

St Joseph's Newsletter

12/09/2025

Please remember to send your children into school with a jacket as they will be playing outside if there is light rain.

Lledr Hall – meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 6 on Thursday 18th September at 3pm. The dates for the residential are 12th – 14th January.

First Holy Communion, the meeting for parents is on Saturday 20th September at 11am in the Assembly Room, Cathedral House, Chapel Street. The parish catechists will explain how the Programme will work and give you details about the enrolment process for this year.

Rest In Peace, Please remember Mrs Murphy and her family in your prayers following the death of her Dad this week.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed
rest in peace.

Amen.



On Monday we celebrated Our Lady's birthday, the children completed a range of activities.

Fr Frankie celebrated our whole school new year Mass on Tuesday, as ever he captured the children's interest and imagination. We too can become saints.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have made a wonderful start to their school life at St. Josephs. They have already made lots of new friends and are exploring and investigating their new learning environment. On Monday we celebrated Mary's birthday. The children heard how God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus because she was kind and good. We made Mary some birthday cards and cakes. We had a special tea party for Mary and sang "Happy Birthday" to her.



Reception

Reception have had a great first full week.

On Monday we celebrated Mary's birthday by making playdough cakes, drawing beautiful pictures of Mary and writing wonderful prayers.

The children have made a fantastic start to their phonics and can't wait to carry on learning new sounds.

Year 1

What an exciting week it's been in year 1! This week the children have been looking at character setting in English, they have started to write sentences about the characters independently. In maths the children are practising number formation and place value.

In the light of Thursday's hailstorm, the children have been exploring weather patterns. The children were given some ice to feel and examine.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy first full week! We started off the week by celebrating Our Lady's birthday, giving her flowers and thanking her for her love and guidance. In English we have started our story 'The Tin Forest' and have been looking at how hard the old man works at clearing up everyone's rubbish and how he dreams of a beautiful world. We had a go at making our own Tin Forest pictures. In maths we have been looking at multiples of ten and adding ten. On Thursday we were all amazed by the thunderstorm and enjoyed learning about how hail is formed.



Year 3

We have had a great first full week in Year 3, and the children are getting stuck in with their work. We have been working hard in our writing where we will be crafting an impactful and gripping story opener based on our text, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We have been seeing double in math's where we have been exploring how knowing our doubles can make many sums so much easier. Of course, we took a moment to celebrate our Lady Mary's birthday on Monday where we talked about all the wonderful ways we can look to her for guidance and prayer. Lastly, Year 3 have found their voices after summer with some fantastic singing throughout the week, with choir auditions just round the corner, could we have a future star in the class? I would not be surprised!

Year 4

What a busy week! Year 4 children settled in brilliantly during their first full week back at school! It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and energy as they have embraced new challenges with smiles on their faces. From reconnecting with friends to diving into exciting lessons, the children have shown great resilience and positive attitude. Mrs. Afolabi and I were really impressed with how smoothly they adapted to new routines and demonstrated a strong commitment to learning. It's clear that Year 4 is off to a fantastic start, and we look forward to a year filled with growth, fun and success!

Year 5

It has been a wonderful first couple of weeks with Year 5. The children have been catching up with their friends again after their fun 6 weeks off and it has been nice hearing about everyone's different experiences. In class, we have all really enjoyed digging into our class text *Beowulf* and the children have been imagining themselves as the monster Grendel and the mighty warrior Beowulf in their writing. It has tied in well with our Vikings topic where we've been learning about the attacks on Lindisfarne during that period. The children have also demonstrated their brilliant maths skills and an ability to conduct investigations in science by looking at the gravitational pull that different objects have. It has been great seeing just how creative the class are and how much joy they each bring to the classroom. It should be an enjoyable year.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic week! They have been working hard and have already impressed the adults who are working in the class with them. They are enjoying *Kensuke's Kingdom*, our class read and have been getting to grips with quadrilaterals and triangles in maths. In Science, we have begun looking at vertebrates and invertebrates and in Geography we have started looking at erosion and weathering. To finish the week, they did a great job with our assembly this morning about St Joseph.

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

Nursery	96.3%	Reception	91.3%
Year 1	95.7%	Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	91.7%	Year 4	99%
Year 5	95%	Year 6	94.3%
	School Total		94.6%

Happy Birthday To...

Astou

Palani

Aniebet

Ghaith

Sephora

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Thursday 18th September	Lledr Hall meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 6 at 3pm
Wednesday 1 st – 31 st October 2025	Black History Month
Tuesday 14 th October 2025	School Photographs (individual and siblings)
Friday 24 th October 2025	School Closes for Half Term
Tuesday 4 th November	School Opens for the Half Term
Friday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas