

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new term!

I hope you had a lovely Easter break, and that it was a restful time for your families.

The weeks following Easter are one of the most joyful and hopeful periods in the Church's year. Easter is not celebrated on just one day, but as a season lasting fifty days, known as Eastertide, during which we continue to reflect on the resurrection of Jesus and its meaning for our lives.

This season runs from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, which this year we celebrate in late May. Throughout these weeks, the Church reflects on stories of new life, courage and renewed purpose, as the disciples grow in confidence and understanding.

This is a particularly good time to read Acts of the Apostles, to see how the apostles began the church and kept the message of Jesus alive.

For our school community, Eastertide is a time that naturally focuses us on hope, resilience and growth, values that sit at the heart of both education and family life.

After so much fundraising and community work in Lent, we will be continuing to reflect on what Catholic Social Teaching guides us to do as a school this summer. We challenge ourselves to put others first, to reach out to those in need, and to always focus on the dignity and flourishing of others.

Thank you for all of your support.

God bless

Sam Crome



IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Thursday 24th April
15:15-16:15 Infant Disco

Thursday 24th April
16:30-18:00 Junior Disco

W/C Mon 11th May
Year 6 SATS week

Friday 22nd May
End of half term 3.15pm

Sports Day:
12th June 2026

Summer Fair:
20th June 2026

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LENTEN FUNDRAISING - THANK YOU!

We were so delighted to raise over £600 during our Lenten Fundraising. We are very grateful to you as families for supporting us with this; it is vital to our mission as a Catholic school that children understand and participate in helping others and promoting the common good.

Here are a few photos from crazy hair day - we could have included hundreds - brilliant efforts all round!



BOOKFAIR REWARDS FOR SCHOOL

Thank you to all who came and purchased books at our book fair at the end of term!

Your spending has raised £168.86 in book rewards for St Joseph's. We will put this towards new books in classrooms, so it will directly impact the children - thank you!

A huge thank you to Mrs Currie for organising the book fair.



PARENTS' EVENINGS THIS WEEK



We were delighted to welcome you to school this week to discuss your children's progress and wellbeing.

We have been really pleased by the return to in-person parents evenings, which allow closer connection between home and school, and even better conversations.

YMCA BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Just a reminder that YMCA offer excellent childcare before and after school. The summer term sees their activities diversify further with outdoor games and fun in the sun!

YMCA is suitable for children of all ages, with trained staff who provide a brilliant experience.

The children are given breakfast before school, and food during the after school session too.

Please see the poster to the right to see how to sign up - it's very flexible and easy to book.



YMCA Here for young people
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Here for you

Y-Kids St Joseph's Breakfast & After School Club

- ▶ Ofsted registered Breakfast & After School Club for children at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Dorking
- ▶ Reception to Year 6
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'YMCA provides really good care of the boys, with a range of activities and friendly staff. It is great to know they are in good hands whilst we are both at work. We can also make use of the Government's tax-free childcare scheme to help pay for it. Would definitely recommend.' St Joseph's parent.

A 'GREEN SCREEN' FOR OUR PLAYGROUND

We are delighted to announce that St Joseph's has received two grants to install a 'green screen' along our playground fence.

This two-metre-tall living wall will provide privacy, improve aesthetics, and is proven to reduce air pollution. As you know, the playground is next to a very busy road and this project will be of huge benefit to the children.

Please have a look at a very basic AI mock up of what it might look like, with the before and after images. We'll update soon!

