



# St Joseph's Catholic Infant School

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## September/ October 2024

*Harvest is an important theme for this time of year and a time we can think about how much we have and what we can do to help others less fortunate than ourselves.*

*October is also the month of the Rosary. It is dedicated to the Holy Rosary because the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th.*

*The Rosary is a Prayer that tells us about the life of Jesus and his Mother, Mary.*

*People do use this prayer all the year round and use special beads to say the prayers – rosary beads.*



### CAKE SALE - Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you to all those who donated cakes and attended the joint coffee morning held in St Edward's school hall. Our children loved visiting and dropping off their cakes at St Edward's, and overall the two schools raised a total of:



£1169.32

### SCA (School Community Association)

We know the SCA is once again looking to increase its members.

The SCA Annual General Meeting is taking place on 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

Your support would be most welcome.

The SCA can be contacted via email: [st.Josephs.sca@gmail.com](mailto:st.Josephs.sca@gmail.com)

### Back to School - Reminders

- School drop-off in the morning is from 8.40-8.45am (Pre-School opens 8.40am).
- Registration and lessons start promptly when the classroom doors close.
- Parents and children arriving late on site after doors close must go to the office to sign children in.
- Parents/visitors coming onto the school site during the school day **must** report to the school office.
- Lessons in school finish at 3.15pm and children will be dismissed when the bell rings (3.10pm finish in Pre-School)
- Named property – we can only return lost items if they are named.

### Harvest Collection – Sharing

Please help us collect items for then Aylesbury Vineyard Centre Food Bank. Donations of tinned and dried food can be brought to the main office or sent in with your child.

Donations can be tins of food, packets & dried foods.

**Please send donations into school by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.**

Thank you for your support.



### **Earrings**

Please be advised that if you wish for your child to wear earrings in school only small plain studs are acceptable. **The school strongly recommends that earrings are not worn and requires earrings to be removed or taped on PE days.**



### **Mass in School**

A big thank you to Canon John who joined us to celebrate Mass – The children sang beautifully and were a real credit to our school. We were delighted that many parents were able to join us for this occasion.

Our next Mass will be in the Spring term and we will share the date with you once it is confirmed by Canon John.



### **PARENTS EVENINGS (YR, Y1 and Y2)**

Tuesday 15th October 3.30pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 17th October 3.30pm – 5.00pm

You will receive a notification via your Parentmail account inviting you to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

### **Urgent - Emergency Contact Details**

You **must** have someone who can collect your child in an emergency such as illness, accident/injury or school closure during the school day.

The school must be kept up to date with your contact details and your emergency contacts details.

## **Information Meeting - Reception Class Admission September 2025**

### **Who is this meeting for?**

Parents of children born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.**

### **When?**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Meetings at 9.30 am or 7.00pm

### **Why?**

To give parents the chance to look around the school and find out about the admission process for starting school.

Please contact the school office on [office@stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk)

We look forward to meeting you.

### **Homes for Books**

We have a limited number of books that have been left over from school fairs or become a little worn for school.

**These books are available to parents and children for free and are available to take from the entrance lobby.**

We wanted to give families the chance to boost the number of books their children can access at home.



## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL – Good School Attendance is very Important!

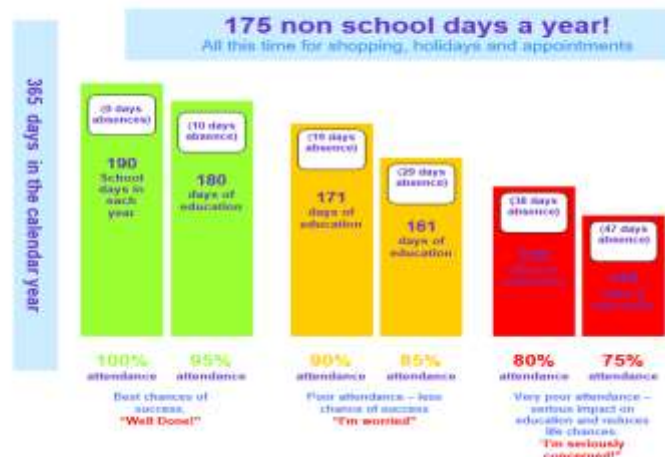
Please notify the school at the start of the day on the first day of any absence, and then continue to keep in regular contact if the absence continues.

You can use the Absence tab on your ParentMail account to send the office a message

Or you can use the 24 hour answerphone service also available for reporting your child's absence.

Keeping absence to a minimum.

**Good Attendance Means...**  
being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



## Diocesan Schools Mass 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

A small number of pupils, Mrs Taylor and the school RE Governor have been invited to attend the Schools mass in Dunstable celebrated by Bishop David.

We will be sharing a coach with St Edward's children and joining lots of schools to celebrate schools and Catholic education.

We are looking forward to seeing the Bishop and all the other schools in the Diocese.

## Bulb Planting

We have a box of bulbs to plant at the front of the school. You are welcome to plant a bulb with your child at the end of the day next week.

Children have really enjoyed watching to see if their bulb pops up. This year we thought it would be nice to involve you in the planting.

Please come and ask the office for a bulb – we will provide the digging tools but we can't provide the weather!



## Safety - Sense

Please use the path at the front of the school to access the side gate and the cabin building rather than the road down to the staff car park.

We actively encourage no vehicle movement between 8.30 am - 9.00am and 2.50 pm - 3.25pm but as this is an access road there may be traffic needing to use it during these times.

This includes some very large bin lorries.



### **Celebrating Success**

We are delighted to share with you the success of one of our pupils – Gabriellé in 2J.

Gabriellé is taking part in an 'Exhibition of the Artists of Cublington' on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at The Biggs Pavilion, Cublington. Free entry from 10am-4pm.

We are very happy to share the success of our pupils. Please let us know if you have a good news story.



### **Children's Prayer Time (KS1)**

On Wednesday lunchtimes our RE Governor Mrs Jones runs a children's prayer group for KS1 children.

Children choose to attend and take part in different prayer activities such as making cards for babies being baptised in the parishes and learning about the Rosary.

See below for a link to the STCAT Catholic Life Newsletter article on the website

<https://www.stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Catholic-Life/STCAT-Catholic-Life-Newsletter.pdf>

### **October is Walk to School Month**

Every year International Walk to School Month celebrates the benefits of walking, cycling and scooting to school.

There are lots of interesting things to see and do on the way to school. Please see the link below for ideas of activities for your child. Hard copies of this fun Autumn activity sheet are also available from the main entrance lobby.

<https://www.stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Travel/Autumn-Street-Safari.pdf>

We would love to see how your child gets on with ticking off the activities.



A copy of the **St Joseph's - 5 & 10 Minute Walking Map** can be found at the front of the school for everyone to see.

Why not 'Park and Stride' ie park your car further away from school and walk or scoot the last part of the journey?

### **Volunteers in School**

We would like to have volunteers again this year in school to support the school and children.

We will give basic information and training.

If you are able to give some time to support learning or help maintain learning environments please email the school office or come in to collect a volunteer application form.

All volunteers must pass safeguarding screening (DBS) and agree to undertake safeguarding training.

### **KS1 After School Extra Curricular**

We are delighted to be offering another opportunity for KS1 children to take part in another after school club run by Premier Sport.

The ParentMail regarding Gymnastics Club has already been sent out with more information and booking details.

### **Don't Get Stuck in a Jam**

Check before you travel with Buckinghamshire Council - for road closures and disruption to highways across the county happening now and planned for the future

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/check-before-you-travel](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/check-before-you-travel)