

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Monthly News Bulletin

'You Are Precious In My Eyes'

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Friday 10th October 2025



KEEP UP THE DAILY ATTENDANCE – 100% = Bowling Treat

Lovely News!

In other news, Mrs Jones, our Deputy Headteacher, has been successful in being appointed as Headteacher from January 2026. I am sure you will join us in congratulating her — lovely news!

We're also delighted to share that Mrs Taylor has welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Annabelle! Both mum and baby are doing well. We send our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Taylor and her family on their wonderful new arrival.

Teaching and Learning

Teaching and learning across the school continues to be really strong, and the children are thoroughly enjoying exciting lessons in Science, Geography, and History. They've also taken part in wonderful experiences such as the Life Education sessions, which help them learn about healthy lifestyles, and the NSPCC workshops on keeping themselves safe.

Reading remains the key to success, and our teachers are working hard to ensure every child becomes a confident reader. **Please support this important work by reading with your child at home**—thank you!

Main Priorities

Supporting every child to develop confidence in counting, working with numbers, reading, writing, and speaking clearly — while enjoying learning and staying physically active.



Starting Wednesday 5th November
9am-10.30am

Every week in St Joseph's School hall-
All welcome!

A relaxed drop-in group for parents and carers to come together, share a brew and chat with Donna, our Family Support Worker.

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 have had the wettest – yet best – weekend on their residential at Robinwood! The children had a fantastic time taking part in a whole range of activities, including the zipline, piranha pool, giant swing, trapeze, climbing wall, raft building, and canoeing, to name just a few.

A huge thank you to Miss Bell, Mr Donnelly, Mrs Nisbet, and Miss Cairns for joining the adventure and spending the weekend with the children – your support made it an unforgettable experience!

SCHOOL TIMES

Thank you to everyone for getting to school on time.

Schools starts at 8:45am

School finishes at 3:15pm

When collecting your child from KS2, please **DO NOT** wait on the ramp. If you stand on the playground the teachers will dismiss the children to you.

♥ Thank You for Supporting Our Bingo Night!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Bingo event last night. It was so lovely to see such a wonderful turnout — the hall was full of smiles, laughter, and great community spirit.

We're delighted to share that we raised an amazing **£732.25!** 🎉

A special thank you also goes to our fantastic staff who gave their time and support to help make the evening such a success. We're so grateful to everyone who contributed to this lovely event.

🌟 Well Done to Our Superstars! 🌟

You have all shone brightly and impressed your teachers.

We are so proud of you — keep up the amazing work! 🔄



Class	Friday 19th Sept	Friday 3rd Oct	Friday 10th Oct
RA	—	Carlos Berki	Peace Alade
RB	—	Ella Dickinson	Nidan Paveesh
Y1A	Talha Abid	Lila Kukla	Dhwani Vishnu
Y1B	Lawal Aminu Lawal	Damilare Ojo	Mishri Paneliya
Y2A	Nevaeh Cassell	Lucie Brown	Brielle Kennedy- Igbokwe
Y2B	Zainab Mehmood	Suleman Shaik	Amelia Afflick
Y3A	Oliwia Bujala	Krishika Rikkala	Olivier Jedrzejewska
Y3B	Kailani Gerald Reid	Yawar Hamad	Nadia Ziemak
Y4A	—	Frejya Alty- Griffiths	Elijah Bamber
Y4B	—	Lesley Ofori	Aya Hassan
Y5	Ramees Saeed	Finley Brown	Alexandra Ioja
Y5/6	Phoebe McAlinden	Elijah Harper	Ava-Mai Powis
Y6	Amelia Karas	—	Logan Stubbs
Sports Award	Lucas Hood	—	—
Headteacher Award	—	—	Kevin Oprea

🏆 Sports News

We're thrilled to announce that our **Hockey Team have won the league!** 🏒 A huge congratulations to all the players — we're so proud of your hard work and teamwork.

Our **Ten Pin Bowling Team** also did brilliantly, securing a **bronze medal (3rd place!)** 🏏 Well done to everyone involved.

There are **lots more sporting competitions coming up next week**, so stay tuned for more exciting updates!

Diary Dates 2025–26

Autumn Term

- **Monday 13th October** – EYFS Settling-In Reports
- **Role & Play Mini City Visit** – Nursery & Reception
- **Thursday 23rd October, 5:00–6:30pm** – Autumn Disco
- **Friday 31st October** – Deadline for Year 6 High School Applications
- **Friday 24th October – Sunday 2nd November** – **Half Term**
- **Monday 3rd November** – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- **Tuesday 4th November** – Children Return to School
- **Tuesday 11th November** – School Council visit to the Cenotaph for Remembrance
- **Wednesday 12th November** – Y3 Cinema Trip
- **Friday 14th November** – Own Clothes Day: *Wear blue for Children's Mental Health Day* (£1 donation for MIND)
- **Wednesday 19th November** – Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cinema Trip
- **Wednesday 19th November** – Teacher and Parent Phone Calls (Parents' Evening – times to be confirmed)
- **Tuesday 25th November** – Rec-Y2 Cinema Trip
- **Monday 8th December** – Pantomime (Rec-Y6)

Our New Pirate Ship – A Huge Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to Maria Holland and St Joseph's Charity for their kind donation, which allowed us to buy our amazing new pirate ship. We were so proud to share the launch event with them. Read their lovely letter below!

5th October 2025

Dear Mrs Monaghan

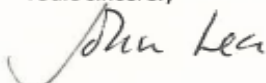
Thank you so much for your invitation to the "Launch" of the pirate ship "Maria Holland".

We found it such a happy event. The children were so excited to be able to try out the new ship and their excitement and joy was infectious. We came away uplifted after the exposure to your wonderfully delightful pupils. Their attitude and behaviour must reflect on the dedication and enthusiasm of all your staff.

Congratulations to all those involved particularly to Mrs Fauzia Firfire, for getting the Maria Holland constructed in such a short timescale, and to Mr Evans who was an excellent pirate captain.

We wish the school all the best for the future and believe that, with its current leadership, it will go from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely



John Lea
Trustee

The Maria Holland and St Joseph's Charity