

## Another great week!

Dear parents and carers,

We have continued to have a brilliant start to term at St Joseph's, with the children working so hard in school and embracing our Gospel values in their behaviour and treatment of others.

Our attendance this week remains over 95% and I am very grateful to parents and carers for ensuring their children are coming to school every day - it really makes a huge difference in both the short and long term.

This week we have been busy appointing children to positions of responsibility such as Playground Pals and soon, Lily Squad, and I'm delighted with how many children want to represent St Joseph's and make it a better place for all.

We have confirmed some more dates for this term so please have a look and add them to your diaries, in addition to checking the website regularly for updates. *The Friends of St Joseph's* have some dates coming up too, so please read emails concerning their events, and their entries in these newsletters.

Education Sunday greets us this weekend, and I will be at all three masses at St Joseph's Church to tell the parish about our school - please say hello if you see me there!

God bless

Sam Crome



### IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

#### Coming Up...

Sunday 14th Sept  
Education Sunday

Wednesday 17th Sept  
Uniform Sale and Coffee  
morning - all welcome!

#### Future dates...

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

INSET DAY  
Friday 24th Oct

Half Term Week  
Mon 27th - Fri 31st Oct

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

[Full School Calendar](#)

[Book a school tour:](#)  
[01306 883934](tel:01306883934)

## BEGINNING OF TERM REMINDERS:

**Morning gates** – a reminder that gates open at 8.45 and close at 8.55 – after this, your child will be recorded as late. Lateness contributes towards absence and it's really important that all children are on time so that their day, and their learning, begins seamlessly.

**Access and parking** – Norfolk Road is for permit holders only – please do not park, drop off or collect from this road. Residents have mentioned a lot of drop offs occurring which blocks the road and access for them in the morning - please park at Wickes if you are driving for drop off.

## PARENTS' EVENING - BACK IN PERSON

After consultation with staff, and following parent feedback from last year, we are returning to in-person Parents' Evenings. The first dates are the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November and we will be in touch soon with more details about booking appointments.



## FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S (FOSJ)

*The Friends of St Joseph's* are busy planning community and fundraising events for our school and we are so grateful for their work. Please support their events and get involved in the team - more information is being sent out about how you can take part.

Coffee morning and uniform sale Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. All welcome - please come along to meet me and lots of other parents - you don't need to be buying uniform to come for coffee and cake!

AGM: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 7pm. Invite to follow.

Quiz Night on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Meadowbank Stadium - one of the events of the year! Stay tuned for an email invite and start preparing for a night of food, fun, and quizzing.

## CYGNET - AUTISM SUPPORT NETWORK

Are you a parent, carer, or family member of a child who may be showing traits of autism, is awaiting assessment, or has a diagnosis? Cygnet Autism Support network meetings are run by experienced professionals and are a chance to get advice, receive support, and connect with others on a similar journey. [Click here to go to the Barnardo's website to find out more.](#)



## ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026!

A reminder that we are now thinking about admissions for September 2026! We believe that this is a school that everyone can flourish in, so please consider telling friends and acquaintances about our wonderful school. Prospective parents can book onto small tours throughout the autumn term by contacting 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 a foundation governor - more info to follow!

## OUR RECEPTION CLASS - PART TWO!



We are delighted that our Reception class are now all attending school. Thank you to Mrs Currie, Miss Dootson and all the parents for supporting the children so far. They have settled in extremely well and are really enjoying their time together. We wish them every blessing on their 7-year journey at St Joseph's.

Parents, please sign up to our **Phonics Meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - either at 2.45pm or 6pm**. The form is in the office. I look forward to seeing you there!



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).