



Message from Mr Maloney

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for your generous donations to the Friends of St Joseph's fundraising activities over the last 18 months. An amazing amount has been raised, and the children have had a lot of fun at so many enjoyable events such as the Colour Run and the school discos! We're pleased that parents have got behind our plans for a new library to enrich our children's learning experience and foster a love of reading, so I wanted to give you a quick update on how plans are progressing.

Unfortunately, our original plan for a standalone new building is looking unlikely due to quotes being significantly more expensive than anticipated and some logistical issues. Therefore, we have been exploring alternative options including repurposing and redesigning existing parts of the school that are currently being under-utilised. We have engaged with a company who are drawing up some plans for us for a bright, inviting, comfortable, and inspiring library space, and we want to get moving on this as quickly as possible. I'll keep you posted on the progress.

We're also keen that a proportion of the money that has been raised is spent now to ensure that children and parents see benefits very soon. We will therefore be using some of the money to repair the climbing frame on the field, to buy some new benches and a story telling chair for forest school, and to improve and update the outdoor classroom. We will aim for these improvements to be made in readiness for the children returning to school in September after the Summer holidays. I would like to give a huge thanks to FoSJ and to all the volunteers who spend so much of their own time working tirelessly to raise money for our school. The governors and I recognise the huge impact this will have for our pupils, and we look forward to seeing the children enjoying the new equipment and facilities soon. Once again thanks for your patience and continued support and I'll see you all at the Summer Sizzler on the 12th of July for what is set to be another amazing event.

Parent survey

As we approach the end of another fantastic school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the many successes we've enjoyed together. From exciting learning opportunities in the classroom to memorable trips, celebrations, and community events such as the winter warmer, the Summer Sizzler still to come and we can't not mention the two very successful inspections in the Autumn term. We are incredibly proud of everything the children have accomplished so far, and we know that this wouldn't be possible without your ongoing support. Your involvement plays a crucial role in helping us build a positive, nurturing, and inspiring environment for every child. To help us continue to grow and improve, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our annual parent survey. Your feedback is vital in shaping our plans and priorities for the future. All responses will be sent directly to the Trust, and a collated analysis of the data will be shared with you during the Autumn term. Please complete the survey by **7th July**, [St Joseph's Hertford Parent Survey](#)

New addition to the Trust

We are pleased to announce that St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Cheshunt has become the 9th school in the trust. For more information please click on the following link, <https://www.stfrancistrust.net/news/?pid=0&nid=1&storyid=36>

Gold book winners

YR: Ennis and Nova

Y1: Isla

Y2: Greyson

Y3: Emma

Y4: Ethan

Y5: Sebastian

Y6: Veronica

Reading books

Please make sure that your child brings all their school reading books back to school next week. Children can still practice their reading over summer with the Hertford Library Reading Challenge which is being run from 6th July - 7th September. If you manage to get to the library on 21st July between 11:30am - 2pm you may find our very own Mrs Lacey who will be giving a helping hand. She may also be giving out some house points for September to whoever takes up the challenge! For more information please click on the following link www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SummerReadingChallenge

Parking outside school

Please be mindful when parking on or around North Road as we have received a number of frustrated messages from local residents.

We would like to remind everyone that parking in the bus stop is illegal and buses have been unable to stop due to a lack of room.

Can we ask that we are mindful of blocking pavements and driveways as this can cause accessibility issues to members of the public and residents.

School Carpark

Please **do not park or enter the school carpark when dropping children off for breakfast club or picking up from afterschool clubs**. The gates are open for staff only to access the site. Thank you.

St Joseph's on the radio

Our school will be featured on **Hertfordshire's MIX 92.6 Breakfast Show** on Tuesday, 8th July 2025. As part of their Daily Breakfast Show feature 'The Random School Selector', a big shout out will be given to all the pupils and staff from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School **at around 08:20am on Tuesday, 8th July 2025**. Hertfordshire's MIX 92.6 is a local community radio station who feature local people, businesses and schools throughout all their programmes. More information about MIX 92.6, along with programme replays and podcasts can be found via our website, mix926.com. MIX 92.6 is available on FM, DAB and online. Please tune in if you can!

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](#)

FOSJ Summer Sizzle raffle

📺 Roll up roll up - great prizes up for grabs at this years Summer Sizzler raffle 📺

Raffle tickets will be coming home with the children today and on Monday for Nursery children. Please return the stubs and payment to the FOSJ Green post box by the school office by 11th July or give to the raffle stall at the Summer Sizzler on the 12th.

There are some great prizes up for grabs including a £50 Dinnio voucher, a 4 ball at Essendon golf club worth £480, £50 Amazon voucher from LBV, vouchers for Woodys, Beam, Secret space, Pilates classes, little linguists and so much more! Thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you all at the event.

FOSJ Summer sizzler

It is that time of year again and we are super excited to share details for the upcoming FOSJ Summer Sizzler on 12th July. Entrance fees are as follows and payment can be made via School Gateway:

Adults: £2.50

Children: £1.50

Children under 3 go free

Grab an early bird ticket by booking before the 4th July and you will be able to beat the queues with fast pass for entry.

To help with the smooth running of the day, it would be appreciated if tickets are purchased prior to the event as this helps with planning. There will be something for everyone and all money raised will go back into the school making it the best it can be for your children. If you have any questions please contact your class rep directly. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Joe Shooter summer football camp

Joe will be holding two, three-day football camps at school over the summer. Please see the flyer for more details and if you have any questions please contact him directly on 07450402955.

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



JH FOOTBALLING CAMP

THREE DAY CAMP in which the days will be
Tues 22nd, Weds 23rd & Thurs 24th July
Tues 26th, Weds 27th & Thurs 28th August
The camps will run from 9-3pm on each day
and will be held at...

St Joseph's Primary School
North Rd, Hertford
SG14 2BU



The Camps are for children ages (5-12)

£25 (One Day)

£45 (Two Days)

£60 (Three Days)

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07450 402955

www.jhfootballing.com

joe@jhfootballing.com



FOR MORE INFORMATION
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OF THE PLATFORMS ON
THE ADVERTISEMENT!

Top Hat

Top Hat hold dancing, singing and acting classes on Sundays from 10am - 1pm here at school. No experience is needed in any of the arts and along with a free trial, children who attend our school can get 30% off. Please see the flyer for more details and if you have any questions please contact Top Hat directly.

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 Summer term. You will receive more information for some of the events nearer the time.

July

- ❖ 8th Open Evening @ 3:30pm - 5:30pm
- ❖ 9th Rock Steady Concert at 9:30am
- ❖ 10th Transition Day
- ❖ 12th FOSJ Summer Sizzler 2pm - 5pm
- ❖ 14th Year 5 and 6 play @ 5:30pm
- ❖ 15th Year 2 trip to Capel Manor
- ❖ 15th Year 6 leavers assembly @ 9:30am - 10:30am
- ❖ 15th Year 6 leavers mass @ 11am all welcome
- ❖ 15th Year 6 leavers party @ 3:30pm - 5pm
- ❖ 17th KS2 Choir Concert 9:30am (sunglasses Summer hats can be worn)
- ❖ 18th End of Term collection at 1:15pm

Please note that these dates maybe subject to change.

Please read your newsletter weekly to be informed of any changes



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