



## Head-lines

As the school year draws to a close, we look back on the many achievements of the year, and as always, want to share what a joy it is to work with the children and how proud of them we are. In this newsletter we say a few goodbyes to both pupils and staff. I hope the journey at St Joseph's has been an enjoyable one, and I wish every success for the future. The staff are starting to clear their rooms, and begin to set up ready for the next generation. Thank you to all the team I work with, the parents and families and most importantly, the children. I hope the sun shines, you enjoy whatever you have planned for the six weeks and have a lovely, lovely summer. Best wishes, Mr Turner

## Year 6

Working in a school is such a privilege as we get to spend our working day with such wonderful, amazing children. We get to watch them grow and develop, and share in their successes, as well as be there with them through the tough times. Every minute of every day, we are all so proud of all the children and the progress and growth they make.

Each Summer, it is with a heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to a cohort of leavers. Whether they have been with us since Early Years, or whether they joined higher up the school, it is always bitter sweet to wave them off on the last day. It is with a mix of pride of what they have become, excitement to think about the things they are yet to achieve, but sadness that their voices and their laughter will no longer ring through our corridors. Our Year 6 Leavers for 2024 have been an exceptional group of children - I was blown away by the talent on stage, and I so thoroughly enjoyed going away with them to Anglesey. We often talk about our Core Values, how we aim for excellence, but most importantly, how each and every one of us has the Mission to bring more love to the world. I have no doubt that as you journey on, you will meet any challenge head on, but at all times, be kind, and always stay true to our guiding lesson given by Jesus: to love one another. Jasmine, Ashvin, Savannah, Bella, Violet, Jake, Oliver, Jacob, Evie, Ella-Lou, Daniel, Sophie, Katie, Eva, Lewis, Niya, Eve, Olivia, Blake, Dolly, Connor, Ella, Annria, Sienna, Anya, Oscar, Georgina, Zack, Ailis, Thomas, Grace and Finley, it has been a pleasure and a privilege working with you all and we are all so, so proud of you. I do hope you have enjoyed your journey at St Joseph's and I wish you every success for the future.

You will always be a special part of our school and are welcome to come back and visit - we would love to hear all about your next adventures! Good bye and good luck.

As we finish, we also say goodbye to some other children from our school. Ethan, it has been fantastic working with you, and I am so proud of you. Good luck for your new start, and do come back and visit and I'll look forward to some more guitar time! We also say goodbye to Gabriella and Neveah. I hope you have both enjoyed your time in Nursery and are looking forward to next year.

The goodbyes are sad, but we also have the joys of saying hello and welcoming some new children to our St Joseph's family. As well as looking forward to our new intake for next year, this term we have welcomed Alisa, Poppy, Jason, Navaneeth, Oliver, Kayla, Trevor, Ali, Muhammed, and Mahdi. I hope you have all settled, made lots of new friends and I look forward to continuing to get to know you.





## More goodbyes...

A few more goodbyes, this time to some staff members. Miss Pickstock, Miss Diamond and Mr Reynolds are sadly leaving us to take up new teaching opportunities.

All three have made a huge contribution to our school for a number of years. Mr Reynolds has been with us since September, teaching various classes, as well as helping out at lots of our musical events and productions. Thank you Mr Reynolds!

We say goodbye to Miss Diamond who taught Year 4 last year, and this year has worked with our Nursery children. Over the two years, Miss Diamond has brought so much to our school, including taking the Y6 on residential last year and teaching across the whole school. Thank you to Miss Diamond.

And then we say farewell and thank you to Miss Pickstock. Miss Pickstock has been in Year 1 for the last three years, and as all the children who have been in her class will know, she has a particular fondness for Winnie the Pooh! So it is only fitting to use the words of the wise bear himself: "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard".

I wish all of you the best of luck, and from me and on behalf of all of the children you have worked with, thank you.

We also say a big congratulations and best wishes to Miss Waring who gets married this Summer. Miss Waring will come back to us in the Autumn as Mrs Hancock. We wish Miss Waring and her husband to be a glorious day and a happy future together.



## Thank you!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community. I am so grateful for all of the staff I work with - they routinely go above and beyond in order to provide all of the wonderful experiences and opportunities on offer at St Joseph's.

Thank you for all your work over the year and I hope you have a well deserved rest over Summer!



I also want to say thank you to our amazing PTA, headed up by Chair Janine. The PTA give up their own time to put on so many events over the year and really create a great community atmosphere, so thank you to Janine and all the PTA. This year, we are saying goodbye to some of our long standing PTA members, so I

would like to say a particular thank you to Paul Wentworth (who leaves a 'Joey' vacancy!) and to Katie Capper who has so generously donated and arranged various raffle prizes over the years. Thank you both for everything you have done and all your support.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who work with us and support us in ensuring the best possible outcomes for your children. And last, but certainly not least, thank you to all the children! We all absolutely love working with you, we are so proud of you and thank you for being you!

## School uniform

A reminder that school closes on Friday 19th July. We open to children on Tuesday 3rd September. Term dates for the year are published on the home page of our website [www.stjosephscatholicprimarybirkenhead.co.uk](http://www.stjosephscatholicprimarybirkenhead.co.uk)

The uniform shop in Birkenhead is fully stocked with all our school uniform, and they offer a click and collect service to 'beat the queues'. [www.wirraluniforms.com](http://www.wirraluniforms.com)  
Tesco also hold our badge ready to be added to items. Full details of uniform can be found on our website under 'School Information'.

If you have any items of uniform you no longer require and can donate, please drop them in at the office and we will put them out in our Freecycle store. We are also able to subsidise uniform for Pupil Premium eligible children - please speak to the office for more information.

Whole school attendance for the year = **94.2%**  
Thank you for your continued support and we continue to aim for at least 96%

## Prayer for the term

*God our Father, we thank you for all our blessings this last year. For being with us on every step we take. We continue to grow and love, with you at our side. St Joseph, pray for us.*