- Newsletter -

Issue 5: Autumn Term

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Families of St Joseph's,

A busy and productive week at St Joseph's! Children have been working hard and staff have been doing their 'personal bests' to provide the children with stimulating and interesting lessons.

Year 5 had a great trip the British Museum, thank you Mr Mclean and the Y5 team for taking the children to such an inspiring place.

The Year 6 Football Team drew 1:1 with Bousefield this week. Well done team, we are proud of you!

I have heard some **lovely music** coming from all corners of the school this week. Violin, guitar, drums, piano and Mrs Wiles teaching the children some new hymns!

I send a huge thanks to all the PTFA who have been involved in organising the **International Food Festival** this weekend. Thank you in advance for all you have done to make the event successful.

Please try and pop along if you can and enjoy being with the wonderful community of St Joseph's. There is much to celebrate.

In the Governors' Meeting yesterday, the Governors talked about the high standards achieved last year across the school. **The Governors thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication**. I echo this. The mission - let's go again this year!

This Sunday is also the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Fr Shaun invites families to bring their pet to Mass at 10.30 a.m. It will be a unique occasion!

Thank you for your ongoing support, I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

God Bless,

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Important Notices

Attendance

Please ensure that your children are in school on time, every day. **The doors open at 8.45 a.m. The register is taken promptly at 9.00 a.m.** The link between regular school attendance and improved future life chances is undeniable. Please know that when we talk to you about attendance it is because we want the best possible outcomes for your child. If your child is not going to be in school for any reason, it is your duty to contact the school to let us know this and the reason for the absence. This is a safeguarding matter.

Allergies

Please inform Mrs Bartley as soon as possible if your child has an allergy that the school needs to be aware of. Please kindly email, or phone the school office (or see Mrs Bartley at drop-off in the morning).

Medication

If your child requires any medication (e.g. auto-injectors, asthma pumps etc) - please ensure that these are always in school and in date. Please provide as much detail as possible and any paperwork that is required. Medication should be clearly labelled and in the original boxes.

Please know that when we talk to you about your child's medication we are trying to fulfil our duty of care to ensure every child is safe in school.

Snacks

Any snacks brought to school must be **NUT FREE**. Any product containing chocolate and fizzy drinks are not allowed as snacks in school or at after-school clubs. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our children with nut allergies safe and in promoting healthy food choices

Uniform

Please ensure that correct uniform is always worn so that St Joseph's children are as smart as can be in school and out of school (where they are our Ambassadors in the local community!). The full uniform list can be found on the school website, or through the school suppliers School Uniform Direct.

Trainers are **NOT** to be worn apart from PE lessons.

Can we kindly remind all families to ensure all school uniform and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's full name.

Important School Run Safety Notice:

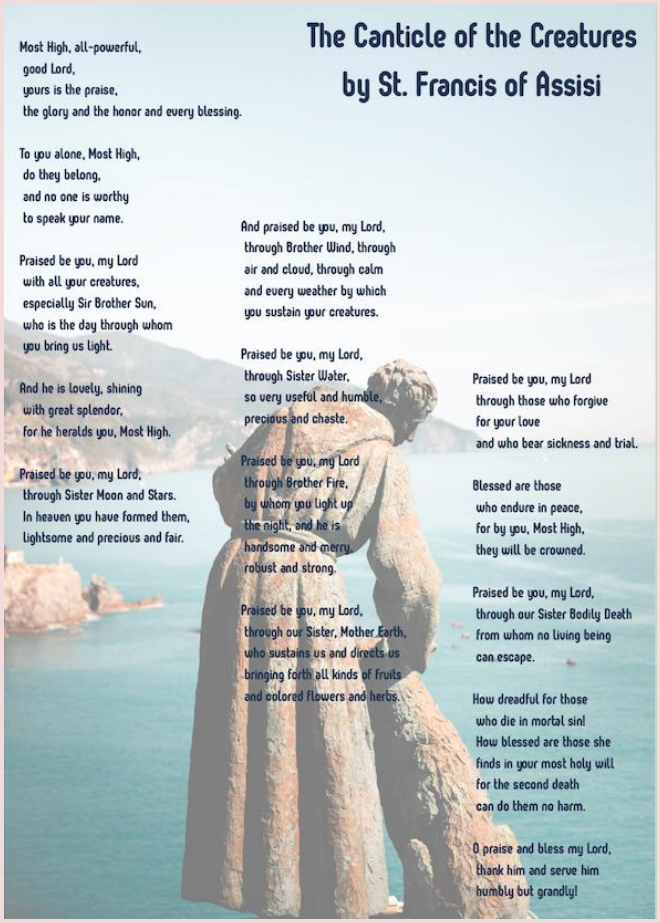
We have received concerning reports of vehicles travelling at high speeds down **Draycott Terrace** during morning drop-off. Please **reduce your speed to under 20mph**, plan extra time for your journey, and drive with extreme caution around the school gates. Let's work together to keep our children safe.

CATHOLIC LIFE

On Monday we had a lovely assembly focused on St Francis. This is because we are currently in the **Church's Jubilee Year of St Francis**, marking 800 years since his death.

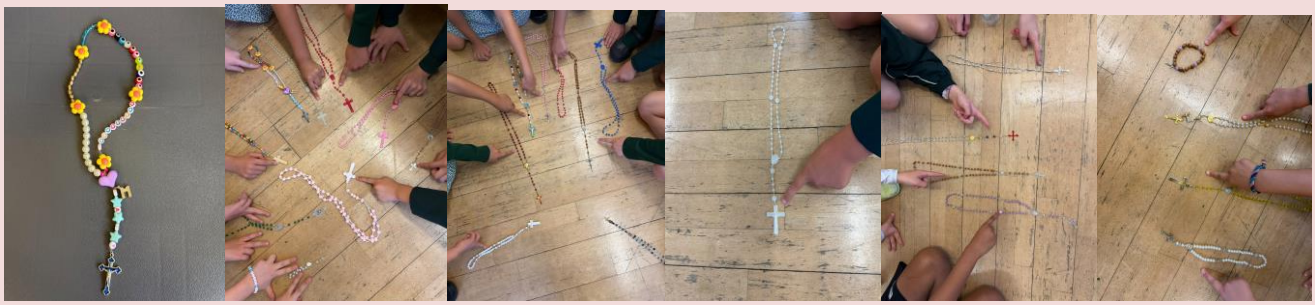
I shared some information about St Francis, how he gave away his wealth to become a true friend of the poor. We talked about his love for God's creation and his love for all creatures on earth.

I read parts of St Francis famous **Canticle of Creation**. The children were very interested in how St Francis called the sun 'brother' and the moon 'sister' emphasising our connection with all of God's creation.



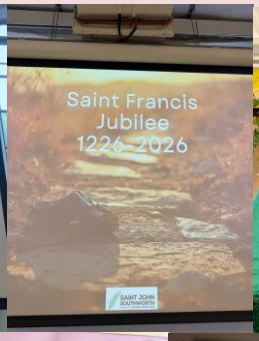
To mark **The Month of The Holy Rosary**, the Pupil Chaplaincy Team lead a beautiful Rosary assembly for KS1 and KS2 on Wednesday. So many children had brought in their own Rosaries from home. More than one child had even made their own!

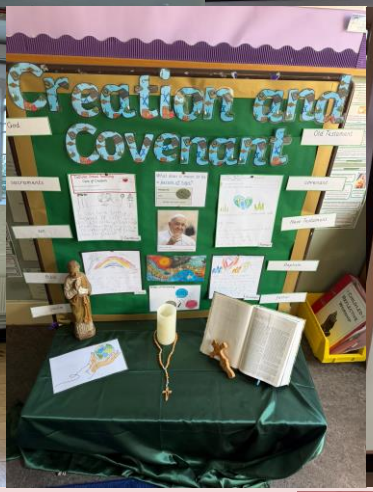
We prayed for our families, friends and the whole of the St Joseph's community. We prayed for peace in our world and for those who are in need.

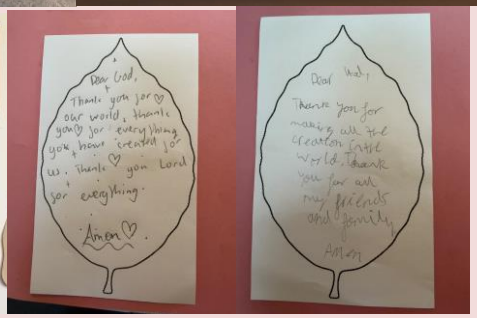


Class prayer bags have been going home this week. Please make every effort to lay out a little prayer space and say a prayer together in the evening if at all possible. It would be a lovely way of marking this special month together.

Today is CAFOD Fast Day. CAFOD is a very special Catholic charity which works all over the world bringing hope to others. Please make a small donation on Arbor if you are able to.







Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who is welcome to attend?
Sunday 4th October	11.30-2.30pm	International Food Festival	School	All Families are very welcome to attend
Wednesday 7th October	10am	Class Assembly - Year 3*	School Hall	All Year 3 Families are very welcome to attend
Thursday 8th October	6pm	EYFS Open Evening	School	For prospective families – please make your friends and family are aware of this important event
Friday 9th October	8.45am	It Takes a Village Coffee Morning	School Hall/Garden	All Families are very welcome to attend – location weather dependant
Monday 12th October	3.45-6pm	1:1 Meet the Teacher Meetings (Years 3-6 only) **	School Hall	Families of Years 3-6
Tuesday 13th October	3.45-6pm	1:1 Meet the Teacher Meetings (Years 3-6 only) **	School Hall	Families of Years 3-6
Wednesday 14th October	10am	Class Assembly - Year 4*	School Hall	All Year 4 Families are very welcome to attend
Wednesday 14th October	3.45-6pm	1:1 Meet the Teacher Meetings (Years N-2 only) **	School Hall	Families of Years Nursery-2
Thursday 15th October	3.45-6pm	1:1 Meet the Teacher Meetings (Years N-2 only) **	School Hall	Families of Years Nursery-2
Friday 16th October	All day event	Show Racism the Red Card - Wear red day. (More details to follow)	School	All children
Tuesday 20th October	Whole week event	Scholastic Book Fair (More details to follow)	School Hall	All families and children are very welcome
Wednesday 21st October	10am	Class Assembly - Year 5*	School Hall	All Year 5 Families are very welcome to attend
Half Term Week 26th-30th October				
Thursday 5th November	2pm	EYFS Open day	School	For prospective families – please make your friends and family are aware of this important event.
Friday 18th December	12pm EYFS 12.15 Years 1-6	Last day of Autumn Term	School	N/A
Christmas Holidays Monday 21st December – Monday 4th January 2027				

*Please note for class assemblies, gates will open for families at 9.55am. Buggies are left outside of the School Hall for health and safety reasons please.

** Please note sign-ups for 1:1 Teacher Meetings will be accessed via Arbor and details communicated in the first week of October.

PE Uniform Notice

After discussions with our uniform suppliers; the PE Tracksuit top remains a compulsory item of uniform. However, children can wear plain, bottle green, jogging / tracksuit bottoms (no leggings please). The jogging bottoms / tracksuit bottoms should not have logos on them (e.g. no branded sportswear). Thank you for your support in helping our children to look super smart at all times.

Trainers are not to be worn

(apart from during PE)

Polite Notice: Being Mindful of Our Neighbours

We would like to gently remind all families to be mindful of our local community when waiting for the school gates to open (particularly in the morning) when standing near the almshouses (St Joseph's Cottages). Many of the residents living in the almshouses are elderly or vulnerable, and they value highly their peace and quiet (especially earlier in the morning).

Please help us maintain our excellent relationship with our neighbours by ensuring that children do not shout, run loudly, or make excessive noise when passing these properties. Thank you so much for your continued support, co-operation, and kindness in helping us be considerate members of our local community.

Attendance Message

Please note:

Government guidance makes clear that a family holiday during term time is not considered an exceptional circumstance for authorising absence. Parents are therefore strongly encouraged to arrange holidays during the school holidays wherever possible.

Happy Birthday this week to…

Samuel Year 1
Carmen Year 5
Massimo Nursery
Grace Year 5

We hope you had an amazing day!

Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for Nursery and Reception admissions 2027

A reminder to please organise your CCP with the church. Please check the Parish newsletter and website for more details.

Flu Vaccinations for 2- and 3-year-olds

Flu can make young children very unwell and be unpleasant, causing fever, tiredness, aches, sore throat and cough, and time away from nursery. Flu spreads more easily during the winter months when we spend more time together, vaccination is the best way to help protect your child and reduce the spread of flu to family and friends.

Flu vaccinations are being promoted for 2 and 3 year olds.

The free NHS flu vaccine is offered to all 2- and 3-year-olds at GP practices and pharmacies . It is usually given as a quick painless nasal spray. This contains small traces of gelatine. An alternative gelatine-free injection is also available. More information is available on the NHS Website.

Families can book the flu vaccine for their child via their GP, the NHS website, on the NHS app or by calling 119.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Through Christ, we achieve our Personal Best

Open Days

We will be holding two open days on the following dates:

Thursday 8th October	Thursday 5th November
6:00pm	2:00pm

"The school has exceptionally high expectations for its pupils and what they can achieve.

Inspectors highlighted that behaviour is exemplary, pupils are highly motivated to learn, and staff provide kind, encouraging support."

- Ofsted Inspection 2024

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Please contact the School Office to register your attendance.

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