



Head-lines

And so we bring another school year to a close. As always, I look back on the term, and the whole year, with such gratitude for the people I spend my time with. Children, parents, staff - it really is a joy and a privilege to work with you all. In our Summer 2 Newsletter, we celebrate the many achievements of the year, but we say a special thank you and goodbye to those who are leaving us. Our Year 6 children take their next steps and journey on to High School. We are so incredibly proud of you and wish you every success, joy and happiness for your futures. We also say goodbye and thank you to a few members of staff who are also leaving us this Summer. It has been a privilege to work alongside you and I wish you all the best. To all our children, families and staff, I hope you have a lovely Summer and I look forward to seeing you for the 2025-26 school year! Best wishes, Mr Turner.

Goodbye

The 'lead' article in our Summer 2 Newsletter is always taking the time to give thanks for our Year 6 Leavers. As they journey through school, we have the privilege of walking alongside them, and seeing them grow and develop over the years. Some may have started way back in Nursery, while others may have joined further up the school. Whenever your time at St Joseph's began, I hope it has been filled with joy, happiness, love and achievements that you can be proud of.

I want to let this year's cohort - Niall, Oscar, Thomas, Jonty, Maria, Noah, Toby, Isabella, Ava, Charlie, Tilly, Ella, George, Arthur, Alexis, Joseph, Phoebe, Skylar, Erin, Oscar, Issa, Violet, Amelia, Sienna, Tilly,

Daniel, Lacey-Elise, Amelia, Biya, Tessa, Daisy, Jonathan, Oliver, Leo, Joann, Bella, Blake, Karol, Niamh, Mikey, Bobbie, Sienna, Benjamin, Nuala, Charlie, Daniel, Sarah, Lois, Nina, and Alfie, know just how proud of them we all are. Each of you have unique talents and have brought so much to our school. You have shown courage and resilience in the face of adversity, you have brought joy and laughter to our corridors and classrooms and you have brought kindness and love to our world and I thank you for it all. I have said to you before that here at St Joseph's, we are not just teaching you reading, writing and maths so that you can go on to get good exam results at High School. We are teaching you that the future of our world is in your hands - you are the leaders, the inventors, the thinkers and the actioners. Here at St Joseph's, we teach that the greatest lesson to be learnt is the one that Jesus left us with - to "love one another". You have brought such love to our school, and I know as you leave us, you will take that lesson out with you. I hope you have enjoyed your journey through St Joseph's and will keep those happy memories in your heart. Stay in touch as we always love to hear about how you are getting on. But for now, enjoy the Summer, and from me and all of us, goodbye and good luck.

For some Year 6 Parents, this also marks the end of your involvement with St Joseph's. You have entrusted us with the precious gift of your child and we hope that we have met your expectations. It is not a task we take lightly. So thank you for placing your faith and trust in us. Thank you for all your support over the years and may I also take this opportunity to wish you well for the future.

"Goodbye may seem forever. Farewell is like the end, but in my heart is the memory, and there you will always be."

- Disney's The Fox and the Hound

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A few more goodbyes....

We also say a few goodbyes to members of our staff team this year. Mrs Ward has worked as a Teaching Assistant at St Joseph's for over ten years. During that time she has supported so many children, either as individuals or as groups. I would like to let Mrs Ward know how grateful I am for all her work, and I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her a well-earned and restful retirement!

Last week we also said goodbye to one of our Mid-Day team. Jeanette has moved on to a new role, working at a local play centre, so you may well bump into her if you are ever out at a play party! Thanks again to Jeanette for all her work and support over the lunch period.

We also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Marland and Mrs Rafferty. Mrs Marland and Mrs Rafferty have both been working in Year 1 this year, teaching the class as part of a job share. A huge thank you to both for all your work - it has been great working alongside you and on behalf of all the Year 1 children, thank you for everything. I wish you all the best for the future.



Thank you

As we wrap up the year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the amazing team I work with. All the staff at this school routinely go 'above and beyond' to make our school experience the best it can be. As well as exceptional teaching, the staff provide genuine care and support for children's emotions and well being, as well as offering additional clubs, trips, events, and opportunities. I am so proud to work alongside them and extremely grateful for all they do. I am sure you will agree with me when I wish them a restful and well

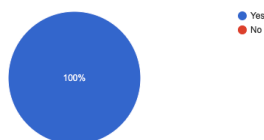
deserved lovely Summer holiday.

As well as staff, I am also very grateful to all our wonderful PTA helpers and volunteers. Once again, the PTA have put on a fantastic year of events, including Pantomime visits, bingo, fairs and discos! All funds raised go back to the school to further enhance what the children receive as well as subsidising the trips and visits. Thank you to everyone who attends the events and gives generously. But none of it would be possible without the time and dedication of our fantastic PTA team. Janine does an incredible job as Chair and makes sure that every year things go bigger! So thank you to Janine. I know Janine would also want me to thank all the people who step into specific roles such as Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Chair, as well as everyone who helps out at all the events, so from me, Janine, the children, families and staff, thank you to all our PTA. This year we say a special thank you and goodbye to some of our PTA members who are leaving our St Joseph's community as their children move on. Liz and Laura, thank you so much for all your time and commitment over the years. We are all very grateful, and if the High Schools have a PTA, they would be very lucky to have you!

Parent View

I would also like to say a big thank you to all our parents and carers. I really value our partnership and want to thank you for choosing St Joseph's, entrusting us with the development of your child and working with us. I recently sent out a parent survey and will share the full results as we begin the new school year. The final question of the survey is "I would recommend this school to another parent". I am so happy and proud that for that question 100% agreed and said they would! I take that as a solid endorsement and thank you all for your confidence, support and positivity.

I would recommend this school to another parent.



Welcome

In with the goodbyes, we say a warm welcome to Frankie and Jason who have joined St Joseph's this half term. I hope you have settled and are enjoying life at St Joseph's

Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd September. The term dates for the year are available to download from our home page

<https://www.stjosephscatholicprimarybirkenhead.co.uk/home>

From all of us, we wish the children, and you, a lovely Summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Prayer for the term

God our Father, we thank you for all our blessings this year. For being with us every step we take. We continue to grow and love, with you at our side. We ask for your blessing for our Y6 children as they continue their journey as Pilgrims of Hope.

St Joseph, pray for us.

