



St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

The autumn term is now in full swing and the children have settled into their routines and lessons beautifully. A special mention about the children's behaviour in the weekly Masses. It has been exemplary!

It's Cool to be in School. School Routines: School times are 8:50 start and 3:15 finish. Please work with us to ensure lessons can start promptly. Our phonics scheme Read Write Inc is delivered daily across all year groups. Late arrivals disrupt session and leave gaps in pupils' learning. Please work with us and avoid booking holidays during school term times.

Attendance: September's attendance was 94%!!! This is fantastic but let's keep up the good work. We have begun a weekly class attendance chart and the class with the highest attendance will receive a reward. This will be chosen by the children. It could be Golden Time on the yard or bikes, a particular colouring etc. Results will be sent via text each week.

Putting Christ at the Centre: As a Catholic school, our faith and the Gospel values permeate everything we do. With this in mind, please do try to take your children to Mass on the weekends. Even if you have not been for a while, why not take this opportunity to make a fresh start.

Family Mass: Next Family Mass in St Joseph's Parish Sunday will be 12th October at 10am. October is the month of the Rosary and this will be the focus of the Family Mass. Children are invited to wear blue. They will take part in the offertory, read Bidding prayers and join in with a hymn at the end of Mass. Attendance in these Masses has dwindled over the last few months so please try to make every effort to attend. The children's attendance makes all the difference....and there is always a little treat at the end of Mass!

Rosaries are available to buy from the school at 30p each.

Free School Meal Offer All children can access Free School Meals. Please take advantage of this offer.

Snack money. We offer all children fruit and milk at breaktime. Please could you provide £2 every Monday to contribute towards the cost of fruit. You can also choose to pay half termly or termly. This half term is 8 weeks. We would be grateful if you could send this money in in an envelope marked with your child's name and class.

Voluntary Contribution Building Fund (£2 weekly voluntary contribution) As a Voluntary Aided School, we are required to contribute 15% of any major works. As a community we are very proud of our school and are striving to provide the very best for your child. Huge

Thanks to those families who have contributed financially. If families are not in a position to pay £2 weekly for the Building Fund, then we completely understand. You may pay with cash or on Parent Pay.

Recycling Uniform

If you have any out-grown winter coats that are clean and of an excellent quality, please send them into school for recycling. If you require any spare uniform, please ask! We have lots here to be shared with our families. We have a few new winter coats brought in. Come and see if they are suitable.

Community Links

Our playgroup will commence on Wednesday September 17th in the dinner hall at 1.15 – 3.00. These are proving to be very popular, and it's been wonderful to see some new faces. Come and join us! We can even offer a cup of tea or coffee!

Wraparound Care

We are delighted to be able to offer nursery children wraparound care in St Joseph's Infant school. Please contact Funky Footsteps on 01639 898902

We will be holding Family Engagement sessions again this term. Here are the dates (**please note change of dates**)

Mrs James: Monday October 20th at 9.15 (Year 1 children from Mrs Owen's class are welcome to come to this session).

Mrs Owen: Wednesday October 22nd at 9.15

Mrs Torrance: Thursday October 23rd at 9.15 (Year 2 children from Mrs James's class are welcome to join this session).

Dates for the diary:

INSET: Monday 3rd November 2025

Autumn Disco – Thursday October 9th 4.30 - 6 (Junior school)

Family Mass – Sunday October 12th St Joseph's Church

Nasal Flu – Tuesday October 21st please complete & submit form on-line

Disney Day – Friday October 24th (Fundraiser in aid of EB – Butterfly Skin)

Half Term Holiday : Break on Friday October 24th (Half term week October 27th – October 31st)

Finesse Photography: Wednesday November 19th

Christmas Concert: Wednesday December 3rd at 1.30

INSET: Monday December 8th

Christmas Trip to Santa's Toy Mine: Tuesday December 9th (more info to follow)

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday December 12th

Mrs S. Turner