



Trust Charity Week

With your support we have managed to just over £1000. Thank you to our house captains for organising such a great week and to you for your donations. But, there is still time to donate! If you are able to make any sort of donation to Mary's Meals you can do so via your child's Arbor account until Monday morning. Thank you.

Gold book winners

YR: Frankie

Y1: Whole class

Y2: Rose

Y3: Oliver D

Y4: Jacob

Y5: Arianna

Y6: Sohan

Special shout out to Cian in Y5 who was a gold book winner last term.

Message from FOSJ

It's back - the FOSJ annual sponsored colour run will take place on the **16th May at 3pm on the school field - BBQ and bar will also be available at the event.** This is a spectacular event for all the family and will be the third year we've run it. Make sure you get your early bird discounted tickets now by visiting: <https://www.goodhub.com/go/stjosephcolourrun2026event>. You can also set up your child's individual sponsorship accounts to raise as much money for the school as possible by heading to: <https://www.goodhub.com/go/stjosephscolorrun2026>. Please also find attached a document containing FAQ's, the terms and conditions/waiver and the details of what is actually in the paint that is thrown during the event. Don't miss out, book early - early bird discount available until 1st May. If you have any additional questions please speak to your class rep!

Uniform

We have recently noticed an increase in pupils not wearing the correct school uniform. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of our expectations. Examples we have seen include pupils wearing hooped or dangling earrings, grip socks or patterned socks instead of plain grey or white socks, and trainers being worn on non-PE or non-Forest School days. We have also noticed some skirts and shorts that are shorter than they should be. We kindly ask all parents and carers to refer to the school's uniform policy to ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately and in line with the agreed expectations. Your support in maintaining our high standards of uniform is greatly appreciated.

Lunch boxes

A reminder that we are a nut-free school. We currently have a number of pupils with severe nut allergies, and therefore we ask that all nut-based products are not included in children's lunch boxes. This includes items such as Nutella, sesame seed buns, pesto, hummus, and cereal bars that contain nuts. We appreciate your support in helping us keep all of our pupils safe.

Reading volunteers

We are very fortunate to have some wonderful reading volunteers who come into school once or twice a week to read with the children. We have already noticed a positive impact on the children's reading fluency, confidence and overall ability, and the children really enjoy the opportunity to read with a different adult. We would love to be able to offer this valuable support to every class. If you are able to spare a short amount of time each week to help with reading, please let the school office know. We would also be grateful if you could pass this message on to any grandparents or other community members who may be able to help.

Please switch off car engines

As a school we are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our pupils. Therefore, please **switch off your engines while waiting to drop off or pick up children**. Please support us in keeping our air clean. Thank you for your cooperation.

Message from Little Linguists



Little Linguists

NEW! AFTER SCHOOL SPANISH

@ St Josephs RC Primary School

Beginners - Reception / Key Stage 1

Get ready for the summer holidays and put some Spanish sunshine into your life!

Monday afternoons - 3.15-4.00pm

20 April - 06 July (10 weeks)

- Small classes (Max 12)
- Fun and engaging sessions
- £6.95 per session + £13.50 for course materials

Booking now for the summer term - trial session and earlybird discount available



E-MAIL: SUZANNE@LITTLELINGUISTS.ORG.UK

CALL: 07857 974437

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Free school meals

You can apply for free school meals for the new school year. To receive meals for the remainder of this current school year, please email freeschoolmeals@hertfordshire.gov.uk, with your name, national insurance number and date of birth. If your child receives free school meals, you don't need to re-apply for 2025/2026 unless your child is moving from Year 2 to Year 3.

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

Term dates for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027

The new term dates for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 are available on the school website. Please use the following link: [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Term Dates](#)

Dates

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

May

- ❖ 6th LIFT Reading session 9am - 9:15am
- ❖ 11th Start of Primary SATS week
- ❖ 14th May Ascension Mass PM
- ❖ 16th FOSJ Colour run at 3pm
- ❖ 20th Year 4 trip to Roald Dahl Museum
- ❖ 22nd End of half term pick up at 3:15pm
- ❖ 25th - 29th End of term holiday

June

- ❖ 3rd LIFT Maths session 9am -9:15am
- ❖ 3rd Class and team photos
- ❖ 8th Aspirations week
- ❖ 8th Science week
- ❖ 11th Year 5 visit to JHN
- ❖ 12th Inset day school closed
- ❖ 15th Sacramental Celebration
- ❖ 15th LIFT Science 3pm - 3:15pm
- ❖ 19th Sports day
- ❖ 22nd Assessment week
- ❖ 26th St Mary's Primary Football and Netball tournament 10am-12pm

July

- ❖ 1st LIFT Reading session 9am -9:15am
- ❖ 3rd Chaplaincy retreat (trip)
- ❖ 8th Open evening
- ❖ 14th Leavers production (PM)
- ❖ 15th Year 6 leavers mass and assembly
- ❖ 21st End of term

Please note that these dates maybe subject to change.

Please read your newsletter weekly to be informed of any changes