ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 17th July

Our Emmaus and Diocese Mission

Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice

Dear Parents

As we reach the end of another school year, I wished to express my thanks for all of the support that we have received; it is so very much appreciated. In addition to this, the collaboration between school and home continues to be very much a strength of our school.
As ever, it has been an extremely busy school year full of successes and areas to celebrate. During our various meetings in school this past week and during prize giving celebrations, we reflected on some of those successes such as:

- The conclusion of the Jubilee year with our retreat day with Dan and Emily from One Life Music
- Our Pilgrimage to OLAS for St Joseph's feast day
- The construction of the glasshouse theatre in our forest area
- Year 6 Confirmation with Archbishop Bernard
- The success of external monitoring visits in school – we were described as ***'a school that continues to strengthen its provision through clear strategic leadership, robust systems and a relentless commitment to inclusion'.***
- Statutory assessment outcomes (more on that later!)
- Sporting achievements of our children
- Young Voices performance
- Carols by Candlelight and singing at the Parish centre
- Our choir performing at the Mary Stevens mid-summer choir
- Every class experiencing an educational visit
- And so many more!

On behalf of the governors and staff, I wish you a fun and relaxing summer ahead full of family time.

Farewell Year 6!
We have now said 'farewell' to our wonderful Year 6 class. They have been such a fantastic group of young people and ambassadors for our school. They have become leaders of our school, and the future and each staff member has commented on their care and kindness towards the younger children in school demonstrating a true 'hunger for justice'.

As I mentioned in their prize giving last Wednesday, we do not judge progress of our children by academic results alone, and our children have shone in all areas of school life – sport, music, art and some of those elements that cannot be judged such as kindness, charity and compassion.
As well as this, having now received the Year 6 SATs results I am pleased to say that we are delighted with the outcomes! Well done Year 6, thank you parents for your support and collaboration and of course to all the staff who have played such an important part in the journey of our Year 6 children. Go and SHINE at Secondary school! As I said in prize giving and in our final Mass of the year, this is your school – you will always be welcome at St Josephs's. We want to hear about all about your achievements and always remember the part our school has played.

Farewell
We also say 'goodbye and farewell' to Mrs Southwood and Miss Rollason this term who are going on to new adventures. We thank them for their commitment to our school, their care for the children and teamwork with colleagues. We wish them all the very best in their futures.

Parish events





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Attendance – Well done everyone, our whole school attendance for 2025-26 is excellent! Let's keep aiming for as close to 100% as possible.

Attendance	
Whole school attendance (full year)	**97%**
National average	**94.5%**

Questioning minds

Dates for your diary – please keep an eye on the link below while dates are added:
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Calendar

Questioning minds – Term Dates

The 2026-27 term dates can be found below:

	Starts	Half term	Ends
Autumn Term	Tuesday 1st September 2026	Monday 26th Oct 2026 to Fri 30th Oct 2026	Friday 18th December 2025
Spring Term	Monday 4th January 2027	Monday 15th Feb 2027 to Friday 19th Feb 2027	Thursday 25th March 2027
Summer Term	Monday 12th April 2027	Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027	Wednesday 21st July 2027

The following INSET Days agreed for 2026/27:

- *Tuesday 1st September 2026*
- *Wednesday* 2nd September 2026
- *Friday 2nd October 2026*
- Monday 4th January – new INSET date added
- *Friday 12th February 2027*
- *Monday 28th June 2027*

Have a wonderful summer, God bless

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