

Dear parents and carers,

The autumn term is now in full swing with many events and enrichment opportunities taking place across the school. Just this week we have had a brilliant WOW Day with Year 1, as they took part in a range of activities that aimed to foster both their independence and teamwork, with the theme of superheroes helping them discover their own learning superpowers.

We have also been observing various events such as Fairtrade Fortnight, and today, National Teaching Assistant Day. Our Teaching Assistants do an incredible job with your children, making resources, leading group work, organising just about everything, and being a pillar of pastoral support - and so much more. We were delighted to present them with certificates and chocolates today to say a big thank you for everything that they do. If you see a Teaching Assistant, please say thank you!

As ever, we have spent plenty of time praying together in school, reflecting on who God calls us to be, and how that might impact our daily actions.

Finally, we have started using Instagram to promote the school, both for current parents, and so that we can be a bigger part of our local town, and wider Catholic, communities too. [Please click here to follow us for updates beyond the newsletter!](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless

Sam Crome



IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Coming Up...

29th and 30th September
Year 4 Bikeability

School Photos
Thursday 2nd Oct

Future dates...

23rd October
Harvest Service

INSET DAY
Friday 24th Oct

Half Term Week
Mon 27th - Fri 31st Oct

Parents Evenings
4th and 5th November

[Full School Calendar](#)

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

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

We are half way through Fairtrade Fortnight, an event that builds awareness of how we can contribute to a fairer world by choosing Fairtrade products. At St Joseph's, the children take part in 2 lessons every year during Fairtrade Fortnight, learning more about how they, and we, can support this cause. [Click here for more information about Fairtrade Fortnight.](#)



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

**22 September to
5 October 2025**



CLOTHES RECYCLING BIN - FROM FOSJ

Thank you to those who are already using our clothes recycling bin! Please find it in staff car park (Infant entrance), in the far corner. We really appreciate all donations for this worthwhile scheme.



A WOW DAY FOR YEAR 1 - SUPERHEROES

Year 1 spent Wednesday practising their learning superpowers, focusing on working independently and in teams to learn, create and bake with a superhero theme! They did a brilliant job and seemed to love every minute. Thank you to staff, and parent volunteers!



SHARING CULTURES AT ST JOSEPH'S

St Joseph's loves sharing and celebrating different cultures from across our community. We are keen for parents to come in to talk to the children about their culture so that we can celebrate and learn together. Please contact the school office if you'd like to come in and share - we'd love to hear from you!



GRANDPARENTS MORNING IS BACK!

We are delighted to invite Grandparents to the school on **Wednesday 15th October from 9.30-11am**. Please make sure you contact the school office to book a place and we look forward to seeing many of our grandparents there!



OPPORTUNITY: GOVERNOR VACANCIES



We have recently sent out communication about a vacancy for **a parent governor, and foundation governors**. Please consider putting yourself forward for our parent governor position, and also speaking to local Catholics who might like to support our community as a foundation governor. Please contact the school office for more information or to ask any questions at all about what's involved!

DICTIONARIES FOR YEAR 6 - ROTARY CLUB

Year 6 were delighted to received a new dictionary each from Dorking Rotary Club, who donate dictionaries to Year 6s across Dorking every year. Miss Tanner and the class are hugely grateful for these valuable learning tools.



WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS IN ASSEMBLY

Every Friday we celebrate together in assembly, handing out awards for hard work, progress, and ethos and values. We were recently joined by our Chair of Governors!

