



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## September 2025 Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of our 2025-26 school year. The new school year has started smoothly and is already well underway. We have enjoyed welcoming a number of new children to our school community. On Wednesday and Thursday this week, class teachers are hosting parent welcome meetings so you can find out more information about your child's class and we hope many of you will be able to join us for these.

It has been a joy to see the new Early Years children quickly getting used to the new routines and finding their way round the school. They are being helped to settle into our school by other pupils and staff. We are enjoying sharing their 'All about me' boxes and learning a little more about each other. Staff are looking forward to sharing 'All about me' boxes with the children too so that they get to know a bit more about us.



### Meet our newly appointed RE ambassadors, House Captains, School Councillors and Language Ambassadors

At the start of the year, children in all the classes have the opportunity to undertake roles within their class.

Each class has elected school councillors who will help in Monday assembly to introduce the Learning Characteristics each week. The school councillors also meet with myself or Mrs Harris regularly to discuss activities in school and how to improve them to make everyone successful.



We also have new house captains. Year 6 pupils spoke to their house about being a house captain and then the houses voted. The house captains will help collect house points for Friday celebration assembly and encourage their house to work hard to earn them each week.



Language ambassadors will support their class in their learning of French and about other languages and cultures by changing date and weather calendars daily. They

have had an induction meeting with Madame Wallace to help them support their class practising new words in-between French lessons using our Rigolo programme.

RE ambassadors will be working with Mrs Cameron this term to help us pray the Rosary. They will lead prayers in assembly and at Mass. The ambassadors in Samson and Abraham class help the younger children in their class assembly each week too.

Congratulations and thank you to all the children who have taken on these roles to encourage and support learning in our school.



## Parent Volunteers

Do you have a spare couple of hours in your week? We are always appreciative of extra pairs of hands in school as this enables us to further increase the support we can provide for the children. If you would be able to spare an hour or two in your week to assist us in school and you would be interested in volunteering in school, please speak to myself or Mrs Harris either in person or via an email to the office so that we can discuss this with you further.

## Play

We want to improve the play opportunities for the children at lunchtime. Play is an important element in children's development and having safe and interesting play is important for their development. It means they can learn to share, co-operate and communicate effectively which in turn helps their learning as well. If you have any dolls, toy cars, Lego or dressing up clothes in reasonable condition you no longer need, we will give them a good home and the children will be able to use them in school. Keep a look out for some new equipment which will be arriving in the playground soon.

We have introduced Positive Play Postcards and I'm pleased to share the first group of children who have received them this term.



## Friends of St Joseph's (PTA)

Thank you to those parents who have already shown an interest in re-starting the Friends of St Joseph's. It would be great to have a group of parents willing to organise fundraising events and co-ordinate activities for the children in school. Please send an email to the office if you could help. We would like to have a Christmas Fair in December so will need to get together soon to arrange this. Mrs Bates is keen to work with you as well. (sorry to have mentioned Christmas already!)

## Diary Dates

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| Fri 26th Sept                    | Diocesan Schools' Mass at the Cathedral Norwich   |
| Fri 3rd Oct am                   | OM health & Well-being Nurses in school (contact the office if you would like an appointment) |
| Fri 3rd Oct                      | Harvest Festival 2:30pm All invited to share our celebration in the hall                      |
| <b>Half term WK Beg 27th Oct</b> |   |
| Fri 31st Oct                     | Closing date for secondary school application for Yr6 pupils                                  |
| Tues 4th Nov                     | Flu vaccinations  |
| Fri 7th Nov                      | Individual School photos  |
| 18th, 20th, 25th & 27th Nov      | Learning consultations with classteachers   |