



Head-lines

As we bring the Summer 1 term to a close, it is wonderful to reflect on what has been a truly action-packed, albeit brief, few weeks. With the extra bank holidays and various school events, the time has certainly flown by, but it has been a joy to see the children so engaged in their learning. We now look forward to Summer 2, which is always a whirlwind of activity as we prepare for end-of-year celebrations and transition to the next academic year. Hopefully, the sun will continue to shine as we head into these final weeks together. Best wishes, Mr. Turner.

Y6 SATs

We would like to say a huge "well done" to our Year 6 children for their incredible hard work during the week of 11th May. SATs week can be a demanding time, testing the

knowledge and understanding they have built throughout their time at St Joseph's. The children approached every test with resilience, maturity and determination, and we could not be prouder of the effort they put in. SATs only test one aspect of their journey and regardless of the results, they are all superstars in our eyes!

First Holy Communion

A massive congratulations to our Year 3 children who celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 16th May. I am sure it will be a truly beautiful

morning, and the children will look absolutely fantastic in their special clothes. It is always a privilege for us to stand alongside our families as the children take this significant next step in their journey of faith. We hope the children and their families enjoy the service and the celebrations that follow!



Pauline Oxon

It is with a heavy heart that I must share some sad news with our school community. One of our dedicated cleaners, Pauline, has recently passed away. Pauline was a valued member of our team, and her hard work and kindness will be greatly missed by us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this incredibly difficult time.

Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance currently stands at 95.7%. While this is close to our target of 96%, it is still a little lower than we would like. We want to remind all parents of the vital importance of regular attendance for your child's progress.

Please be aware that during the summer months, we cannot authorise requests for holidays during term time. In line with Wirral policy, these absences are recorded as "unauthorised" and may result in fines being issued by the Local Authority.



We are delighted to share some wonderful news from the St Joseph's family! Mrs. Hancock has safely delivered her baby — a beautiful little girl named Olivia Mae. Both mother and baby are

doing well, and we send our warmest congratulations to the family as they begin this exciting new chapter.

We are also very happy to welcome some new faces to our school community this half term. A big St Joseph's welcome goes out to Theo, Luke, and Harrison, who have all joined us recently. It has been lovely to see how quickly they are settling in and making new friends. We hope you are already feeling at home and enjoying everything life at our school has to offer!

Year 6 Conway Residential

The excitement continues for Year 6 as they head off for their three-day residential at the Conway Centre during the week of 18th May. This is always a highlight of the year, where the children get to challenge themselves with activities like canoeing, gorge walking and rock climbing. Beyond the physical challenges, it is a wonderful opportunity for them to bond and create lasting memories with their friends before they move on to High School.

Key Summer Dates

The second half of the summer term is always a bit of a whirlwind with many important dates for your diary (letters will be sent for each event):

- **KS2 Production:** Rehearsals are already underway for our musical extravaganza! Performances will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 17th June and the evening of Thursday 18th June. **Sports Days:** Please join us for our Sports Days! KS1 will be on Thursday, 2nd July, and KS2 will follow on Friday, 3rd July. Parents are warmly invited to watch the morning sessions. **Reports:** End-of-year reports will be sent home on Friday, 3rd July. **Leavers:** Our emotional but joyous Year 6 Leavers Mass and Assembly will be held on Friday, 17th July, which is also our final day of the school year.

Planning for Next Year

After the half term, we will begin the process of planning our staffing and classes for the next academic year. By 1st July, we will share "Meet the Teacher" letters with you to let you know who your child's teacher will be. We have also scheduled a transition morning where each class will visit their new room and spend time getting to know their new teacher to ensure a smooth and confident start in September.

Here comes the sun.....

As we return to (hopefully!) nicer weather after the half term, please may we remind you about a few sun precautions. Please ensure your child has a water bottle and you may wish to also provide a sun hat. We suggest applying sun cream first thing in the morning. Children may bring sun cream in to 'top up' however they will need to apply this to themselves, and we also ask that you check the ingredients. As you are aware we have several children with nut allergies and some lotions (including Nivea) may contain nut traces so please can we ask that you check. And finally, Summer is the season of 'lost property' as items are removed, as the weather hots up, and get left and lost. Please can you ensure that all items are labelled so they can be easily traced and returned. Many thanks

Website and Social Media

We are thrilled to announce that our school website, www.stjosephscatholicprimarybirkenhead.co.uk, has undergone a full redesign! It is now easier than ever to find information and keep up with school life. Don't forget you can also follow our adventures on X (Twitter) @stjosephsbh and Instagram @stjosephsbirkenhead for regular updates and photos.

Prayer for the term

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we remember how the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples. In that special moment, they were transformed and given the strength, wisdom, and courage they needed to go out and spread the good word of God to all nations. We pray that the Holy Spirit enters our own lives, empowering us to act with kindness and to witness faithfully to the Gospel in our daily deeds.

Amen.