

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2026

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This Week's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our children in Years 1, 2 and 4 who have undertaken either the Phonics Screening Check or Multiplication Tables Check this week. Thank you to the staff for supporting the children in preparation for these assessments. Your child's outcome with these checks will be included within the end of year reports which will be circulated to parents next month.

Thank you to Mrs Freitas and other staff members along with Fr George for supporting the nine children in school who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this coming Saturday morning. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Today, is 'A Day of Welcome' whereby we show solidarity to children and their families who have had to leave their homes due to conflict or persecution to seek a place of sanctuary. At St. Joseph's, we want to be part of the community to build a culture of welcome, belonging and inclusion both locally and across the country.

For further information, please click on the following link:

<https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/resources/a-day-of-welcome>

Mr Carry
Principal





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We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful when parking near the school gates at drop-off and collection times.

For the safety of all our pupils, please avoid stopping or parking directly outside the gates, on zig-zag lines, or in areas that may obstruct visibility for children crossing the road. Even a brief stop can create hazards.

Please park a short distance away and walk the remainder of the journey. This helps to keep the school entrance clear, safe, and accessible for everyone.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe.



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A Day of Welcome

Friday 12th June 2026



Refugee Week

15th - 21st June 2026

Through art, stories and community we celebrate the courage that lives within us all



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The Father's Day celebration, organised by Mini Vinnies, will take place on **Friday 19th June from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.**

We hope many of you will be able to join us and celebrate this special day together.

GUESTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A SELECTION OF PLAIN AND JAM DOUGHNUTS, SERVED WITH A CHOICE OF TEA, COFFEE, OR SQUASH.



Adults £3 Children £2

Tickets on sale from Tuesday.

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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.

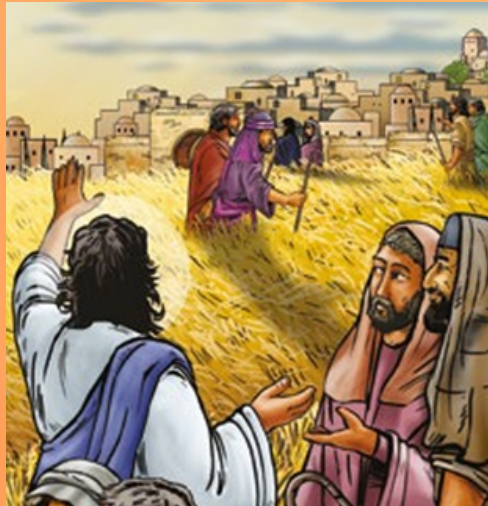
The school will review each application individually, considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind the request.

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's Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to establish a kingdom – God's kingdom. Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the Kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them and to bring them the peace of God, and he sent out his disciples to do the same. Today, the Church continues Jesus' work and invites everyone to enter into God's kingdom – to make present God's blessing of peace and healing.

Everywhere we go, we can spread either gossip or peace, either hurt or God's healing – the healing which Jesus brought as he went round the countryside.

We may not be able to heal physically, but we can spread the healing of peace in my community.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to build your kingdom in our hearts and in the world – to do your work on earth with love and care for all.

Amen.

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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	Jlynn	Gwachim	Autumn	Dominik
Year 2	Jakob	Abbie	Lochlan	Chidinma
Year 3	Roux	Albie	Archie	Freya
Year 4	Mia	Pippa	Amelia	Lydia
Year 5	Kaia	Lorelai	Imogen	Jacob
Year 6	Aryanath	Finn	Mutsa	Ian

Weekly Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to **Reception** for the best class attendance this week at **96.98%**!

House Points Weekly Winner

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



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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 15TH JUNE

Year 5 Class Assembly (2.30pm)

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

Fathers Day Cake and Drinks
Run by the Mini Vinnies

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE

Father's Day

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE

Class photographs
New Reception Parent Induction Meeting (6pm)

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

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

School Games Day (Sports Day) for KS1 (9.15am) and KS2 (10.45am)
New Reception parent and pupil induction session (3.15pm–3.45pm)

MONDAY 13TH JULY

Early Years trip to the Lido

WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY

End of Year / Year 6 Leavers' Mass (10.30am)

THURSDAY 16TH JULY

Final Gifts of God Assembly (9.10am)
Last day of the school year for pupils (finish at 3pm)

