



Head-lines

As another wonderful school year draws to a close, I find myself looking back on the last eleven months with an immense sense of pride and gratitude. It remains an absolute joy and privilege to spend my days alongside your children, witnessing their growth, laughter, and endless achievements. This final newsletter of the year is always a bittersweet one. It is a time of heartfelt farewells as we prepare to say goodbye to our incredible Year 6 leavers, who are ready to take their next big steps into high school, as well as some of our valued staff and families. While there is always a natural sadness in waving them off, we are comforted by the knowledge that they carry the values and love of St Joseph's out into the wider world. Wishing you all a lovely Summer. Best wishes, Mr Turner

Reminder - school closes for Summer on Friday 17th July and opens for pupils on Wednesday 2nd September

Y6 Leavers

Each summer, a familiar sadness settles over us as we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers. Whether your journey with us started all the way back in Nursery or you joined St Joseph's further up the school, walking alongside you and watching you grow has been an absolute privilege. You have brought so much laughter, talent, and energy to our classrooms and corridors, and we are going to miss you immensely.

At St Joseph's, our ultimate goal is to prepare you for the wider world. We have always encouraged you to live out our school vision of **stepping up to achieve excellence**, and you have done exactly that. Throughout your time with us, you have truly embodied our core values: showing deep **Worship** and reflection in your spiritual lives, seizing every **Opportunity** with open arms, demonstrating incredible **Resilience** when things got tough, developing your **Knowledge** to become the thinkers of tomorrow, bringing a sense of **Enjoyment** and fun to everything you do, and treating everyone you meet with absolute **Respect**.

But above all, you have embraced our guiding mission: **to love one another**. As you transition to high school, this is the most important lesson we want you to carry with you. Take that love, kindness, and light into your new schools and make the world a better, brighter place.

To our incredible Class of 2026: Maisy, Eyan, Noah, Anabelle, Bailey, Aoife, Hetty, Enea, Jason, Kayla, Jacob, Annabelle, Evan, Franklin, Harry, Ava, Sam, Teddy, Thomas, Maggie, Harley, Alisa, Alice, Ryan, Orlaith, Thomas, Jia, Jayden, Anna, Lily, Mason, Teddy, Samuel, Thomas, Annet, David, Dawin, James, Abigail, Sophia, Frankie, Lucas, Murphy, Amelia, Jewel, Daniel, Jasmine, Olive, Ruby, Riley, Sofia, and Sophia, it has been an honour to work with you and get to know you. We are so incredibly proud of the young people you have become. Please remember that you will always be a special part of the St Joseph's family, and our doors will always be open to welcome you back to hear about your next great adventures.

To the parents of our Year 6 pupils—especially those for whom this marks the end of your family's time at St Joseph's—thank you for your unwavering partnership, trust, and support over the years.

We wish every single one of our leavers the very best of luck. **Goodbye and good luck**



A few more goodbyes....



We also say a few more goodbyes to people this year. Firstly we say goodbye to Mrs Hanlon. Mrs Hanlon has worked at St Joseph's for more than 6 years, firstly as a Mid Day Assistant, then as a Teaching Assistant (and then even as our resident DJ!). Mrs Hanlon is leaving St Joseph's, so we say a big thank you and send her our best wishes for the future.

Mrs Lee and Miss Bretheton are also departing after working this year in Y4, Y5/6 and even joining the Y6 residential! Thank you both for all your work and best wishes.

And lastly, we say goodbye (in her official capacity at least!) and thank you to Janine. Janine is stepping down as PTA chair, and handing the reins over to Jenna Rooke. Janine has worked so hard during her time as Chair, putting on all sorts of events, from bingo to Elfridges to fairs. Janine was also the driver behind introducing our whole school trips to the Pantomime in Liverpool! This last year she has been gradually handing over to Jenna, but not before one last wonderful Summer Fair and one more booking to the Panto for next year! Janine is staying on as part of the PTA and still has children in the school, so it's not a full goodbye. A massive thank you to Janine for all she has done - they are big shoes to fill!

...And some hellos!



As well as goodbyes, we also say hello and welcome to our new pupil starters from this half term. A big welcome to Kyle and Akira who have joined us during Summer 2. I hope you have settled in, made lots of new friends and are enjoying being part of St Joseph's.

Year 6 SATs

You may have seen in the news that there has been a national issue with the marking and sharing of SATs results due to an issue with Pearson who were awarded the contract by the Government. We have already written to parents of Y6 pupils. At time of writing this newsletter, results are due to be available Thursday 16th, so we will give out the results to parents then. In September we can then share the analysis of how the school has performed compared to national.

Attendance

Our overall attendance for the year is 95.3%. Thank you for your continued effort to ensure your child attends school regularly. We are just below our target of at least 96%, but we are aware that things like the heatwave, as well as football fixtures will have had an impact! As we move to a new school year, I thank you in advance for your support and commitment to ensure good attendance as we strive to continue to improve.

Important update - Benedict's Law September 2026

From September 2026, a vital new piece of legislation called **Benedict's Law** comes into effect for all schools in England. Named in memory of five-year-old Benedict Blythe, this law shifts allergy safety from a recommended "best practice" to a mandatory, statutory safeguarding requirement. It ensures that all schools maintain a dedicated, standalone allergy policy, train all staff members annually to recognise and respond to anaphylaxis, and keep emergency, unprescribed back-up adrenaline pens on site.

What parents need to know and do:

- **Update Healthcare Plans:** If your child has a known allergy (even if they do not have a formal medical diagnosis), please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can ensure a robust Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) is in place for September.
- **Provide Prescribed Medication:** Please note that while the school will now carry emergency spare adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs), **these do not replace your child's own prescribed devices**. Parents must still ensure their child's in-date, prescribed medication is supplied to the school.
- **Stay Informed:** Our new standalone School Allergy Policy will be published on our school website. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping all our children safe.

Prayer for the term

God our Father, we thank you for all our blessings this past school year and for walking beside us on every step of our journey. We thank you for the growth, the friendships, and the laughter we have shared as a St Joseph's family. As we begin the summer holidays, we ask for your blessing over all our children, families, and staff. Keep us safe, happy, and refreshed over the coming weeks. We pray especially for our Year 6 leavers as they take their next steps; guide them with your love and fill them with hope for the future. St Joseph, pray for us