

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted that our numbers for the new Reception class in September 2026 are high, and we hope to fill the remaining couple of spaces before September to be at a full class. Please keep telling your friends, co-workers, or those around Dorking about our school - they can still apply for Reception throughout the summer.

We also have some spaces in other classes (except Year 3 and 6), so again please do share that with other families.

We're proudly showing around families who are moving into the area or moving schools, with an increasing number contacting us to have a tour. We don't have a marketing budget, as you have probably guessed, so my assumption is that your word of mouth is doing some brilliant things for us across Dorking and surrounding villages. Thank you for promoting St Joseph's!

We have had a lovely week with the sun shining and a lot of hard work going on in school. Looking through the progress data for the spring term with every teacher, I can see that your children are working hard and making the progress we know they are capable of.

Just a reminder that this weekend is three days long due to the Bank Holiday, so we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th May.

God bless

Sam Crome



IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday, School Closed

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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[Full School Calendar](#)

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

GIRLS' TAG RUGBY SESSION

Last Friday afternoon, a group of enthusiastic Year 3 and Year 4 girls took part in a special tag rugby taster session — and they were fantastic. The coaches were full of praise for their energy, teamwork, and willingness to give something new a try.

It was brilliant to see the girls growing in confidence as the session went on, learning new skills and having plenty of fun along the way. We're incredibly proud of everyone who took part and represented the school so brilliantly.

Well done, girls — you were amazing.



LAST WEEK'S DISCOS



The Friends of St Joseph's sent an email this week to say thank you for how much we raised for last week's Discos, and thanking the volunteers. It was very loud (!), so I am in awe of all those who helped out!

And of course thank you to the Friends of St Joseph's for organising events for the children - we so appreciate what you add to our school community.

YMCA BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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.

What I love about seeing the club in action is how children of different ages spend time together, playing games, building forts, doing puzzles. It's a brilliant extension of the nurturing community we have at school.

The online booking is very easy, but does show 'out of notice period' if it's too close to the booking date. If the booking form doesn't show availability please call or email - there is usually space for last-minute additions.

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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
- ▶ Games, crafts and plenty of activities
- ▶ £6.50 Breakfast Club | £14.00 After School | £20 Combined

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YEAR 3 GARDENING - REQUEST FOR SUPPLIES

Year 3 are really enjoying exploring plant life cycles by growing and caring for flowers and vegetables of their own in our school grounds.

If you would like to support this hands-on learning, we would be very grateful to receive any donations of seedlings, large empty pots to plant in, bulbs or packets of flower seeds.

