

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026

SUMMER TERM

This Week's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Year 3 children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Sacred Heart on Tuesday morning. Thank you to Fr. George, Mrs Freitas, our Year 3 teachers and parents who have supported the children in preparation to receive this special sacrament. We also continue to pray for our Year 3 children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th June.

Our final rehearsal for First Holy Communion will take place on Tuesday 9th June starting at 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Church.

Our children in Year 1 and Year 4 will be undertaking the Phonics Screening Check and Multiplication Tables Check over the next fortnight which will show the fruits of their labour in these areas of learning over the course of the year. Outcomes from these assessments will be included within the end of year school reports.

This term is dedicated to preparing the children for the next stage in their learning whether that is remaining at St. Joseph's or moving onto another setting. Change can be difficult for us all but we will ensure that the children are supported in collaboration with parents to help them prepare and have the strategies to manage this process.

Have a wonderful weekend and God bless.

Mr Carry
Principal





Reading Matters

Reading with your child for just 10 minutes, three times a week, can make a huge difference to their confidence, fluency and overall progress in school.

These short, regular reading sessions help children develop important skills such as understanding, vocabulary and expression, while also building a love of reading.

We understand that family life can be busy, but hearing your child read at home is one of the most valuable ways you can support their learning. Without regular practice at home, children can fall behind and their progress may slow.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child grow into a confident and successful reader.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent due to illness, parents should contact the office by 9.30am.

Leave of Absence Requests - Exceptional Circumstances

The law does not grant parents the automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. In line with DfE expectations only very exceptional circumstances will warrant an authorised leave of absence.

The school will review each application individually, considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind the request.

The request must be made by the parent with whom the child normally lives, and permission must be sought in advance.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days Absent	Equivalent Sessions Absent	Equivalent Weeks Absent
100%	0 days	0 sessions	0 weeks
95%	9 days	18 Sessions	2 weeks
90%	19 days	38 Sessions	4 weeks
85%	29 days	58 Sessions	6 weeks
80%	38 days	72 Sessions	8 weeks
75%	48 days	96 Sessions	10 weeks
70%	57 days	114 Sessions	11.5 weeks
65%	67 days	134 Sessions	13.5 weeks

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Celebration of the Word of God



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is offering to nourish us. Jesus continues to nourish us through the Church today. He offers us eternal life through the gift of himself which we receive in Holy Communion.

This Sunday is the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ where we celebrate the gift by Jesus to share in His body and blood through receiving the Holy Communion at Mass each week.

We also think about our Year 3 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th June at Sacred Heart Church starting at 11am. All are welcome to support the children and their families at this special occasion.

During the month of June, we also dedicate to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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Gifts of God Awards

	Discipleship Attentive & Discerning	I Am a Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching Rights & Responsibilities	Promoting Reading for Pleasure
Year 1	Tessa	Jaden	Jlynn	Ava
Year 2	Kaiden	Anna	Hettie	Olivia
Year 3	Albie	Joshua	Ivan	Bethan
Year 4	Aliza	Lily	Finn	Izabella
Year 5	Ellie	Bobby	Lena	Mollie
Year 6	Jack	Sophie	Gareth	Isobel

Weekly Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to **Year 2** for the best class attendance this week at **97.32%**!

House Points Weekly Winner

Congratulations again to **St. Sebastian** for gaining the most points this week!



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Win a hedgehog house for your school



Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust

Have a go at one of three activities below to be in with a chance of winning a hedgehog house for your school!

1. Write a short poem about a hedgehog or about where hedgehogs live.
2. Draw or paint a hedgehog and name it.
3. Design a hedgehog friendly garden.

Deadline for entries
Tuesday 30 June



Enter a schools competition run by **Worcestershire Wildlife Trust** in partnership with **Worcestershire County Council** and win a hedgehog house for your school grounds. There are three different activities to choose from and there are two age categories for each (up to 10yrs and 10yrs+). There are six hedgehog houses available to win.



How to enter

Submit entries to learning@worcestershirowildlifetrust.org with **Hedgehog Competition** in the subject header. Please include the ages of the entries.



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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

TUESDAY 9TH JUNE

First Holy Communion Practice at Sacred Heart Church (6.30pm)

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

KS2 Mass at Sacred Heart Church (9.15am)

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE – A Day of Welcome – Start of Refugee Week

Karen Argent (author) in school working with KS2

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

Year 3 Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church (11am)

MONDAY 15TH JUNE

Year 5 Class Assembly (2.30pm)

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE

Father's Day

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE

New Reception Parent Induction Meeting (6pm)

Class Photographs

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

School INSET Day – school is closed to all pupils on this day

w/c MONDAY 29TH JUNE

Bikeability programme for Year 5

MONDAY 29TH JUNE

Local Governing Body Meeting 6 (6pm)

w/c MONDAY 6TH JULY – National School Sports Week

Pre School and Reception Sports Day – Monday (9.15am)

Dr Bike Workshop and Bike Sale – Monday

Launch of 'Bike Bus' event for Years 4 to 6

School Games Day (Sports Day) for KS1 (9.15am) and KS2 10.45am – Thursday

TUESDAY 7TH JULY

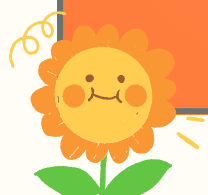
New Reception parent and pupil induction session (3.15pm–3.45pm)

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY

Rock Steady Concert (9.30am)

THURSDAY 9TH JULY

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