

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER TERM

This Week's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another half term, I want to thank all the school staff, volunteers (including our local governors) and parents/carers for their continued support to the children here at St. Joseph's. It is true that a whole community is needed to raise a child and that is real in terms of the many different people who contribute to the lives of the children here at St. Joseph's. Thank you.

You will have received written notification this afternoon about the exciting news of the appointment of the two new senior leaders (Principal and Vice Principal) who will be leading St. Joseph's from September. Congratulations to both Mrs Brocklesby and Mrs Freitas.

We also welcomed a visit from one of our local PCSOs in response to a member of the public who contacted the school last Friday to report that a pupil from St. Joseph's had been seen crossing a road dangerously nearby. If your child has been given permission to walk home, then please remind them to use the designated crossing points and also discuss the route they take home to ensure that this is as safe as possible. Duty of care is passed onto parents at the end of the school day when permission has been granted for children to walk home.

We look forward to welcoming back our children to the final half term of the year which will be focused around transition and in preparing the children for the next steps in their educational journey here at St. Joseph's or at another setting.

Enjoy a wonderful, peaceful and well-rested half term break (and the good weather expected too).

Take care 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



This Sunday marks the end of the season of Eastertide which is the 50 day celebration from Easter Sunday to the feast of Pentecost.

This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church – a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass.

Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. Each of you choose one of the following qualities that you would like to ask the Holy Spirit for today: Courage, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness or Self-Control.

As the Church prepares to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let's be open to receiving the many priceless gifts which the Holy Spirit offers to enrich our lives.

Simply repeating the words 'Come, Holy Spirit' is a great prayer to say at Pentecost, and also each day throughout the year.

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Gifts of God Awards

	Discipleship Grateful & Generous	I Am a Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching Dignity of Work	Promoting Reading for Pleasure
Year 1	Lilith	Olivia	Patrick	Benjamin
Year 2	Rosie	Polly	Mason	Mhinduroyashe
Year 3	Freya	Olivia	Roux	Laney
Year 4	Aliza	Lydia	Aiden	Finn
Year 5	Lorelai	Imogen	Jacob	Dorian
Year 6	Theodora B	Dexter & Aaron	Billie	Isobel

Weekly Attendance Trophy

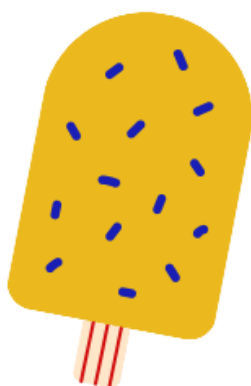
Congratulations to **Year 3** for the best class attendance this week at **98.91%!**

House Points Weekly Winner

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



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Ice Lollies

**Available at St Joseph's from
Tuesday 2nd June**

Mini Vinnies will be selling ice lollies
from 2:55pm at the front of the school.

The money raised will be donated to a charity chosen
by the Mini Vinnies. Thank you for your support!



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Wild school holiday fun



Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust

Don't get bored in the school holidays - try our fun nature activities instead!

Make a nectar bar

No matter how big or small your space, there's a lot you can do to help our insects!

1. You'll need a window box (or two if you've got space) with drainage holes.
2. Use peat free compost in your window box.
3. Stock up on pollinator-friendly plants that are suitable for window boxes. Chose from lavender, thyme, sage, agrimony and rosemary.
4. Water regularly throughout the summer!

Make a butterfly painting

You will need water-based paints, brushes, sugar paper, marker pen and plenty of newspaper to cover your table.

1. Fold a piece of sugar paper in half (as if making a card) and open it back out.
2. Paint the shape of butterfly wings on one half. Fold the paper over again and press down.
3. Open out the paper and add more colours to one side. Refold and press.
4. When the butterfly wings are dry, add a body and antennae with a marker pen.

How to build a mini wildlife pond



You will need:

- a watertight container
- old bricks, rocks and pebbles
- pond plants
- spade

* Is there anything that you can upcycle? It could be an old washing-up bowl, sink or even a plant pot. Aim for 10-15cm deep.

1. Choose a spot. Your pond will need light, but not full sunlight all day. You can dig a hole and sink your container, or just leave it sitting on top.
2. If the container isn't watertight, e.g. an old plant pot, then add a piece of pond liner.
3. Add a layer of gravel and rocks.
4. Fill your pond with rainwater (tap water contains chemicals).
5. Start planting... you only need two or three plants.
6. Now watch and wait! Wildlife will come to your pond of its own accord.



www.wildlifewatch.org.uk

Don't introduce frogs, fish or even water from another pond as this can spread disease.

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What's on in the coming weeks



Droitwich Spa Heritage Centre
Half Term Crafts
27th - 30th May 2026

Join us at Droitwich Spa Heritage Centre for **FREE** half term crafts. No booking necessary just pop in.

A circular photograph shows a young girl with a red bow in her hair, focused on drawing a blue dragon on a piece of paper. She is wearing a white sweater with red heart patterns. In the bottom left corner, there is a colorful illustration of craft supplies: a blue cup holding pencils and scissors, a ball of purple yarn, and a measuring tape.



CHARITY FAMILY Fun Day
FOR **ROWAN**
Together we can make a difference

SUPPORTING ROWAN AND HIS FAMILY

Rowan, a much-loved local boy, has recently been diagnosed with leukaemia. We are raising funds to support his family with the ongoing costs of hospital travel, food, and daily expenses during his treatment.

MONDAY 25TH MAY FROM **2PM** AT **THE PILLAR OF SALT**

WHAT'S ON

- TICKET
- TOMBOLA
- RAFFLE
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- FACE PAINTING & BODY GLITTER
- FOOD
- GUESS THE NAME OF THE TURTLE
- GUESS HOW MANY SWEETS ARE IN THE JAR
- SWEETS & POPCORN CONES FOR SALE
- TEMPORARY TATTOOS
- HAIR TINSEL
- AND MUCH MORE!!

Everyone welcome – Fun for all the family!
PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT ROWAN AND HIS FAMILY



THE Rik Mayall COMEDY FESTIVAL
DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.
29 MAY - 6 JUNE 2026



HALF-TERM EVENTS
23RD - 31ST MAY

- Scala Festival of Play**
Saturday 23rd May, 10am - 5pm (free & drop-in)
- Lego® Club:**
Every Saturday, 10:00 - 11:30am (free & drop-in)
- Elmer Day:**
Saturday 23rd May 11:30am - 3pm (free & drop-in)
- Rat-a-tat Tales:**
Every Saturday & Sunday, 11am & 3pm (free & drop-in)
- Wacky Wednesday:**
Every Wednesday, 13:30 - 3:00pm (free & drop-in)
- Family Film:**
Wednesday 27th May, 10am and 1pm (free & drop-in)
- Author Storytimes - Daisy Merle**
Thursday 28th May, 10am & 11:30am (Free & drop-in)
- Story Carousel**
Thursday 29th May, 2pm-2:45pm (Free & drop-in)

TheHive

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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

SUNDAY 24TH MAY

Solemnity of Pentecost and Day of Prayer for the Church

MONDAY 1ST JUNE

Start of summer term 2 – children to arrive at 8.30am

TUESDAY 2ND JUNE

Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Church (10.30am)

Year 3 First Holy Communion Meeting 3 for Parents at Sacred Heart Church (6.30pm)

TUESDAY 9TH JUNE

Year 3 First Holy Communion Practice at Sacred Heart Church (6.30pm)

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

KS2 Mass at Sacred Heart Church (9.15am)

SATURDAY 11TH 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 (pm)

Class Photo's

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

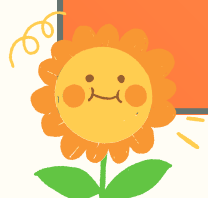
w/c MONDAY 6TH JULY

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

School Games Day (Sports Day) for KS1 (9am) and KS2 10.30am – Thursday

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY

Rock Steady Concert (9.30am)



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