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**Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools**  
**Parental Newsletter - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**Value for June- Leadership**

- Breakfast Club Daily**  
7:45 - 8:30 a.m.
- Junior/Infant School Halls - registration required**
- After School Club**
- Junior School**
- Monday - Friday**  
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.
  
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**
- Dance Club**
- Taekwondo**  
3:30-4:30 p.m.
  
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**
- Gym Club**
- Chess Club**
- Archery Club**  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
  
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**
- Football Club**  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
  
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**
- Year 4 Computing Club**  
3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
- Fencing Club**
- Computing Club**  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
  
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**
- Gym Club**  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Hot Weather**

Next week is predicted to be extremely hot. Please ensure that your child wears their P.E white polo top and shorts to school each day if the weather is as hot as expected. Please also ensure your child has their hat and they have applied sunscreen which they can top up during the day if you have opted in to the sun safe scheme. (Details on page 4)

Saint Patrick led a wonderful assembly all about being a friend of Jesus. Our mission was for us all to try to be a friend of Jesus by being kind to others, taking turns, cheering others up when they are sad or asking people to play if they are alone.



Thank you to Father Joseph for celebrating Mass with pupils and families of Saint Angela and Saint John Paul today.

**Forward Notice Class Masses**

The following classes will be celebrating Masses at 2 p.m. in their classrooms on the dates below:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June Saint Christopher and Saint John Paul (five pupils, parents will be directly invited)

**Year 6 End of Term Events**

Leaver's Production- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 5-7 p.m. Junior Hall- ticket only event- tickets now available

Leaver's Production- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 5-7 p.m. Junior Hall- ticket only event-- tickets now available

Leaver's Disco Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 5-7 p.m. Junior Hall

Year 6 Cinema Trip- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Leaver's Mass Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2 p.m. Junior Hall- **Please note change of date** parents and family members are all warmly invited.

## Parental Prayer Group

Our next Parents' Prayer Group will take place on Friday 3rd July 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room or Prayer Garden, depending on the weather.

## Forward Notice Prayer Liturgies

We are again offering parents a really special opportunity to attend your child's class liturgy in the final half term. The class liturgies are organised and led by the children. Years 1-5 will take place on the following days at 2:50 p.m. in your child's classroom. Saint Bernadette and Saint Patrick's liturgies will be in the morning at 9 a.m.

**Saint Patrick - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 9 a.m.**

**Saint Bernadette - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 9 a.m.**

**Year 1 - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2:50 p.m.**

**Saint Angela – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2:50 p.m.**

**Saint John Paul - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2:50 p.m.**

**Saint Christopher - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2:50 p.m.**

**Saint Catherine – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2:50 p.m.**

**Saint Jude – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2:50 p.m.**

**Year 4 – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2:50 p.m. - date change**

**Year 5 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2:50 p.m.**

## Forward Notice- Music Sharing Concerts

Year 1 led a wonderful music sharing concert on Monday morning. It was a fantastic showcase of their musical learning across the year.



## Please note we have had to combine some concerts so dates have changed

Our annual music sharing concerts will take place on the following dates and times:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June **Reception** 9:00 a.m. infant hall

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June **Year 5** 9:00 a.m. junior hall

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June **Year 4** 2:30 p.m. junior hall

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June **Year 2** 9:00 a.m. infant hall

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July **Year 6** 9:00 a.m. junior hall

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July **Year 3** 2:30 p.m. junior hall

## Reading Café

The Reading Café has been very successful throughout this special Year of Reading.

These will take place in the school hall from 2:30 p.m.

The remaining dates for the reading cafés are as follows:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July Saint Teresa

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Saint George

## School's Association Meeting- Summer Fayre – Save the date

The Summer Fayre will take place on **Friday 3rd July from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** There will be an own clothes day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July in order to get donations for the ever-popular tombola stall.

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## **Skip2Bfit**

Skip2Bfit has continued and the children enjoyed their third session this week. This is a four-week programme in the month of June. This year children will be skipping on Thursdays or Fridays. Children may wear trainers to school on Thursdays and Fridays if it is not their P.E. day.

## **OPAL Visit Afternoons**

We were disappointed that we had to cancel the two OPAL play visit afternoons due to the heavy rain. We have rescheduled this and hope the weather is fine.

**Parents are warmly invited to come in to see how our OPAL Play has developed since last year. These sessions run next week from 2:30 p.m. Please try to join us to see the play opportunities that the children experience at lunchtime every day.**

**Tuesday 14th July Reception, Year 1, Year 4, Year 6**

**Wednesday 15th July Year 2, Saint John Paul, Year 3, Year 5**

**Please try to join us to see the play opportunities that the children experience at lunchtime every day.**



## **School Council Eco Hero Shop**

Our next Eco Hero Shop will open on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July during our summer fayre. If you have bottles that you are happy to donate, please continue to send them in. Please also remember to bring your own bottles to the fayre to fill up. This will save you money and help to reduce plastic waste.



## **School Uniform**

The Government's Schools White Paper highlights the importance of making school uniforms affordable for families while maintaining a strong sense of school identity and belonging. From September 2026, primary schools will only be allowed to have three compulsory logo items. This will mean that there will be some changes in our uniform from September 2026. Please see the information on page 7 which outlines the changes. Other logo items will be available, such as the blazers and fleece but these will continue to be optional items. The polo tops for P.E will be plain white from September, although children can of course wear the logo polo tops until they grow out of them. Bags and hats will be plain burgundy going forward with no school logo on. We will continue to still stock these for parents to buy. Ahead of these changes we will be having a summer uniform sale – more details to follow.



## **Father's Day Cake Sale**



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day Cake Sale today in the Junior playground. We are very grateful to everyone who came along to buy a treat. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you for supporting our school community.

## Sun Safe School



As you know we are a Sun Safe School. We are now in the summer term and we will again be encouraging the children to be sun safe and to raise their awareness. **We would also ask for your support with this by making sure that your child has their hat (with their name on) in school every day and ensuring that your child has sunscreen applied** each morning before school. Please also send in a bottle of sunscreen lotion with your child's name on which will stay in school for them to use. Children will apply this as



necessary, so please practise applying sunscreen with them at home. **A reminder if the UV Index is 3 or above the children must wear their sun-hat at playtimes if they do not have a hat they have to stay in the shade.**

Please click on the link below to give permission for your child to be involved in this important health and safety initiative. If you have any questions please talk to us at the gate, email or call. Many thanks. Please complete the permission form using the link below: <https://forms.gle/LCREoDS7w5A7YUis8>

## Forward Notice: Bling Up Your Bike or Scooter Day

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July we will have a special cycle and scoot to school day. We are encouraging the children to decorate their bike or scooter. There will be prizes for each key stage for the scooter/bike that has been decorated the most creatively.

## Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on:

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 9-12 infant pupils,
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 9-12 for the junior pupils,
- Nursery sports day is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 11.15a.m. for Saint Anthony (a.m. nursery) and 2.30p.m. Saint Anne (p.m. nursery).

## Everyone Active Adopt a School Programme -Vale Farm Sports Centre

We are delighted to be involved with the Everyone Active and local Schools initiative to get the local community more active. During the month of June there will be a variety of free activities for children and adults to enjoy. Please look at the information on the posters on pages 10,11 and 12 or scan the QR code for further details. It would be wonderful if pupils got additional opportunities to be active this month.

## Safeguarding Online Safety

Each week we will include an information sheet which helps us navigate the online world. This week's National Online Safety guide is about 'The APP Store'. Please see page 8 for further information.



At Saint Joseph's we are committed to the safety and happiness of all our children and adults in our school family. If you are concerned about a child, please talk to our designated safeguarding officers.



## Kellogg's Free Football Clubs this summer

We wanted to share a great opportunity for families over the school holidays. Kellogg's are offering free places at professionally run football camps for children, led by FA-qualified coaches and delivered in partnership with the English Football League (EFL), Manchester City, Celtic FC and Rangers FC. The sessions are designed to be fun, inclusive and confidence-building, helping children stay active, meet new friends and enjoy a positive, experience during the holidays. As well as giving children something to look forward to, they also provide a valuable free childcare



option for families over the break, with supervised sessions taking place at a range of local clubs nationwide.

How to book your FREE place: 📍 Visit [www.kelloggsfc.com](http://www.kelloggsfc.com) on mobile

🔍 Find your local club

📱 Enter the code: **SCHOOL** and book a FREE day of football fun

## Weekly Attendance Award

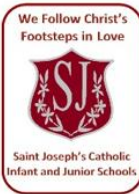
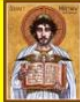
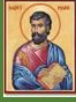

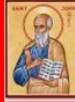
Congratulations to the class winners for the last week.

Junior School - Saint Vincent De Paul, Saint Joan of Arc and Saint Catherine all tie on 98%

Infant School – Saint John Paul and Saint Angela with an excellent 99%

## House Points



				
	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
	1 <sup>st</sup> 12610 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9538 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> 9075 points	4 <sup>th</sup> 8535 points

**House point totals 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

## Star of the Week

Well done to the children below for their positive approach to learning and to school life in general.

Saint Patrick - Adiel

Saint Bernadette - Caleb

Saint George - Azai

Saint Teresa - Dale

Saint John Paul - Oskar

Saint Angela – Brion

Saint Christopher – Shinoshka

Saint Catherine - Jelansiya

Saint Jude - Clarisa

Saint Mary - Jonathan

Saint Francis - Snygel

Saint Joan of Arc - Aldrin

Saint Maximilian Kolbe - Vailomi

Saint Vincent De Paul - Chris

Saint Faustina - Lisanne

## Prayer for Father's Day

Heavenly Father,  
We thank You for the gift of fathers and father figures who love, guide,  
and support us.

Bless them with strength, wisdom, patience,  
and joy as they care for those entrusted to them.

Today, we also remember with gratitude the fathers who are no longer  
with us.

We thank You for their love, their sacrifices, and the memories they  
leave in our hearts.

May Your comfort and peace be with all who miss them.

Bless all fathers today and always, and help us to show our love and  
appreciation for them.

Amen.



*Have a lovely  
weekend.  
Mrs. Whelan*



# School Uniform Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools September 2026



## Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools Uniform

### What to buy from school:



V-Neck Sweater  
To wear with trousers  
Years 1 -6 ONLY



Cardigan  
To wear with skirts  
Years 1 -6 ONLY



Sweatshirt Top  
Nursery – Year 6  
All Year Groups



School Tie  
Elasticated (Yrs. 1 and 2)  
Standard (Yrs. 3-6)  
Years 1 -6 ONLY

### Optional items you can buy from school:



Blazer  
Juniors Only  
Years 3 -6 ONLY



School Fleece  
Nursery – Year 6  
All Year Groups



Jogging bottoms  
Nursery – Year 6  
All Year Groups



Summer shorts  
Nursery – Year 6  
All Year Groups



Book Bag  
Nursery – Year 6  
All Year Groups



Summer hat and  
Winter hat  
Nursery – Year 6  
All Year Groups

Summer hat and  
Winter hat  
Nursery – Year 6  
All Year Groups



### Items to buy from shops:



White shirt either long or short sleeve your preference, but must have a collar for a tie.  
Years 1 -6 ONLY



White polo top  
Nursery – Year 6  
All Year Groups



We have a small stock of school logo polo shirts left, but when these have gone, they have gone! If you want one, please visit parent pay quickly before they disappear!



Grey Socks or tights  
Nursery – Year 6  
All Year Groups



Dark grey school shorts for warm weather or trousers for cooler weather  
Years 1 -6 ONLY



Dark grey tunic or skirt  
Years 1 -6 ONLY



School coat PLAIN  
BLACK COAT  
NO PATTERNS  
Nursery – Year 6  
All Year Groups

A regular safeguarding update will be provided with this newsletter to ensure that you have access to current useful information and guidance.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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'Apps' are designed to run on certain devices and are written for a specific operating system, such as Apple iOS, Windows, or Android. The official store for the Apple iOS operating system is known as the 'App Store' and it's where you can browse and download more than 2 million apps and games to use on the iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch and other Apple devices. When your children are using the app store, you need to be aware of the risks...



What parents need to know about

# THE APP STORE



**IS YOUR CHILD 13+?**  
To download and buy apps from the App Store, your child will need an Apple ID. If they have used other Apple services, such as iCloud, they can sign into the App Store with the same Apple ID. If they are aged 13 and under, they cannot sign up for an Apple ID on their own, but an adult can create an Apple ID for a child.

**IN-APP PURCHASES**  
Apps are either free, paid-for or free with in-app purchases. In-app purchases are optional transactions that can unlock extra functionality, virtual goods or unique content. Unless you change the settings, once your child has entered a password to make an in-app purchase, they can make additional purchases for 15 minutes without re-entering a password. This makes it extremely easy for children to accidentally run up huge bills.

**LOOKALIKE APPS**  
Some developers release apps that copy the functionality, user interface and even product names and branding of popular apps, in an attempt to trick unsuspecting users to install them. By downloading an app from an unknown developer, your child could find their device compromised. Experts warn that through app permissions, hackers can potentially take photos using the camera and access media remotely, track your child's location, record any passwords they enter for other accounts, and send text messages from phones.

**INAPPROPRIATE APPS**  
Some apps and games have content that is unsuitable for younger children – even the most popular or innocuous looking apps may feature adult-themed content, violence or cruelty to other people or animals, unmoderated chat, pornography or sexual content.

**THIRD-PARTY APP STORES**  
Because the official Apple App Store has a very stringent policy about what apps it approves, children may look elsewhere for apps and games they've heard about from friends. As well as the Apple App Store for iOS, there are hundreds of other third-party app stores, but the danger is they may not apply the same level of scrutiny toward the apps they allow to be listed. There's a higher chance of apps that infect devices with malicious codes or put user privacy at risk by extracting sensitive information.



## Top Tips for Parents



**CREATE YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT**  
You can create an Apple ID for a child under 13 and add them to your family group to keep an eye on their activity. Go to Settings > [your name] > Family Sharing > Add Family Member > Create a Child Account > Next. Enter your child's birthday and tap Next. Review the Parent Privacy Disclosure and tap Agree. With Family Sharing, you can add up to six family members to share App Store purchases, as well as iTunes and Apple Books.

**SWITCH ON 'ASK TO BUY'**  
If you have a child that is over 13 years of age and has their own Apple account, make sure that you only allow them to make purchases with gift cards. You can also activate the 'Ask to Buy' feature if you are using Family Sharing, so that whenever a family member who isn't an adult initiates a new purchase, a request goes to the account organiser. You can also limit what content your child can access on the devices they use.

**RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASES**  
You can restrict your child's ability to make in-app purchases. On an iOS device, open Settings, tap General and then Restrictions. Tap 'Enable Restrictions.' You can put a limitation that requires a password every time there is a purchase made in the App Store or iTunes Store.

**BROWSE APPS BY AGE**  
To find apps and games that are right for your children, check the age ratings. On an iPhone or iPod Touch, this can be found in the information section on an app's product page, and on an iPad or desktop, the age range is near the Buy button. On the Kids page, you can find apps for age ranges, including 5 and under, 6 to 8, and 9 to 11.

**AVOID OTHER APP STORES**  
Put a rule in place that your child can only use the official App Store to download apps and games. Explain why it is wise to only install applications from a trusted source to ensure their device is not affected by security issues or virus attacks.

**HOW TO KNOW AN APP IS SAFE TO INSTALL**  
Advise your child that just because they're downloading an app from an official store, it doesn't make it safe. Fake or copycat apps will often include misspelt words and poor grammar, so always read the app description, and double check the developer name and title for warning signs. Be wary of apps that come with a long list of permission requests. Check the app's reviews and ratings – one star, one-line reviews complaining that an app didn't work on a certain device, or that there was a billing issue, is not a good indication.

**SPOT FAKE REVIEWS**  
When checking the customer reviews within the app store, make sure they aren't vague and generic, or overly effusive, as some developers will try to manipulate their apps' positions by posting fake ratings and reviews. Check the number of downloads the app claims to have – the higher the number, the more likely it is to be safe. Your child can also check the company's website to see if the app is available there.

SOURCES: <https://www.engadget.com/2017/12/18/fake-cuphead-itunes/> & <https://mashable.com/2017/11/06/fake-whatsapp-app-google-play-store-android/?Europe=true>



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# THE EVERYONE ACTIVE ADOPT A SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Great news, your School has been adopted by your local Everyone Active Centre for a 4 week period!

The programme is a brilliant opportunity for both Everyone Active and local Schools to work together in an effort to get the local community more active.

During the month your School is adopted by us, a variety of FREE perks will be available to Parents / Guardians, School Pupils & School Employees.

Complimentary perks explained on the next page.

**\*Perks on offer may vary at each Centre**



**SCAN HERE FOR:  
MORE INFORMATION  
& TO CLAIM PERKS**

[www.everyoneactive.com/adoptaschool/](http://www.everyoneactive.com/adoptaschool/)

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## FOR THE LITTLE'S (UNDER 11'S)

- FREE Swimming access
- Includes Lane Swimming, Public Swimming & Family Swimming Only
- Must be a competent lane swimmer to attend a Lane Swimming session
- Under 8's must be accompanied by an Adult 16+ in the water at all times
- Pre-booking required
- Subject to availability



## FOR THE ADULTS.... (16+)

- FREE Swimming access
- Includes Lane Swimming, Public Swimming & Family Swimming Only
- FREE Gym access
- FREE Group Exercise Classes
- Swimming & Classes require pre-booking
- Health Suite may be available at some of our Centres - please check with Staff (Excludes Spa's)
- Subject to availability
- Must complete an online Gym induction prior to use



## FOR THE JUNIORS....(11-15)

- FREE Swimming access
- Includes Lane Swimming, Public Swimming & Family Swimming Only
- FREE Gym access (Specific timings only - please check with Staff at chosen Centre)
- Must complete a Junior Gym induction (In-centre only) (Requires pre-booking) (Must complete prior to using the Gym)
- Junior Gym sessions require pre-booking before arrival, via the app or website or in-centre

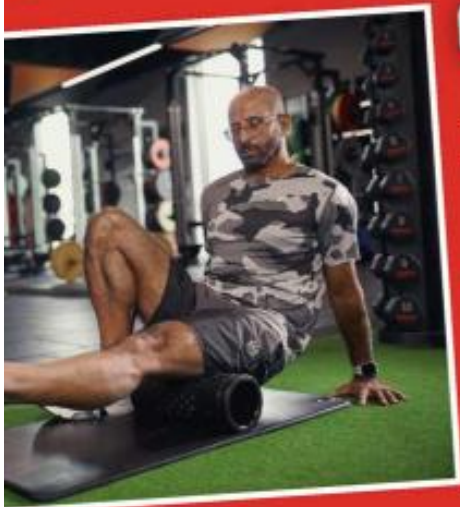


## SWIMMING LESSONS

- Lessons for children & adults
- FREE Public swimming
- FREE Badges & Certificates
- FREE Swim Hats
- Track children's progress via the Everyone Active App
- Lessons 50 weeks of the year
- 2 Week break at Christmas

WHY NOT TRY...

JOIN HERE:



## GYM MEMBERSHIPS

- Monthly or Annual options available
- Membership includes unlimited usage to the Gym, Swimming, Group Exercise Classes & booking priority
- Facilities at each centre vary
- Some centres may have Health Suites or Spa's - please speak to our Membership Teams for more information
- Junior memberships available (11-15)

JOIN HERE:



\*T&C's apply

# ALREADY A MEMBER WITH US?

# REFER A FRIEND TO JOIN & YOU WILL RECEIVE 1 MONTH FREE

## SPEAK TO OUR MEMBERSHIP TEAM TODAY!


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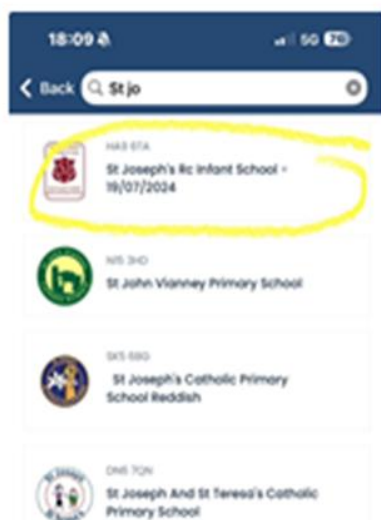
 News and message notifications

 School calendar access

 Other links to useful resources



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Search for our school by searching st jos. It is labelled the infant school but it is for both the infant and junior schools.



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