



St Joseph & St Theresa Catholic Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter – 16th October 2026

- **Parent Information Hub**

We are pleased to introduce our new parent information hub on the school website. This dedicated area has been created to make it easier for parents to access key information, useful forms and important links all in one place. The weekly newsletter will now be uploaded to the Parent Information Hub each week as well, providing an easy way for families to view current information, particularly if they have difficulty accessing emails or do not receive the newsletter. Visit the Parent Information Hub here: <https://www.st-joseph-st-theresa.staffs.sch.uk/parent-information-hub/>

- **Nursery Reminders**

Please ensure your child brings a bag of spare clothes to Nursery every day. Accidents, spillages and messy play are all part of our learning and fun, so having a complete change of clothes available means we can keep children comfortable and happy throughout the day. Please remember to label all clothing with your child's name. If you have any of our Nursery spares at home can we ask that these are washed and returned to setting. Thank you for your support.

- **Social Media Policy**

As online safety guidance continues to evolve, we have updated the way we share photographs and videos of children on our website, social media platforms and promotional materials. Our new social media approach focuses on celebrating children's achievements whilst further protecting their privacy and reducing online safeguarding risks. Parents may notice more photographs showing children engaged in learning through images such as hands at work, group activities, over-the-shoulder shots and photographs taken from a distance or from behind. Please be assured that nothing changes about the wonderful experiences, achievements and milestones we celebrate. This change is simply about sharing those moments in a safer way and ensuring that safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do. We thank parents and carers for their continued support as we work together to keep all children safe in today's digital world. If you would like to review or update your photo permissions, please contact the school office.

- **Reception Class of 2027 - Application Process**

Parents and carers of children due to start school in September 2027 can apply for a Reception place from 1 November 2026. The easiest way to apply is online via the Staffordshire School Admissions website: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions. Please note that the closing date for applications is 15 January 2027. We encourage all eligible families to submit their application before the deadline to ensure it is considered as part of the main admissions process. If you know of any families with children due to start Reception in September 2027, please share this information with them.

- **High School Applications - Year 6 Parents**

A reminder to our year 6 parents that the deadline for high school applications for a September 2027 start is 31st October - please ensure that you have completed your application before this date.

- Rise & Shine Free Community Breakfast

Local families are warmly invited to attend the Rise & Shine Free Community Breakfast at The Foyer, Beacon Community Church, Burntwood, during the October half-term on Tuesday 27th October and/or Thursday 29th October 2026. Everyone is welcome, with no booking required and no charge. Enjoy a free breakfast including cereal, toast, croissants, crumpets, bagels, fruit juice, tea and coffee. This is organised by Burntwood Foodbank and supported by Warburtons, this community event provides a welcoming space for children, families and individuals to enjoy breakfast together during the school holiday. For more information, please see the accompanying flyer.

- Chasetown FC Football Camps

Chasetown Football Club are running an Autumn Football Camp during the half-term holiday on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th October at The Scholars Ground, Church Street, Chasetown. The camp runs from 8:30am to 3:30pm, with activities taking place from 9:00am to 3:30pm. A fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, develop their football skills and have fun during the half-term break!

- Free Tennis Coaching Sessions

We are pleased to share an exciting opportunity for our school community. Pupils are invited to enjoy a free Saturday morning tennis coaching session at Lichfield Friary Tennis Club. Whether you're new to tennis or have played before, Microsports coaches will help you develop your skills and have fun on court. Junior sessions are available for children, and adult coaching is available for staff. Follow the link here to book your session <https://www.microsportsltd.co.uk/lichfield-friary-tennis-club/p/lichfield-friary-tennis-club-taster-sessions> and use our School booking code of STJOE&THERESA, at checkout to receive this offer.

Autumn Dates for your diary

Date	Year Group	Event
12th - 20th Oct	Whole School	<u>Harvest Food Bank Collections</u>
19th Oct	Y1 - Y5	<u>Teams Day</u> . This is not intended to incur any additional expense. A simple hair bobble, pair of socks, or a T-shirt in their team colour is more than sufficient. If you are unsure of your child's team colour, please speak to their class teacher or a member of the classroom staff at the door at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support.
19th Oct		<u>EYFS Open Morning</u> , please contact the office to make an appointment.
19th Oct	Confirmation Families	<u>Parent and Child Meeting</u> at Church at 5pm
20th Oct	Nursery Reception	& <u>EYFS Prayer workshop</u> . One adult per child is invited to attend this workshop in school at 2:30pm.
20th Oct	Invited Children	<u>Tag Rugby Tournament at Cardinal Griffin</u> . Invitations have now been sent out for this tournament, if you have received an invitation for your child and have not yet confirmed their attendance please do so.
21st - 22nd Oct	Mini Vinnies	<u>Mini Vinnies Sleepover</u> . As part of our Harvest Food Bank collection, the Mini Vinnies will be having a special sleepover at school. This exciting event will give children the opportunity to come together in service, friendship and prayer while supporting those in our community who need our help. During the evening, the children will help organise food bank donations, share a meal, enjoy games and activities, and spend time reflecting on the importance of helping others. Our Mini Vinnies should arrive at school at 6pm for dinner together. The sleepover will end the following morning after a normal school day.

		Children will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, pyjamas, a change of clothes for the next day, a snack, a drink, a board or card game (no electronic devices), a book and basic toiletries. We are looking forward to a fun and meaningful experience for all involved.
22nd Oct	Whole School	<u>Mufti Day</u> . Children can attend school in their own clothes today in celebration of their generosity this harvest.
22nd Oct	Parents & Parishioners	<u>Y2 & Y4 Mass</u> in School at 9am.
23rd Oct	Whole School	<u>INSET Day</u> . School closed to all pupils
26th Oct-30th Oct	October Half Term	
2nd Nov	Whole School	<u>INSET Day</u> . School closed to all pupils
4th Nov	Y1 - Y6	<u>Parent Teacher Meetings</u> . For those parents unable to attend book look or who need a separate discussion with their class teacher.
5th Nov	Parents & Parishioners	<u>Whole School Mass</u> led by Y6 in school at 9am
5th Nov	Recp	<u>Parent Teacher Meetings</u>
9th Nov	Confirmation Children	<u>6pm Parish Led Parental Workshop at Church</u>
11th Nov	Nursery	<u>Parent Teacher Meetings</u>
12th Nov	Parents & Parishioners	<u>Y1 & Y5 Mass</u> in School at 9am
16th Nov	Confirmation Children	<u>6pm Parish Led Parental Workshop at Church</u>
wc 16th Nov	Year 6	Bikeability
18th Nov		<u>EYFS Open Afternoon</u> , please contact the office to make an appointment.
19th Nov	Parents & Parishioners	<u>Year 3 Class Mass</u> in School at 9am.
21st Nov	Parents & Parishioners	<u>School Led Mass at Church</u> at 5pm.
23rd Nov	EYFS & KS1 Parents	<u>Advent Parent Workshop at 2:30pm</u>
23rd Nov	Confirmation Children	<u>6pm Parish Led Parental Workshop at Church</u>
24th Nov	KS2 Parents	<u>Advent Parent Workshop at 2:30pm</u>
25th Nov	Year 3	<u>Dance Workshop at Cardinal Griffin</u> . Children will be taken to Cardinal Griffin by coach during the morning and will return for their normal lunchtime in school. We have provided the coach for the event and have opened a payment item in your school shop for

		voluntary contributions towards the cost of this, should anyone be in a position to offer a donation we would be extremely grateful.
26th Nov	Parents & Parishioners	<u>Y2 & Y4 Mass in School at 9am</u>
30th Nov	Y1-Y6	<u>Father Hudson Caritas Assembly and workshops</u>
30th Nov	Parents & Parishioners	<u>Advent</u> Liturgy in school at 2:30pm
1st Dec	Whole School	<u>Pantomime</u> . We have been able to secure a slot to take our children from Reception to Year 6 to the Rugeley Rose Theatre to watch their production of Cinderella. This has been a tradition for many years and we know that it was disappointing that we were unable to go last year - we know the children will look forward to this!
2nd Dec	Whole School	<u>Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day</u>
2nd Dec	Invited Children	<u>Handball Tournament at Cardinal Griffin</u> . Children will be invited to this tournament in the new academic year, please look out for an email!
3rd Dec	Parents & Parishioners	<u>Reception & Y6 Mass</u> at School at 9am.
4th Dec	Parents	<u>Music Recital</u>
4th Dec	Whole School	<u>Wear it Purple</u>
wc 7th Dec	Y5 & Y6	<u>Standon Bowers</u> . This residential is open to 35 children across years 5 and 6 and the booking system is open for those children that wish to attend. Any children that do not wish to attend will be expected to attend school as normal for a normal school day. For more information please see previous communication sent to year 5 and year 6 parents.
8th Dec	Rec & KS1 parents	<u>2:15pm Reception and KS1 Christmas Performance</u>
9th Dec	Rec & KS1 parents	<u>9:15am Reception and KS1 Christmas Performance</u>
10th Dec	Parents & Parishioners	<u>Y1 & Y5 Mass</u> at School at 9am.
10th Dec	Nursery parents	<u>2pm Nursery Christmas Celebration</u>
16th Dec	Parents & Parishioners	<u>Family Carol Service led by KS2</u> at Church at 2pm.
17th Dec	Parents & Parishioners	<u>Whole School Mass led by Y5</u> at School at 9am.
18th Dec	Whole School	<u>Christmas Jumper Day</u>
21st Dec 1st Jan	-Christmas Holiday	

- Supporting Father Hudson's Caritas

Throughout the year, our school community will be raising money for Father Hudson's Caritas, a charity that provides support, care and hope to vulnerable children, families and individuals across our local communities. Rather than creating separate fundraising pages for each event, we will be using one JustGiving page throughout the year and updating it with the different activities and appeals we take part in, including special fundraising

days, school events and personal challenges. In April, Mrs Townsend will also be running a marathon to help raise additional funds for this wonderful cause. If you are able to support us, any donation, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated. There is absolutely no pressure to give; your continued support and encouragement of our fundraising efforts means a great deal to us. Thank you for helping us make a difference. [St Joseph & St Theresa Just Giving Page - Donate Here](#)

- Attendance

Please be reminded that if your child is ill you need contact the school office before 8.45am on the first day of absence and any subsequent days thereafter, if necessary. Absence notifications can be made through Arbor, via telephone on [01543 227 220](tel:01543227220) or by email to office@st-joseph-st-theresa.staffs.sch.uk. Please also book routine medical and dental appointments outside of the school day to minimise the disruption to your child's learning.

- School Dinners

The School meal and morning break ordering system will open on Tuesday, 1st September when the children all officially start/move up to their new year groups on the Arbor system. Please remember to log in to Arbor on Monday and place your child's orders. Please ensure there is enough credit on your child's account for the orders that you place, you can log in and top-up at any time!

- Forest School Sessions

Forest School sessions for the Autumn term are as below Please remember to send your child to school with wellies or a change of outdoor footwear on the correct day for their class, together with any weather dependent items that may be needed. For younger children separate waterproofs are advisable as this helps when using the toilet during their session. Anyone who does not have a change of footwear or suitable waterproofs will not be able to take part.

- Nursery - Thursday AM
- Reception - Wednesday PM
- Year 1 - Thursday PM
- Year 2 - 18th Sept, 9th Oct
- Year 3 - 25th Sept, 16th Oct
- Year 4 - 11th Sept, 2nd Oct

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Please check our website for any additional dates for your diary: <https://www.st-joseph-st-theresa.staffs.sch.uk/about/diary-dates/>

Don't forget to visit our school [Facebook page](#) to see our regular updates about life in school each week!

Kind regards,
The School Office

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