



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Go, shine in
the world &
live as Jesus
lived



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for attending **Academic Review Day** last Friday. You will have received your child's **curriculum overview** detailing what your child will be learning this term as well as other important messages about **attendance**. If you were not able to attend the meeting, please do call the school office to reschedule this.

Year 3 loved their first swimming lesson this week. Lessons continue throughout the year and they will all make good progress by attending all lessons. Please pack a snack for after swimming.

Do take a look at the '**important dates for your diary**' overleaf for upcoming events.

With best wishes, Ms O'Donovan (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Reading and coming to school every day...

The two habits of reading every day and coming to school every day are going to **make the biggest difference to your child's education and life chances**.

Reading is a necessity for learning and a lifelong skill. We know that children who struggle to learn to read have a much harder, steeper path with all other areas of learning. It affects their social skills, well-being, attainment and progress. This in turn means that a child who does not succeed with reading has poorer life chances and fewer opportunities as an adult. Listening to your child read and sharing a book daily is so important. That precious 20 to 30 minutes every day is time very well spent. The best research for years tells us that the children who do best in school practise reading the most. Please make sure that your child brings their reading books to school with them every day. Please also make sure that you sign your child's home reading record to show that they have practised their reading at home.

Thank you for your help with this.

Healthy Snacks at our school

We can bring in a healthy snack to eat during break time. A healthy snack gives our brains fuel to help us concentrate in class.

Our healthy snacks must not contain nuts.



Things you can eat for your break-time snack	Things you cannot eat for your break-time snack
Fruit 	Fruit winders 
A PLAIN biscuit 	Biscuits with jam, chocolate or any other extras 
Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks 	Crisps 

We put our healthy snacks in the snack box as soon as we come into school.



I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter of **18.09.26**

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Attendance...

Congratulations to Year 6 who received our attendance trophy for having the **best attendance this week**. This means that the class will enjoy some extra playtime next week. **Well done!**

Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are very unwell.

A Message from Fr John...

Family Mass at St Anselm and St Cecilia resumes this Sunday 20th September at **10:00am**



Important Dates for your Diary...



Every Thursday afternoon
Year 3 swimming lessons

Wednesday 23rd September
Year 5 Careers Day at the Royal Veterinary College

Friday 25th September
Non Uniform Day- bring in £1 for charity

Tuesday 29th September
Year 4 guitar lessons start

Tuesday 6th October
Harvest Assembly led by School Council

Wednesday 7th October
Year 4 visit to the National Gallery

Tuesday 13th October
Governor Visit Day

Wednesday 14th October
Year 5 and Year 6 Parents Working Alongside Children at 9.05

Work of the Week...



Each week, we proudly showcase an **outstanding piece of children's work** in our school lobby.

This week, Henry in Year 5 has been chosen for his excellent maths work.

Year 5 have been learning to understand place value, building on their understanding from last year. In this lesson, we were learning to round numbers to the nearest ten, hundred or thousand.

Henry has shown an excellent understanding of rounding, working hard to understand when numbers round up and when they round down. Henry then used this knowledge to solve a variety of reasoning problems. He has taken great care to ensure that his work is always beautifully presented. Well done, Henry!



Our Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for the gift of our school

Help us to be kind in our words,

Helpful in our actions,

And joyful in our hearts.

Bless our teachers, friends, and families,

Amen

Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Mrs Stewart or Ms O'Donovan.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.

