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Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools **Parental Newsletter - Friday 10th July 2026** **Value for July- Gratitude**

Breakfast Club Daily
7:45 - 8:30 a.m.
Junior/Infant School Halls -
registration required
After School Club
Junior School
Monday - Thursday
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Breakfast Club will
continue to run as
usual every
morning.

After School Club
will run Monday-
Thursday. As we
break up at
1:30p.m. on Friday.

After school sports
clubs have now
ended for this term.

School's Association- Summer Fayre

Thank you very much if you attended the summer fayre it was a great evening. I would also like to thank all of the helpers that made the day such a success. A massive thank you to Mr. Dias, Vice Chair of the Governing Board and Ms. Fernandes, Chair of The School's Association for leading the organisation of the whole school event and ensuring it was such a success. They raised a magnificent £4088 for the school.



Final Week

As we approach the final week of term, please would you send in a plastic bag with your child's name on so they can put their books in to take home next week. If you have wellies in school, please also send in a bag for your child to take their wellies home.

School closes next Friday 17th July at 1:30p.m. We will reopen on Thursday 3rd September.

Please ensure that you adhere to the holiday dates and do not extend term time leave.

October Two Week Holiday Trial Academic Year 2026-2027

A reminder that the dismissal timings will change from September as we are extending the school day to cover the lost learning time for the additional weeks holiday at October half term. Please note this is a trial for one year and we will seek parental feedback as to your thoughts on the impact this has during the next academic year. Our start of day remains at 8:30a.m.

From September 2026 dismissal times will be as follows:

Nursery: morning 8:30-11:35 a.m. afternoon: 12:25-3:30 p.m.

Reception: 3:20p.m. (from when in for a full day from Monday 7th September)

Year 1: 3:25p.m

Year 2 and Saint John Paul: 3:30p.m

Year 3: 3:25p.m.

Year 4: 3:30 p.m.

Year 5: 3:30 p.m.

Year 6: 3:30 p.m.

Annual Parental Questionnaire

Please find the link and QR code to our annual parental questionnaire. I would appreciate you taking a moment to complete the form so that we can gather your views on any areas that you may wish to give us feedback on. This will help us to ensure that we continue to provide the best possible school experience for your child. Many thanks in advance for completing this.

<https://forms.gle/h8R31ZnWXSS2X5Uy6>



Bling your Bike or Scooter Day

Despite the heat the children enjoyed their special parade to show off their amazing efforts. There were so many wonderful creations it was fantastic. Thank you for all of your support for this special day.



Sports Day

Despite the hot weather children enjoyed participating in sport's day this week.



The results for Sports Day were as follows:

1st Mark 457

2nd Matthew 449

3rd Luke 424

4th John 412

Children in Saint Mark will be able to wear their own clothes to school on Monday 13th July.

Please ensure they are dressed appropriately for P.E if Monday is their P.E. day.



World Cup Event

We have delayed our penalty shoot out event until next week when we are hoping it will be cooler. Hopefully England will have beaten Norway!

OPAL Play - OPAL Visit Afternoons

We have decided to cancel the play afternoons which were scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday due to the continued hot weather. We will plan the afternoons in the autumn term when we hope there is neither torrential rain nor extreme heat!

We were delighted to receive support from Katsouris Brothers/ Cranswick Foods in building our mud kitchen for the children to play in as part of our OPAL Play provision. They have very generously dug the field out and constructed the play area. They have donated barrels and crates for den building as well as all of the kitchen furniture, utensils and music and water walls. We are so grateful for their hard work and generosity. We are looking forward to seeing the children play in the new area.



Year 6 End of Term Events

Year 6 Cinema Trip- Wednesday 15th July

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

Year 6 Aladdin Production

We were transported to Agrabah on Wednesday and Thursday evening to see the Year 6 production of Aladdin. It was truly fantastic! Well done to all of the Year 6 children and staff who worked extremely hard to put on such a professional, high quality show- who needs the West End- Disney came to Wembley!



Summer Book Boost

As part of the special 'Year of Reading' Reading Rocks are providing 7 weekly emails packed with short, snappy videos from authors and illustrators, a free reading extract and lots of fun, creative activities to encourage reading over the holiday period. Please click on the link below to register. More information can be found on page 11.

<https://wherereadingrocks.com/lp/summer-book-boost/>

Brent Library Summer Holiday Events

Alongside this newsletter we have sent you the full information about the events that are on across the summer in Brent Libraries. Brent Libraries will be running a Summer Fun Festival that will appeal to all children. There will be weekly themes including adventure, fantasy, STEM, sports and more. Join the SFF from 1st July, read 6 books for rewards and be a reading ambassador! For children aged 0-12. Please encourage your child to read across the summer, particularly in this special year of reading.

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 to our uniform from September 2026. Please see the information on page 9 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 stock these for parents to buy. Ahead of these changes we will be having a summer uniform sale.

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 on mobile

🔍 Find your local club

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

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 'Staying Safe Online this Summer'. Please see page 10 for further information.



Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to the class winners for the last week.

Junior School - Saint Catherine 99%.

Infant School – Saint Bernadette and Saint John Paul on 98%!

House Points



Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
1st 16338 points	2nd 13001 points	3rd 12663 points	4th 11045 points
House point totals 10th July 2026			

Star Reader Award

Saint Patrick- Kellina Saint Bernadette- Emily

Saint Teresa- Dale Saint George- Shae

Saint John Paul- Nestor Saint Christopher- Athena Saint Angela- Wiloshka

Saint Catherine- Vaclav Saint Jude- Emerson

Saint Mary- Amelia Saint Francis- Justin

Saint Joan of Arc- Lowell Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Vailomi

Saint Faustina- Caris Saint Vincent De Paul- Erica

Star Writer Award

Saint Patrick – Mikayala Saint Bernadette- Angel
Saint Teresa- Hailey Saint George- Azai
Saint John Paul- Myssa Saint Christopher- Eline Saint Angela- Adriel
Saint Catherine- Valentina Saint Jude- Eleanor
Saint Mary- Lena Saint Francis- Precious
Saint Joan of Arc- Petrina Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Luz
Saint Faustina- Clarissa Saint Vincent De Paul- Jeswal

Star Speller Award

Saint Patrick – Ariana Saint Bernadette- Dylan
Saint Teresa- Archer Saint George- Lucas N
Saint John Paul- Jayden Saint Christopher- Swaelan Saint Angela- Carmalita
Saint Catherine- Derren Saint Jude- Mayzie
Saint Mary- Kamille Saint Francis- Kaleb
Saint Joan of Arc- Addison Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Joseph
Saint Faustina- Staylon Saint Vincent De Paul- Deborah

Star Handwriting Award

Saint Patrick – Ryan Saint Bernadette- Mysha
Saint Teresa- Aloysh Saint George- Lisa
Saint John Paul- Jinal Saint Christopher- Aeden Saint Angela- Simora
Saint Catherine- Riona Saint Jude- Deidra
Saint Mary- Leo Saint Francis- Adayah
Saint Joan of Arc- Petrina Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Isabella
Saint Faustina- Jenessa Saint Vincent De Paul- Shivonne

Star Oracy Champion Award

Saint Patrick – Tiana Saint Bernadette- Caden
Saint Teresa- Anora Saint George- Lavison
Saint John Paul- Jinil Saint Christopher- Immaculada Saint Angela- Amayah
Saint Catherine- Seanna Saint Jude- Sergio
Saint Mary- Aleks Saint Francis- Grace
Saint Joan of Arc- Amora Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Kacper
Saint Faustina- Naomi Saint Vincent De Paul- Archer

Star Mathematician Award

Saint Patrick – Olivier Saint Bernadette- Kyler
Saint Teresa- Conor Saint George- Joycee B
Saint John Paul- Joycee Saint Christopher- Aloysh Saint Angela- Brion
Saint Catherine- Calysta Saint Jude- Melissa
Saint Mary- Joanna Saint Francis- Maeve
Saint Joan of Arc- Trezvil Saint Maximillian Kolbe- Shaylon
Saint Faustina- Anailen Saint Vincent De Paul- Christian

Value Awards- July– Gratitude

Saint Patrick – Achilles and Hana

Saint Teresa – Kian and Elsa

Saint John Paul- Oskar and Arica

Saint Angela – Cyrus and Thrizel

Saint Catherine- Ethan and Mia

Saint Mary – Rayven and Jaizelle

Saint Joan of Arc – Hugarssi and Asenka

Saint Faustina – Athan and Elora

Saint Bernadette – Meaver and Heart

Saint George – Jake and Rachel

Saint Christopher – Kaleb and Andreea

Saint Jude – Darius and Annslina

Saint Francis – Royson and Valora

Saint Maximilian Kolbe – Zylan and Areya

Saint Vincent De Paul – Alan and Linsey



Congratulations to all of the children who demonstrated an understanding of the value of 'Gratitude'.

Star of the Week

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

Saint Patrick – Kimora

Saint Bernadette - Joshua

Saint George - Graycen

Saint Teresa - Tristan

Saint John Paul - Shawn

Saint Angela – Valanka

Saint Christopher – Lester

Saint Catherine - Snoelle

Saint Jude – Milanka

Saint Mary - Victoria

Saint Francis - Mazen

Saint Joan of Arc - Ethan

Saint Maximilian Kolbe - Rayshawn

Saint Vincent De Paul – Saint Vincent De Paul Class

Saint Faustina – Saint Faustina Class

Prayer for the Final Week

Loving God,
As we begin our final week of this school year,
we thank You for all we have learned,
the friendships we have made,
and the ways we have grown.
Help us to make the most of these last few days together.
Give us kind hearts, willing hands, and joyful spirits.
Help us to encourage one another, to do our best,
and to show respect to everyone we meet.
Bless our teachers, staff, pupils, and families.
Keep us safe, fill our school with peace and laughter,
and prepare us for the summer ahead.
May we always remember that You are with us,
guiding us and loving us every day.
Amen



*Have a lovely
weekend.
Mrs. Whelan*





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

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

10 Top Tips for Helping Children STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

Over the summer our children will, of course, have significantly more spare time now they are out of school. For many youngsters, it may be that a considerable amount of this extra freedom is spent online, using social media apps, video games, streaming services and other digital tech to have fun. For that reason, it's even more important for trusted adults to focus on online safety during the summer break – ensuring that our children are not only aware of the most common threats but also know what to do if they encounter something in the digital world that upsets or disturbs them.

1 ENGAGE WITH THEIR ACTIVITIES

It might not always be convenient, but try to make time to show interest in what your child's doing online. Ideally, get involved – by joining in with video gaming and discussing the apps they're using. It will make your child more likely to come to you with any future online worries or concerns.

2 FOSTER CRITICAL THINKING

Teach your child to question what they see in the digital world. As fake news increasingly uses AI to create believable audio, video and images, it will become even more important in future years to question the content that we see – and to know how to confirm it as true.

3 BE A DIGITAL ROLE MODEL

Take opportunities to demonstrate your empathy and understanding of others online, giving your child a positive template to follow. Watching you being a good digital citizen will help your child to learn an appropriate level of respect for the feelings, thoughts and privacy of other internet users.

4 EMPHASISE THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Among the internet's oceans of content, of course, are things which can be upsetting and concerning for young ones. There's always a chance that your child could stumble across inappropriate material, so it's wise to discuss in advance what they should do if this happens. Underline that they can always come to you if something online has worried them.

5 FIND A BALANCE

Communicating and competing online is fun, but shouldn't replace in-person socialising, exercise or being outdoors. Work with your child to find a healthy balance between their online and offline activities. Take into account what they're actually doing online: researching something or cooperating in a game, for example, is more valuable than simply browsing TikTok.

6 STAY AWARE

Keep an eye on your child's online activity and regularly check in with what they're doing. If you have serious concerns, you could discreetly view their browser history. The extent of monitoring should correspond to your child's age and maturity; younger children are likely to need closer observation.

10 REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN

Obviously, the digital world isn't without its dangers – but, when navigated safely, it remains an exciting, engaging and educational place. Be mindful of the many risks, of course, but don't let them discourage you from supporting your child to explore and enjoy themselves in the online space.

9 KEEP DEVICES UPDATED

Ensuring any devices that your child uses to go online have the most up-to-date firmware and software installed is hugely beneficial. Many people put off downloading these regular updates, but very often they contain vital software patches which help to keep your devices and data secure.

8 TEACH BASIC SECURITY

It's important that children learn to keep their personal data safe, and understand how strong passwords can help with that. Explain the basics of digital security (showing them examples, if possible) and when they're a little older you could move on to more advanced methods like multi-factor authentication.

7 TAKE (PARENTAL) CONTROL

It's wise to capitalise on the parental controls offered by most internet service providers and the devices and software that children use. These controls allow you to manage the kind of content your child is able to access, and they can usually be adjusted to reflect your child's specific age.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



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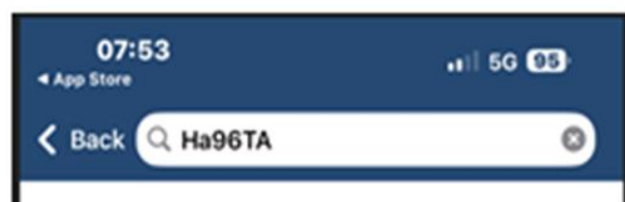
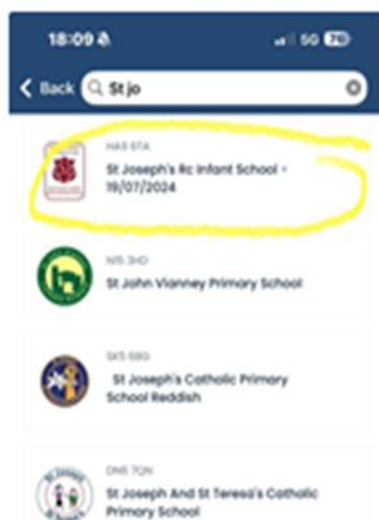
 News and message notifications

 School calendar access

 Other links to useful resources



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