



St Joseph's Newsletter

Tuesday 5th November 2024

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Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Maple (Y6) and Wren (Y2) for best attendance in the week before half term. The Y6 children were delighted to finally win when they found out in assembly



Discussion starter at home

"When I grow up, I want to be..."



From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. Whilst I have heard from many children today about their fun holiday activities and the good times spent with family and friends, if things have been difficult over the break or there is anything that would be helpful for us to know, do please speak with your child's class teacher.

Enjoy fireworks tonight if you are celebrating (unless you have a dog like ours who is terrified of them and you just can't wait for the evening to be over!)

Mr Chamberlin

Parents Evening Sign Up – This Friday

You will be able to sign up for your child's parents evening appointment this Friday morning from 8.25am. Sheets for all classes across both the infant and junior school will be on the tables by the junior school. Please simply write your child's full name in an available slot. Please make a note of the time and day of the appointment (we always have a few who arrive on the wrong day!).

Details:

- Please arrive approximately 10 minutes before your appointment time.
- You should arrive through the school office. Please collect your child's books and enjoy some time looking through them on the chairs in the corridor outside each hall.
- Appointments will be 10 minutes and will be in the infant and junior halls.
- A timer on the screen will show you how long your appointment has left. Please leave promptly to allow all parents the same time with the teachers



School Day Consultation

Following 57 responses to the consultation, the result was that the majority of parents have voted to move the infant timings 5 minutes earlier, making both schools the same timings of 8.30am – 3.10pm.

I will discuss this with the school governors next week ahead of sharing the final decision. Thank you for your feedback.

Congratulations footballers!

Our team, made up of Year 5 and Year 6 boys attended a local school football tournament before the half term break. We are proud of their performances and teamwork and the grit they showed in their matches. Bringing home silver medals for their second place finish was a lovely bonus too! Congratulations boys.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 11 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
Thurs 14 Nov	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Fri 15 Nov	8.50am Infant Parent Workshop – Phonics and Early Reading
Fri 15 Nov	Children in Need activities
Tues 19 Nov	Tours for Reception 2025
Wed 20 Nov	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thurs 28 Nov	Tours for Reception 2025

December dates to follow soon including Reception Nativity, Christmas service and parties!

Who do I talk to?

With any new year, there are changes to get used to and in St Joseph's a new Head teacher, Deputy and SENDCo all at once is a lot to make sense of! We are working on a more complete visual to help signpost you to the right support, but for now:

Initial concerns Friendship and behaviour concerns General difficulties with learning	Your child's class teacher
Safeguarding or child protection concerns	Mrs Sheppard (our safeguarding lead)
Anything else!	School Office

If you have a complaint, we hope to work with you swiftly to address it, [you can read about our approach in our policy here.](#)