

2nd September 2025

St. Joseph's

Catholic
Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope that you all had a lovely summer and managed to enjoy time with your loved ones.

This morning, we celebrated the start of our new academic year as a whole school, as we joined together to celebrate The Word. We reflected on the fact that everyone is invited to the Kingdom of God and that we need to extend that invitation of love and acceptance into our everyday lives.

There is a fantastic buzz across school and everyone is working hard and enthusiastic about the year ahead. School is calm and productive which is so lovely to see.

We are busy planning opportunities for parents to come into school and share learning experiences with their children and we will let you know of these dates as soon as possible. Starting on Thursday 11th September, parents will be invited to pop into their child's classroom between 8:30am and 8:40am every Thursday, to look at their child's work and books. Parents will be asked to leave promptly at 8:40am to allow the normal school day to begin.

Forest School sessions will start next week and children will need to come to school appropriately dressed for the weather and outdoor learning.

Date	Year Group	Date	Class
Wednesday 10 th September		Friday 12 th September	Mrs Williamson
Wednesday 17 th September	Reception	Friday 19 th September	Mrs Di Vito
Wednesday 24 th September	Nursery	Friday 26 th September	Mrs Pepper
Wednesday 1 st October	Reception	Friday 3 rd October	Mrs Clarke
Wednesday 8 th October	Nursery	Friday 10 th October	Miss Whitehead
Wednesday 15 th October	Reception	Friday 17 th October	Miss L Bennett
Wednesday 22 nd October	Nursery	Friday 24 th October	Mr Sutton

As previously communicated, all outstanding debts need to be cleared on accounts in order for children to access Wrap Around Care, school meals and snack. Items now need to be paid for in advance.

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There have been a number of changes to our Governing Board over the summer. Kate Ford's (Parent Governor) term of office came to an end. I am incredibly grateful for Kate's commitment and support over the past years. Her knowledge and skills have been invaluable. Loui Frost is our new Parent Governor. Loui has two children in KS1 and with a background in education, she will be a welcomed addition to the Board.

Melanie Burkey is our new Staff Governor. Her robust knowledge of St Joseph's, SEND and EYFS will further enhance the Board's skillset.

Patrick Cahill, Foundation Governor, has made the decision not to renew his term of office. Patrick has been a very professional and skilled governor and it will be hard to replace him. Patrick's logical thinking and challenging questioning will be missed.

We have 3 Foundation Governor vacancies on the Governing Board. If you, or someone you know, are a practicing Catholic and may be interested in joining the Board to support the progress and development of St Joseph's then please get in touch.

We look forward to working collaboratively, in partnership with you as parents and are excited about the year ahead of us.

Kind regards,

Martine Gum
Headteacher



But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you.

Luke 14:13