and interesting online. People often edit their photos to make them look better, or make fake images with AI tools, so don't believe everything you see. This includes gang lifestyles – they're not as glamorous as they look

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Don't feel confident talking to your child about online safety?

Read this advice from the NSPCC: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety

Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage, beans and hash brown	Tomato mascarpone pasta and garlic bread	Roast chicken, roast potatoes, carrots and peas	Chicken curry, rice and sweetcorn	Fish and chips, mushy peas or beans
Sandwich – tuna, cheese or ham	Sandwich – tuna, cheese or ham	Jacket potato and salad	Sandwich – tuna, cheese or ham	Jacket potato and salad
Ginger biscuit, fruit or yogurt	Chocolate Sponge, fruit or yogurt	Melting moment, fruit or yogurt	Fruit jelly, fruit or yogurt	Golden crunch, fruit or yogurt
Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, wedges, beans or peas	Mac 'n' cheese and garlic bread	Beef burger, wedges, beans or peas	Chicken curry, rice and sweetcorn	Fish fingers and chips, beans or peas
Sandwich – tuna, cheese or ham	Sandwich – tuna, cheese or ham	Jacket potato and salad	Sandwich – tuna, cheese or ham	Jacket potato and salad
Vanilla sponge and custard, fruit or yogurt	Fruit jelly, fruit or yogurt	Chocolate crispie, fruit or yogurt	Vanilla muffin, fruit and yogurt	Chocolate muffin
Week 3				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage roll, mash potato and baked beans	Tomato basil pasta and garlic bread	Pizza, wedges, beans or peas	Chicken curry, rice and sweetcorn	Fish and chips, mushy peas or beans
Sandwich – tuna, cheese or ham	Sandwich – tuna, cheese or ham	Jacket potato and salad	Sandwich – tuna, cheese or ham	Jacket potato and salad
Shortbread finger, fruit or yogurt	Chocolate muffin, fruit or yogurt	Rice pudding, fruit or yogurt	Fruit jelly, fruit or yogurt	Festival cookie, fruit or yogurt

Seasonal vegetables and salad will be available daily.
A vegetarian alternative will be available each day.