

Dear parents and carers,

As you'll see from the newsletter, it has been a busy first-week back! The weather hasn't been particularly kind, but we have persevered with various activities and events and the children never seem to mind a bit of rain!

Thank you for registering for School Grid, the website that handles our catering orders - it's been a really successful first week and we hope you have found it straightforward to order meals.

Apologies for the high volume of emails going out at the moment about school and FOSJ events - we really want to communicate clearly about everything going on, but I understand that at this time of year there is a lot to read and do - thank you for your support.

Particularly important updates pertain to Sports Day and the Summer Fair. Please read those emails carefully - we look forward to seeing you at both!

In June, we celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a special time in the Catholic Church that reminds us of God's deep love and compassion for all people. Throughout the month, the children will be learning how to follow Jesus' example by showing kindness, forgiveness and care for others in their words and actions. We look forward to sharing this important message with the children and encouraging them to live it out both in school and at home.

Please read on for updates this week on catering, clubs and wraparound care, and some trips!

God bless

Sam Crome



IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Sports Day
12th June 2026

Summer Fair
20th June 2026

Tissues needed!

During hayfever season, we would welcome any donations of tissue boxes / packs for the children.
Thank you!

[St Joseph's Instagram](#)

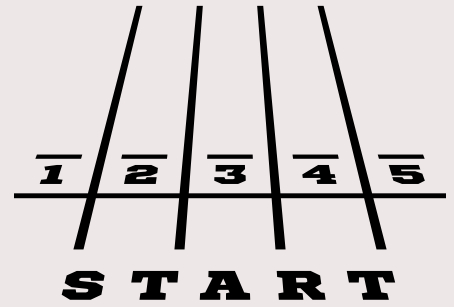
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SPORTS DAY REMINDER

We are really excited for Sports Day! Please read the emails carefully so that the day goes as smoothly as possible.

Unfortunately there is no parking on site this year, which means families will have to find parking and walk to the venue - our apologies for this change.



THANK YOU AND FAREWELL, MISS COOK



After 9 years at St Joseph's, we are very sad to say goodbye to Miss Cook at the end of this term. She has been an incredible teacher, who all children at St Joseph's have adored over the years.

Miss Cook is moving onto a new school nearer her home and we wish her all the very best. You are welcome at St Joseph's any time, Miss Cook!

YEAR 2 AT TILGATE PARK

Year 2 had a fantastic visit to Tilgate Zoo, where they got up close with a variety of animals, including giant cockroaches, snakes, and ferrets. The children explored different animals and their habitats, learning about how they live and survive in different environments.

They also enjoyed visiting areas of the zoo linked to the continents of the world, such as Africa, Asia, and the Arctic. Along the way, they met reindeer, capybaras, tapirs, and domestic animals such as pigs and goats.

Despite the stormy and challenging weather, the children were very well behaved throughout the day and everyone had a lovely time exploring and learning about the amazing animals at the zoo.



BIKEABILITY - YEAR 6

Many of our Year 6 children have spent the week doing bikeability, which aims to improve confidence, safety, and awareness for children riding bikes out in public.

Despite some mixed weather (!) the children have done a brilliant job! We are really grateful to the Bikeability team for their hard work and how lovely they have been with with the students, too.



INSTALLATION OF OUR GREEN SCREEN



We are delighted with the new green screen that has been planted along the length of our playground.

It's pre-grown ivy that is specially chosen for its ability to reduce pollution and trap dust, also providing great privacy for the children by the busy road!

The ivy came at 2-metres high, but will grow and thicken out over time.

NEW CATERING COMPANY - WEEK 1!

We've been really pleased so far with Innovate's organisation, food quality, menu, and booking system. The children seem really happy with the food so far, and I hope you are finding the booking system easy to navigate.

Please let us know if you have any initial feedback - so far the signs are really encouraging!



YEAR 3 TRIP TO BUTSER ANCIENT FARM

Year 3 had a fantastic day at Butser Ancient Farm on Thursday.

Highlights included exploring Stone Age houses, mastering flint carving and wall-building, and discovering the secrets of a Roman villa—complete with mosaics, underfloor heating and a communal toilet!

Thank you to Mrs Ramos for accompanying the class.st July



CLUBS AND WRAPAROUND CARE

Thank you for the survey responses so far - it has been really useful. At this stage, there is huge potential interest in the range of afterschool clubs we suggested, which means we will begin to liaise with providers and our own staff to organise these - details to follow!

There has been moderate interest in breakfast club, and we are looking at a financially viable way to bring that in-house with our own staff, though the numbers so far suggest it would make a loss.

Survey responses indicate that a smaller number of families require wraparound care to last far beyond the 4.15 finish of the previously mentioned clubs, and we appreciate how critical this is for those in that position. We are working with parents, Surrey County Council, and Xavier CET to see how we can try to solve the problem of how to cater for these families while also running something financially viable. Every possible option is being considered. If any family knows of a childminder that serves our area, please let us know immediately.

Updates to follow soon - thank you for your communication and support.