



Message from Mr Maloney

Following the sad news of Pope Francis's passing on Monday, we held a reflective service with pupils and parents to celebrate and remember his remarkable life. We pray that perpetual light will shine upon him, and may he rest in peace.

Today, we also say goodbye to Miss House as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best for the exciting weeks and months ahead.

Spirituality week

We will be holding a whole school spirituality week from Monday 23rd June. It will be an opportunity for each child to develop their spirituality and wellbeing. This is centered around their relationship with themselves, with others and with God. It is also an opportunity for creative prayer and taking time to find awe and wonder in our God given world. To celebrate the work created during Spirituality week, we invite parents to join us for a Liturgy on Tuesday 1st July at 9:10am. During this Liturgy, each class will share something they have found meaningful during Spirituality week. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

Celebration assembly

It is always lovely to have parents join us for Celebration assembly on Fridays. However, could we please ask that if you do attend that you wait until assembly has finished before you leave. Leaving during the assembly can be disruptive to the children. Thank you for your cooperation.

Big Reading Picnic

To celebrate the end of the reading challenge, we will be holding a reading picnic on Friday 2nd May. This will be an opportunity for children to share some of their favourite books with their buddies, as well as enjoying an afternoon picnic treat. On this day, the children will have their school lunch as normal. The children will meet their buddies on the field in the afternoon, where they will sit, read and eat their picnic. The picnic will be arranged by the school and will accommodate all allergies and dietary requirements. If your child's dietary requirements have changed, please let us know as soon as possible. The children will have a choice of ham, cheese or jam sandwich along with a snack. We will not be requiring any parent helpers for this event but will be sure to share lots of photos with you all via seesaw.

Gold book winners

YR: Ronnie

Y1: Harrison

Y2: Lucy

Y3: Alexander

Y4: Erin

Y5: Jamie

Y6: Sammy

Summer term swimming lessons

As, mentioned in the email that was sent on 22nd April, swimming lessons will start again next week. Please ensure that your child has his/her labelled swimming kit in school on the required day. Boys must wear swimming trunks not swimming shorts and girls must wear a one-piece costume. All children must wear a swimming hat and goggles are permitted providing your child can put them on and take them off independently. Flip-flops or crocs and a dressing gown or hooded towel to walk to and from the pool will also be required. If your child wears earrings, they must be able to **remove them independently or they must not wear them to school on swimming days the taping earrings is not acceptable.**

If you have not yet donated, please do so via Schoolcomms. All donations received goes towards the upkeep of the swimming pool. The lesson time for each year group are as follows:

- ❖ Reception will swim on Monday morning
- ❖ Year 1 will swim on Monday morning
- ❖ Year 2 will swim on Monday morning
- ❖ Year 3 will swim on Thursday afternoon (except Thursday 1st May will be swapped to Wednesday 30th April due to a Year 4 class trip)
- ❖ Year 4 will swim on Wednesday (except Wednesday 30th April will be swapped to Thursday 1st May due to a Year 4 class trip)
- ❖ Year 5 will swim on Wednesday morning
- ❖ Year 6 will swim on Monday afternoon

Polling Station at school

Please note that due to the local elections on 1st of May a polling station will be set up within the school. Therefore, the Twitchel path gate will be inaccessible to parents and children of the school. Please use the main gates off of North Road instead. If your child attends The Ark playgroup, their staff will man the Twitchel path gate whilst the children are being dropped off and collected.

Message from FOSJ

Sponsored colour run tickets now on sale!

To secure your place for the FOSJ colour run on 17 May, 2pm please read the waiver and the FAQ on the ticket page then bag your spots here: <https://www.goodhub.com/go/friends-of-st-josephs-14521>

Early bird discount is available until 30th April with tickets currently at £5 for child runner, £10 for adult runner and £5 for spectator.

Please remember to put your child and your full names and confirm you have read and accepted the waiver. Once you've got your tickets you can set up your child's individual sponsorship page by following this link and clicking the red fundraising button: <https://www.goodhub.com/go/friends-of-st-josephs-14526>

Once you've set it up send to friends and family to raise as much as possible for our school.

Please speak to your class rep or a member of the FOSJ committee if you have any questions – under 3's spectators go free.

Start limbering up and getting those lunges in for a rainbow fuelled extravaganza! We can't wait to see you at the start line!

New Term dates for 2025/2026

The new term dates for 2025/2026 are available on the school website. Please use the following link: [Term Dates | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School](#)

Afterschool Club – Little Blue Van

As the afterschool club is run by an external company, the school cannot book children into the club. Please contact Little Blue Van directly, on 07770 963701/07790 444704 or by email, martin@littlebluevan.co.uk

Term dates for 2024/2025

These are now available on our website. Please use the following link:

[Term Dates | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School \(stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk\)](#)

School email addresses

Breakfast Club - diary@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

Absences, illness, medical appointments, collection of children, lunches - diary@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

Breakfast Club queries - diary@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

General enquiries not listed above – admin@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

Dates

Here are some dates for your diary for the Spring term. You will receive more information for some of the events nearer the time.

April

- ❖ WC 28th Swimming lessons start for Year R-6
- ❖ 28th Year 3 trip to Celtic
- ❖ 29th Year 2 Scootability
- ❖ 30th Year 1 trip to Hertford Museum
- ❖ 30th Year 4 trip to Roald Dahl Museum

May

- ❖ WC 12th Year 6 SATS week
- ❖ 22nd LIFT Reading at 9am
- ❖ 26th - 30th Half Term

June

- ❖ 20th Inset day
- ❖ 27th LIFT Maths at 9am

July

- ❖ 1st July Liturgy at 9:30am

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

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