

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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This Week's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our Reception children who have finished their first full week at St. Joseph's. I have been impressed at how well the children have settled into the daily life at school. If you have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2026 or know of a family member or friend, then please come along to our School Open Morning on Saturday 27th September from 9am until 11am. You can also book a tour around the school on Wednesday 24th September between 9.30am and 5pm. Please contact the school office to book a time slot.

Thank you to the parents who came along to the 'Meet the Teacher' open-afternoon on Wednesday. We hope that you found this opportunity worthwhile in speaking with your child's class teacher as we start the new year together.

Please ensure that you follow the usual communication mechanisms to update your child's class teacher and/or to inform the office if there are any changes to contact information etc. Mrs Whittaker can always pass any messages onto our school staff at drop-off, collection time or at another point during the school day.

A reminder to parents about our system for pupil absence. Please contact the school by 9.30am the latest if your child will not be in school and inform the school office the reason for absence and whether your child will be returning the following day. Attendance is everyone's responsibility.

Next week, we will be focusing on the elections of our new pupil representatives - the School Council elections will take place on Monday which is International Democracy Day, and other elections will take place for our Prayer Leaders and Sports Crew. Applications have been returned for our Mini Vinnies too.

Have a wonderful weekend and God bless,
Mr A Carry
Principal

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Weekly Gospel Message and Education Sunday

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for people to share in the true richness of God's joy and love in this life, and also in the life to come.

God wants us to try to live like Jesus, to be 'self-giving', which is the opposite of being 'selfish'. To be 'self-giving' is to be very aware of others' needs or interests, and to put others' needs before our own.

The Catholic Church has played a pivotal role in establishing education in this country. The first schools and universities were set up during the sixth century by the Church. One of the first schools specifically for girls, the Bar Convent School, in York, now All Saints Catholic School, was founded by Sr Mary Ward and Catholic businessman Sir Thomas Gascoigne in 1686.

Education remains the largest charitable activity of the Church in this country, with many of our schools established for poor immigrant children in the 19th century. Our forebears rightly saw education as the principal means of handing on the faith and improving the spiritual, moral, social and cultural lives of children and young people.

Since then, the Catholic Church has become the country's largest provider of secondary schools and second-largest provider of primary schools, along with four universities. Established by the Bishops in 1848, Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales.

This year's theme for Education Sunday is drawn from its Gospel reading of John 3:13-17: The Son of Man must be lifted up. It takes place this year on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Ten years ago the then-Holy Father, Pope Francis, said during his Mass for this feast that a Christian 'must lower himself, as Jesus lowered himself: this is the path of humility.'

Catholic education in Church schools and universities endeavours to acknowledge Jesus' loving presence in the lives of young people as they work, learn, pray, grow in character and virtue, and discover their vocation. Education Sunday is an opportunity to showcase the works and fruits of this, especially locally. From a priest speaking in his homily about a local school, to pupils wearing their uniforms at Mass, Education Sunday can be the reminder to all members of the Catholic community of the importance of education to the Catholic mission.

Pope Leo XIV

From his address to the Christian Brothers, 15 May, 2025:

"The charism of the school ... besides being a service to society and a precious work of charity, still appears today as one of the most beautiful and eloquent expressions of that priestly, prophetic, and royal munus [public service] which we all received in Baptism, as emphasised by the documents of the Second Vatican Council."

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kindness.***

Gifts of God Award

Congratulations to all the children who have been chosen for our first round of weekly awards this term. The children chosen for the Virtues will have 'Tea with Mr C' next week.

	Discipleship	I Am A Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching - Stewardship
Year 1	Dominik		Lottie
Year 2	Anna	Stefania	Denis
Year 3	Cece		Olivia G
Year 4	Pippa	Emily	Alife
Year 5	Jacob	Imogen	Ariana
Year 6	Anthony	Theodora	Mutsa

Recognition Points

We have removed our 'Zone Boards' across the school and have introduced 'Recognition Boards.' This removes the show pupils when they have not made good choices, but instead to show when pupils have shown the desired behaviour to the adults. This is one of the strategies that the school has implemented to ensure the behaviour of the pupils is the best that it can be, following the best practice in this field from the research undertaken by Paul Dix. I would recommend for all parents to read his book, 'When the adults change everything changes.' This will provide strategies to support with your child's behaviour at home too.

Congratulations to Year 6 for gaining the most 'Recognition Points' this week (203)

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MEET THE SENDCO



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Tuesday 23rd September
3pm–5pm

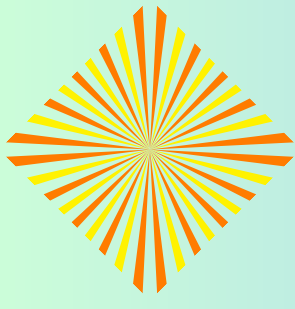
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Please contact the office to book
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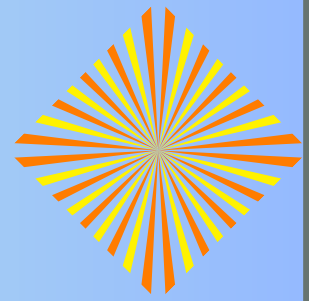
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FLUENCY FRIDAY



Every Friday we are going to be giving you a fun tongue twister to try
or a short poem to read out loud with maybe a silly voice!
A great fun activity to try at home!



The Sneaky Sock



*A sock slid off the washing line,
And tiptoes out the door.
It joined a band of stripy socks,
And danced across the floor!*



*Fluency Challenge:
Read quickly like a sock on the run!*



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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

EVERY TUESDAY – YEAR 4 SWIMMING

SUNDAY 14TH – EDUCATION SUNDAY

MONDAY 22ND – PHONICS PARENT SESSION (2PM)

**TUESDAY 23RD – MEET THE SENDCO
(3PM-5PM)**

Come along to meet with the SENDCo Miss Evans to ask questions/discuss any new or existing SEND concerns.

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WEDNESDAY 24TH – SCHOOL OPEN DAY (9.30AM-5PM)

Do you have a child that will be starting school in September 2026?

Contact the office to book a tour of the school.

**THURSDAY 25TH – MASS FOR YEARS 4 TO 6 – SACRED HEART
CHURCH (9.10AM)**

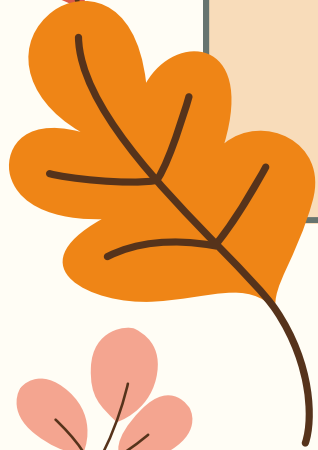
**OPEN EVENING AT BLESSED EDWARD OldCORNE CATHOLIC
COLLEGE**

SATURDAY 27TH – SCHOOL OPEN MORNING (9AM-11AM)

Do you have a child that will be starting school in September 2026?

Come and join us for fun in Forest school and get a chance to meet the school staff and explore our outdoor learning space.

Please contact the school office to book a place.



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WHAT'S ON LOCALLY



 **SACRED HEART CHURCH**
Worcester Road, Droitwich, Worcestershire WR9 8AZ

HERITAGE OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2025
12.30-5PM
FREE ENTRY

View the magnificent recently-restored mosaics

- Children's activities
- Visit the heritage centre
- Make your own mini mosaic
- Refreshments available



WWW.SACREDHEARTDROITWICH.ORG.UK

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Can you help?

Lunchtime Supervisor Required at St. Joseph's



Contact Us

A full application pack is available from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, by contacting the school office or downloading the pack from the school website:

Email- jod_office@emmausmac.com

Phone – 01905 773572

Online - Emmaus Catholic Multi Academy - Vacancies

We warmly welcome visits to the school. For specific questions about the role and/or to request a visit, please contact the school office

Closing Date: Monday 22nd September 2025

Interview Date: Wednesday 24th September 2025

EMMAUS
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Our journey with Christ

We are recruiting for a Lunchtime Supervisor

Required for immediate start

Salary Range: Emmaus Grade 2 (SCP 3) £24,027.00 FTE (term time only pro-rata – salary subject to pay award)

Hours: 7.5 hours per week. 11.45am-1.15pm, 5 days per week, term time only + 5 training days

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint an enthusiastic, highly motivated, positive person to take on the position of Midday Supervisor across our one-form primary school (including Pre-School), to join our well-established team.

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools, we offer an outstanding learning environment and are passionate about every child. Being part of a larger community of schools as an extended professional network across our strong Emmaus Catholic Multi Academy Company.

We are looking for a Midday Supervisor who will:

- Ensure the safety, welfare, well-being and excellent conduct of pupils during the midday break
- Be reliable, committed and interested in working with children
- Demonstrate the qualities of a good role model
- To ensure there is adequate supervision of pupils in all areas of the school building and grounds where pupils are

We welcome applications from both Catholics and non- Catholics but expect all employees to support the Catholic ethos and values of the school. If you meet the requirements of the job description and person specification and feel that you make a positive difference to our school, then we can't wait to receive your application.

Emmaus Catholic MAC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. All applicants must be able to provide documentation to prove their right to work in the UK.

Effective from September 2024, KCSIE states as part of the shortlisting process school and colleges should consider carrying out on-line searches, as part of the due diligence on shortlisted candidates. This is to determine suitability to work with children and keep them safe. All shortlisted candidates are now subject to an on-line check and if there is anything concerning, then the shortlisted candidate will be asked to comment on it either prior to interview



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