



Dear Parents, family members and friends of St. Joseph's,

Happy New Year and welcome back to another exciting term at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School! I hope you all had a restful and joyful holiday season, filled with time spent with family and friends.

On Tuesday morning, we gathered together to contemplate the theme of new beginnings. We drew inspiration from the Scripture passage in Jeremiah, which reminds us that God has plans for us, plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future. This message resonates deeply as we set our intentions for the year ahead, encouraging our children to embrace the possibilities that come with each new day.



This week, we also celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany with a special Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church. It was a beautiful occasion, bringing together our school community in prayer and reflection. The children participated wholeheartedly,

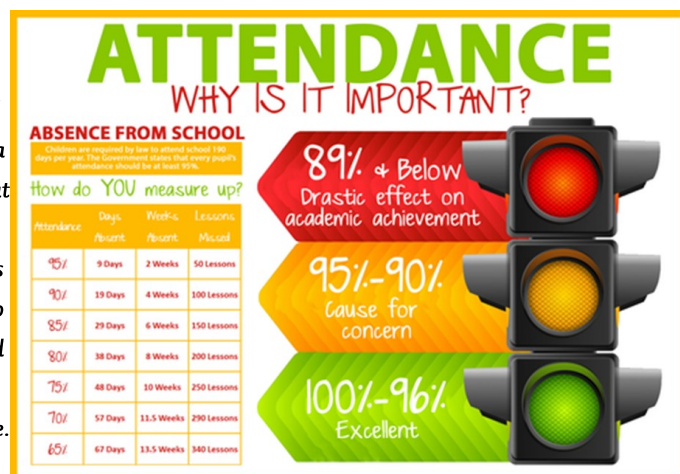
demonstrating their understanding of the significance of this feast day, which marks the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles. I would like to extend my gratitude to Father Joseph for leading the Mass and to all the staff and parents who supported this event. During this Mass, we had the privilege of presenting our Year 2 and Year 4 children with their special school Bibles. The Bible is a very special book, serving as a guide and source of wisdom for our young learners. We hope that these Bibles will inspire them in their faith journey and encourage them to explore the teachings of Christ.

On Thursday, our Year 1 and Class 2 children embarked on their first swimming lesson of the term. I am pleased to report that the session went exceptionally well, and all the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. At St. Joseph's, we believe it is of utmost importance that every child learns to swim, particularly as we are a coastal school. Swimming not only promotes physical fitness but also instills confidence and safety in our young learners. We are committed to ensuring that our children develop this essential life skill, and I encourage you to support their progress by discussing their experiences at the pool.

Looking ahead to next week, some of the Class 4 girls will be participating in their first league football match on Tuesday, weather permitting. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our children to showcase their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. We are proud of our girls' football team and wish them the best of luck as they represent St. Joseph's on the pitch. I encourage all parents to come out and support our young athletes.

As we move forward into this term, I would like to take a moment to address the importance of attendance and punctuality. Regular school attendance is crucial for the academic success and overall development of our children. Research shows that missing school can significantly impact a child's learning and social skills. Therefore, I urge all parents to ensure that their children attend school every day and arrive on time. Our school attendance statistics indicate that even a few missed days can lead to gaps in learning that may be difficult to bridge later on. Let us work together to

foster a culture of attendance and punctuality, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive.



Attendance Data

	Last Week of Term	This Week	Late Marks
Class 1	95.24%	97.62%	1
Class 2	91.48%	98.61%	3
Class 3	94.55%	95.45%	9
Class 4	90%	91.29%	7

In closing, I would like to thank each of you for your continued support and commitment to our school community. Together, we can create an environment where our children feel valued, inspired, and empowered to reach their full potential. I look forward to a productive and fulfilling term ahead, filled with new beginnings and exciting opportunities for our children.

Have a lovely, safe weekend.

Take care – God bless – Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Halle and Elsie

Class 2: Thea and Lily

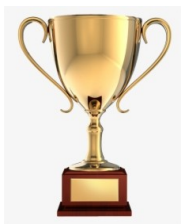
Class 3: Miracle and Ella

Class 4: Ivy, Neve and Kye

Mrs Golding's Headteacher's Award: Jax B

Whole School Attendance this week: 95.39%

Winning Class this week: Class 2 - 98.61%



*Winning House Team This Week:
St Patrick*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues 13th January	Girls League Football Match @Mayflower KO 3.30pm
Tues 20th January	9.30am—11am SEND Coffee Morning at Mayflower
Weds 4th February	School Photos—Desk Top Portraits
Fri 13th February	Last day before the half-term break
Mon 23rd February	First day back after half-term
Fri 27th March	PTA Auction TBC Last day of Spring term
Mon 13th April	First day back for children after Easter
Mon 4th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Mon 11th May	SATs Week—Y6
Fri 22nd May	Last day before half-term
Mon 1st June	First day back after half-term
Fri 19th July	Last day of school for Children



Week Beginning Monday 12th January

Menu—Week 2

Autumn Menu - Week Two

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Burger Or Jacket Potatoes	Chicken Curry Or Jacket Potatoes	Cottage Pie Or Jacket Potatoes	Sausage + Tomato Pasta Or Jacket Potatoes	Fish Cake and Chips Or Jacket Potatoes
Wedges Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Rice Salad Bar	Mixed Vegetables Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Beans Salad Bar
Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt or Treat Friday

**Cool water, fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily*



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Schools meals are free for children in Class 1 and 2. Paying children in Class 3 and 4 are charged £2.75.

Thank you

St Joseph's are occasionally asked to promote activities from local groups, such as the Swimming Pool, the Sports Hall, Church Groups etc....

Such activities are not quality assured by the school and parents should be aware of the need to reassure themselves of the quality and safety of the services on offer, for example by visiting, looking at inspection reports etc.

Our website can be accessed at

<https://www.st-josephs->



MISS FINNEY TUTORING

ages 3 - 11

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subjects:

-Phonics

-Mathematics

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-SATs Preparation

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How often do we visit?

We aim to visit your school 3 times throughout the school year to shoot the following:

Traditional school portraits and sibling photos
Desktop portraits
Class groups

(The actual number of visits will be determined by your school)

What do you get and how does it work?

When we photograph your children, you will automatically receive one 5x7 inch print of every portrait photo we take and any sibling shots. We aim to capture 3 shots per child and 3 sibling shots (if applicable). You do not need to do anything to order these prints, they will automatically be sent to your school with our bulk orders, generally 2-3 weeks after the photo day.

Please note your subscription will not include historical photos, only photos taken during the term after first payment will be included.



You will also receive one 8x6 printed class photo when we do these in the summer term.

On top of the physical prints, you can also download all your portrait and sibling images free of charge by visiting www.hdporders.com and entering your unique access code which your child will bring home on photo day. Unfortunately, class group photos will not be available in digital format, on these visits you will receive prints only.

Finally, as a subscription customer you will also receive 50% OFF our great value packages and extra prints online, should you wish to order additional prints/sizes for family members.

Subscription Cost

	Per Family	Total Cost
Term 1 Download all Images p/child @ £24.00 3 - 7x5 Portrait photos @ £11.00 (Sibling downloads & prints included)	£4 p/month	£48.00
Term 2 Download all Images p/child @ £24.00 3 - 7x5 Portrait photos @ £11.00		
Term 3 1 - 8x6 Class Group Photo Printed p/child @ £12.00 each.		
Savings Regardless if a family has just the 1 child in school or 10! The total cost is still just £4 p/month. The savings are massive.	1 Child 61% £78.00	2 Children 83% £237.00
		3 Children 88% £363.00

How do you sign up?

If this is something that you would be interested in joining

PLEASE REGISTER HERE:

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No later than Tuesday 20th January 2026

When registering please use your school code of:

SJPC012

If you have previously signed up for this service, you do not need to do this again. Your current subscription and payments will simply continue.

Do you already have a subscription but need to add another child?

If you have an existing subscription and want to add a new sibling to your account, please email support@happydaysphoto.co.uk

Please include the school name, children's names, dates of birth and class name/year group

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Course Code	Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Venue	Start Time	End Time
HO5C40OL25	FL Sibling Rivalry	12/01/2026	19/01/2026	Online Live	09:30	11:30
HO2C40OL25	FL Managing Big Emotions	13/01/2026	20/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO2A40OL25	FL About Boys Course 5-11	13/01/2026	03/02/2026	Online Live	09:45	11:45
HO2C44OL25	FL Sibling Rivalry	13/01/2026	13/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO2C42OL25	FL About Boys Course 5-11	14/01/2026	04/02/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO3A43OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	14/01/2026	11/02/2026	Online Live	09:30	11:30
HO4B41OL25	FL Setting Boundaries	15/01/2026	22/01/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO4C42OL25	FL Zones of Regulation	15/01/2026	15/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO4C52OL25	FL Praise, Rewards and Limit Setting	15/01/2026	15/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO5C41OL25	FL Understanding Neurodivergent Children	16/01/2026	27/02/2026	Online Live	18:00	20:00
HO1A40OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	19/01/2026	09/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO1B40OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	19/01/2026	09/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO2A42OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	20/01/2026	10/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO2B42OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	20/01/2026	10/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO3C40OL25	FL ESOL for Families	21/01/2026	04/03/2026	Online Live	18:00	20:00
HO4C53OL25	FL Talking So Your Children Will Listen	22/01/2026	29/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO4C44OL25	FL Fussy Eaters	22/01/2026	22/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO4A45OL25	FL SEND Support for Families	22/01/2026	12/02/2026	Online Live	09:45	11:45
HO4A50OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	22/01/2026	12/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO4B42OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	22/01/2026	12/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO5B40OL25	FL Zones of Regulation	23/01/2026	23/01/2026	Online Live	12:30	14:30
HO5A44OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	23/01/2026	13/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO5B46OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	23/01/2026	13/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO2C45OL25	FL Managing Anger in Young People	27/01/2026	03/02/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO5B48OL25	FL Sibling Rivalry	30/01/2026	30/01/2026	Online Live	12:30	14:30

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