

Dear parents and carers,

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September, Carlo Acutis was canonised as a Saint by Pope Leo. Carlo was 15 years old when he died of Leukemia, and was a wonderful young man who had a strong faith, and used his interest in computers to make websites about saintly miracles!

After his death, two miracles have been attributed to Carlo in the form of healing those who have prayed to him and near his body in Assisi. You can read more about him [by clicking here](#).



At St Joseph's, we want to recognise the example of Saint Carlo - a gentle, selfless, devout boy who the children can relate to. We will be doing more work about him at school and encourage you to ask your children about Saint Carlo, and to do some research about him together.

At St Joseph's, we follow the example set by Jesus Christ in all that we do, along with wonderful figures such as Carlo Acutis, and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching to help guide us in our daily behaviours and our long-term mission to be disciples.

God bless

Sam Crome



## IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

### Coming Up...

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 3 Feet First Training

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 4 BiKeability

### Future dates...

School Photos  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct

INSET DAY  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct

Half Term Week  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

Parents Evenings  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November

[Full School Calendar](#)

[Book a school tour:](#)  
[01306 883934](#)

## ATTENDANCE - NEARLY AT 96%!

This week we consistently had whole-school attendance over 96%, which means our average for the year is almost at that same number. I am so thrilled by this! The school has a carefully sequenced curriculum, daily prayers and acts of worship, and many activities going on throughout the week which are designed to help build up knowledge and experiences, day by day. By ensuring your children attend so much, you are helping them both settle back into school, but also access education and enrichment opportunities in the best possible way. Thank you very much for supporting your children and the school. If we can help with attendance concerns, please get in touch any time.

## CLOTHES RECYCLING BIN - FROM FOSJ

We will be taking delivery of a new clothes recycling bin from Kids Just Recycle, which will be located in the staff car park by the Infant entrance. Please have a look at the new bin to see what it accepts, and then bring suitable clothes for recycling!



## FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S (FOSJ)

*The Friends of St Joseph's* organised a fantastic uniform sale and coffee morning this week, raising £225! It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the event and we thank you all for supporting the school.

Other upcoming dates:

AGM: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 7pm. Please see email.

Quiz Night on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Meadowbank Stadium - one of the events of the year!



## SMARTPHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

This year, we would like to engage with parents more about smartphone and social media use. Without wishing to vilify technology, evidence presents a compelling case against social media use for children under the age of 16. We will communicate further, but please let us know if you want advice or support.



Click the logo to see this campaign's Instagram page

## ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026!

We have already taken families on tour of the school this term and we are excited to welcome more! If you have a child looking for a reception place, Mr Crome will be happy to take you for a look around the school; if you know other families looking, please recommend St Joseph's to them. Tours can be booked at the office.



We welcome children and their families from any faith

## OPPORTUNITY: GOVERNOR VACANCIES



Are you looking for an opportunity to give back to your community? Or perhaps you or someone you know has skills in education, finance, HR, law, business or beyond? We are looking for new school governors, and this extends to any Catholics who might be interested in supporting us in our work. We currently require a parent governor, and foundation governors - please get in touch if you are interested.

## GOVERNORS' FUND - PARENT DONATIONS

Attached to the newsletter email is a letter from our governors about how you can support the school, and their work. We understand that this is a financially difficult for all, from families to small business, to public services, but please have a read of the letter and consider supporting the school. The Governor Fund has had a huge impact on school projects and we are really keen to continue improving our site and facilities with this sort of funding. Thank you for your support.



Please help us spread the word about our wonderful community and stay up-to-date with notices by following us on Instagram [@stjosephsdorking](https://www.instagram.com/stjosephsdorking).