



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter
July 2025

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the end of another exciting school year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved and to thank you for your continued support.

This year has been filled with learning, laughter, and growth. Whether it was mastering tricky maths concepts, diving into new books, exploring science experiments, or participating in sports, music, and drama, every child has worked hard and made progress in their own unique way.

We are incredibly proud of how our pupils have shown resilience, curiosity, and kindness throughout the year. From classroom successes to school trips, special assemblies, and community events, each experience has helped shape their journey.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who are now preparing for the next chapter in their education. We wish them every success and happiness as they move on to secondary school. We know they will carry the values and confidence they've developed here into all that lies ahead.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful staff who look after, nurture and care for your children with such love and commitment. You all deserve a long rest to revive and prepare for another year.

To all our parents and carers – thank you. Your involvement, encouragement, and partnership are at the heart of our school community. Whether you've helped with homework, attended events, volunteered, or simply supported your child day to day, we are truly grateful.

We wish you all a joyful, restful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Thursday 4th September for another year of discovery and learning.

Best Wishes and God Bless

Sarah Pascoe and all the St. Joseph's team



SATS RESULTS



We are incredibly proud to announce that the year has concluded with St Joseph's achieving its highest Key Stage 2 SATs results in over a decade. Our pupils' combined scores in Reading, Writing and Maths are significantly above the national average, not only for those reaching Age Related Expectations (ARE) but also for those attaining the Higher Standard. These outcomes place St Joseph's at the top end of national league tables, and are a reflection of the incredible commitment, effort, and perseverance our children have shown. These results are not only a celebration of the Year 6 cohort's hard work this year, but also of the dedication of every teacher and member of support staff who has guided, supported, and nurtured our pupils throughout their time at St Joseph's. This is truly a whole school achievement and something of which we can all be extremely proud.

Farewell to our Year 6 pupils

We had a wonderful leavers assembly today to say goodbye and good luck to the oldest children in our school. We wish them a happy and exciting time going on to a new adventure. Go and find your dreams and continue to make us proud Year 6. YOU ARE AMAZING! x



Thank you to Steph at 'Gracious Rose Creations' for designing and producing our beautiful leavers' gifts. A lovely keepsake for Year 6 children

CONGRATULATIONS

💍 Congratulations, Miss Newey! 🌸

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Miss Newey will be getting married during the summer holidays! Everyone at school sends her their warmest congratulations and best wishes for a joyful wedding day and a very happy future. We look forward to hearing all about it when we return in September!



YEAR 6 LEAVERS MASS

At the beginning of July, our Year 6 pupils were invited to a special Leavers' Mass at the Church of the Assumption in Torquay. They joined with other CAST schools to celebrate and give thanks for their time in our school community. It was a truly moving occasion, and the children were a pleasure to accompany. They represented the school with great reverence and maturity, particularly as they read the bidding prayers so beautifully. It was a wonderful and fitting way to mark the end of their Year 6 journey.

During the service, our Year 6 chaplains took part in a symbolic handover of their responsibilities to the current Year 5 pupils. This special moment marked the transition as Year 5 begin to prepare for their role as the oldest children in the school from September. Maisie represented Year 5 with maturity and enthusiasm, and we look forward to seeing her and her peers step into their new leadership roles in the coming year.



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

CLASS MASSES



This term, Deacon Tim and Deborah have been working closely with each class to help them prepare their own class Masses. Each celebration has been a special opportunity for the children to take an active role in planning and participating in the liturgy. Father George has then kindly joined each class to celebrate Mass with them. These have been truly meaningful and memorable experiences for the children, and they have really enjoyed being involved in the preparations.

St Vincent had an amazing class Mass.




STC Class enjoyed considering how to create the right atmosphere for our class mass and choosing which parts of responsibility we would like to play.

It was lovely to end the term thinking about our class Saint and to remember how important some people like Mother Teresa were in showing us God's love.

STARS OF THE WEEK



VALUE GUARDIANS

Elijah Vianny Ellie		Caleb Beauden Lucy Lily-Mai
Violet Heather-Bobbi Samanta		Samanta Arlo Laura

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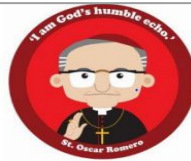
VALUE GUARDIANS

Theo
Keegan
Wilbur



Quin
Harry
Ebru

Emily
Amelia
Braxton
Maisie



Logan
James
Michelle
Whole class



CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Our first year at big school is officially over. Look how far we have come! Now we can: Listen carefully, follow instructions, talk in full sentences, read, write, understand all numbers to 10, share, take turns and we love to learn! What a privilege it has been for us to work so closely with your children and in unison with you, their families. We are going to miss you all but we know you are now ready for your nextstep.



**Being Historians at
Newton Abbot Museum**





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CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

St. Vincent's July Highlights 🌸☀️📚

What a fantastic end to the school year we've had! This month, we put on our hard hats and became architects, building brilliant bridges and learning through hands-on fun. We also enjoyed a super fun Pyjama Day, filled with smiles, stories, and plenty of cosy vibes. There's been lots of dancing too, our classroom has definitely been full of energy and joy! As we say goodbye for the summer, I want to say a special farewell to our wonderful Year 2s. I will miss them greatly and feel so lucky to have had the chance to teach them for the past two years. Have a lovely summer, everyone!





CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

As Scientists, we have been proving through investigation what a plant needs to survive and how plants are affected when one of the elements are taken away - air/water/light. We used observation skills to prove our predictions. We were amazed at our results!



In Design and Technology we have been learning about seasonal fruits and vegetables in the UK - designing our own seasonal foods, considering taste, nutritional value, cost and how appealing they are to look at. We developed cutting, peeling, snipping and grating skills during food preparation.

End of term marble treat!
Team building balloon games and party food!
A perfect fun way to end a busy term!





CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS



Year 5 and 6 DT project.

Breakfast Club

- Available **Monday – Friday** from **8:00 AM**
- Cost: **£4 per session**



Booking Information:

All bookings should be made via **ParentPay** prior to the session. For any last-minute bookings, please call the **school office**.



After School Club

- Available **Monday – Friday**
- Until **5:00 PM** – **£6.75**
- Until **5:30 PM** – **£10.00**
- **Fridays close at 5:00 PM**



After School Activities

- **Tuesday** – Football



Important Notice:

Any accounts with arrears of **£50 or more** will not be permitted to use the **Breakfast Club** or **After School Clubs** until the balance is cleared.



BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB ACTIVITIES

Weekly Schedule:

Monday: Football



Tuesday: Netball



Wednesday: Art



Thursday: Forest School



Friday: Games



Snacks Provided

The Friends of
St Joseph's



Catholic Primary School

A big **Thank You** to everybody to
came and supported our Summer
Fair on Friday.

You helped to raise just over

£600

for our lovely school and children!

Do you have any time you could spare?

Would you like to get more involved in your child's school?







Would you like to help out at school events?

If the answer is 'yes' then please email friends@sjna.uk
or contact Mrs Mariadas via Dojo for more
information.

Attendance Matters



Attendance July

	95.9%
	91.72%
	93.47%
	96.22%

Important Notices & Reminders

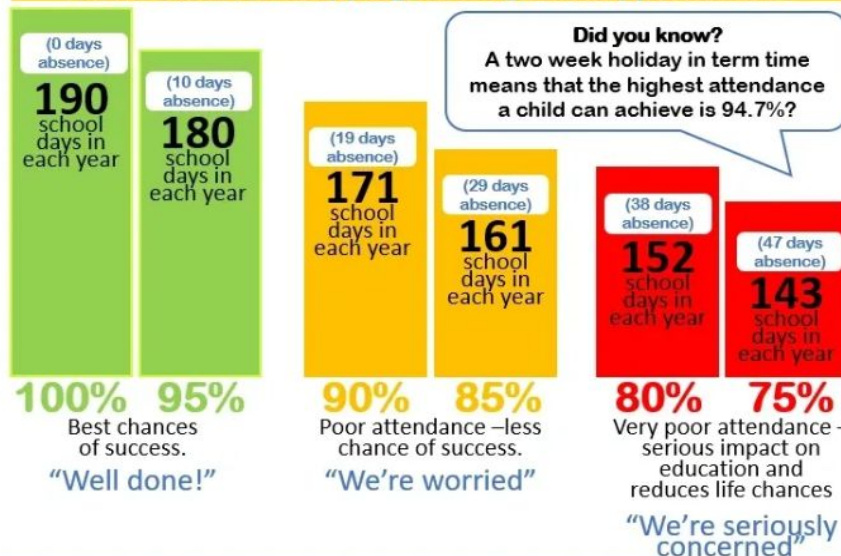
If your child is late for morning registration, arriving late at school after 9am, please ensure you or their accompanying adult reports to the school office to ensure that they are registered.

Good attendance means...
being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

175 days not at school!

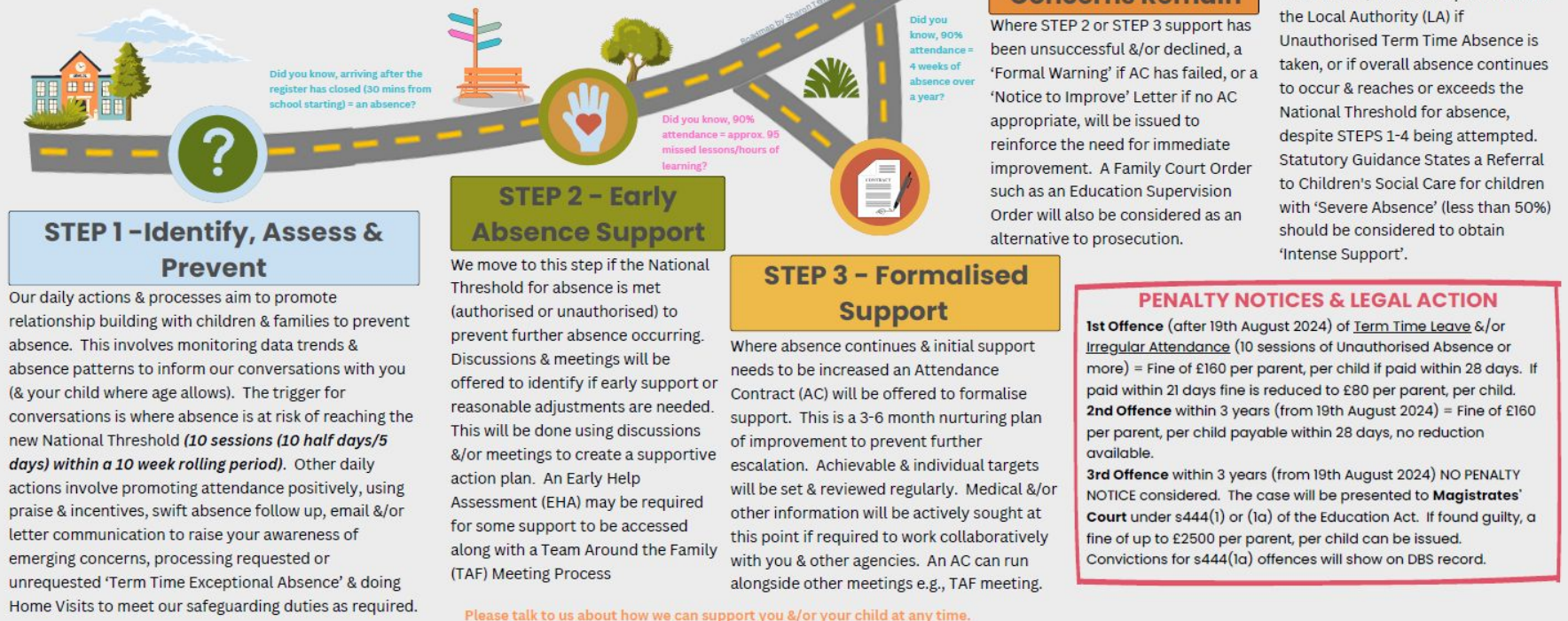
All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments

365 days in a calendar year



Attendance Roadmap

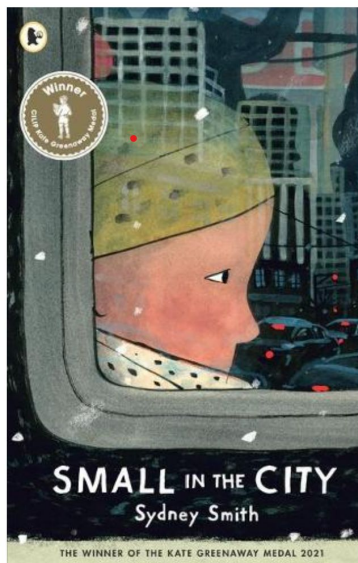
In line with the DfE Statutory Guidance (in force from 19th August 2024) we offer a supportive, stepped, attendance approach. We will offer a welcoming ethos with high expectations for all. We will assess data to identify absence trends & use preventative discussions/meetings with families to listen, understand & support to remove barriers. Where needed, we will formalise support to nurture improvement with Attendance Contracts & as a last resort we will consider intensifying support &/or enforce legal sanctions.



23.07.25	Break up for Summer Holidays		
2-3.09.25	Non-Pupil Days x2		
04.09.25	Children to return to school for the new school year.		
15.09.25	Swimming Lessons begin for St. Oscar		
07.10.25	School Photos		
17.10.25	Wear red day - Anti-bullying awareness		

Small in the City by Sydney Smith

Small in the City explores the challenges of being small in a vast urban environment. A child who knows the city helps a hidden friend navigate their way and feel safe. Using minimal text and evocative illustrations to convey feelings of fear and reassurance, Smith's varied perspectives and detailed imagery enable readers to understand the child's experience and the comfort of returning home.



**‘Today a reader,
tomorrow a leader.’**

**Margaret
Fuller**

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Monster Stink by Anna Brooke, illustrated by Owen Lindsay

There's a sixty-foot monster, dastardly criminals, and a lingering fart pandemic in this pungent sequel to *Monster Bogey*. Will Snotland Yard solve the mystery before it's too late? With short chapter titles such as 'Oozing Lagoon', 'Schlop' and 'Special One', and wordplay like 'proper whopper squidgepea', there will be no reluctance to read this epic story that's perfect for lower KS2.



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at St. Joseph's is always a priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Mrs Day or Mrs Pascoe on 01626 352559. Our named governor for child protection is Tim van Kroonenburg.

WELFARE

Our Family Support Worker is Rachel Ripley. Please let us know if you would like her to contact you for ANY support. Everyone needs a Rachel in their lives!



ATTENDANCE

Hi, my name is Steph, I'm the Attendance and Welfare Officer here at St Joseph's. I monitor attendance regularly to ensure that, where possible, every child is in school on time every day. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please leave a message with the office and I will contact you.



CPOMS and Operation encompass

At St. Joseph's we use CPOMS as our system for recording information that we consider to be safeguarding information. Further information about the programme can be found here -

<https://www.cpoms.co.uk/privacy-statement/>

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



THE OUTDOORS GROUP

QR CODE

BOOK NOW!

TREE TOTS TODDLER CLUB

HOLIDAY CLUBS

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

FIRST AID TRAINING

OUTREACH

EXMOUTH

TOTNES

ESCOT

OKEHAMPTON

RIVERSCHOOL

Where nature is the teacher & the river is our guide

HOLIDAY CLUB

Summer Holiday Club

July 29th-30th*

August 4th-8th - 11th-15th - 18th-22nd

August 26th-28th*




DEVON HAF

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION



£40/£45

Tax Free Child Care

-Free HAF-funded places-

Where are we?

From the quayside

Stoke Gabriel

Activities may include

- Travel by Canoe to our woodland basecamp
- Paddlesports
- Bushcraft
- Nature art and craft *Master craft with Mandi Allin Artist Maker
- Raft building
- Wild swimming
- Fishing
- Campfire cooking
- Story telling
- Wildlife and river care
- Games + free play



RIVERSCHOOL

Our provision is delivered by Canoe Adventures Ltd, operating since 1999 with a proven, accredited safety track record.

We are a registered child care provider with Ofsted (Reg. No. 2731749).

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September 19th, 20th & 21st

DadFest DevonTM

Location: Beryl's Campsite, Beeson, Devon. TQ7 2HW

Awarded 'Best Small Event in the UK'

& the only festival just for dads & their children

Dads/ male carers with children of all ages welcome

- campfire stories & songs • archery • bat walk •
- Forest School • star-gazing • circus skills • stroke a lobster • art & craft space • wrestling show •
- slip n slide • green wood working • beach fishing •
- soccer skills • music workshops • kids disco •
- food & beers • World Dad Dancing Championships

Fri. 19th to Sun. 21st September 2025

DadFest2025 tickets must be bought in advance

Dad + 1 child (all ages): £109

Dad + 2 children (all ages): £119

Dad + 3 children (all ages): £129



Ticket includes camping & all activities – nothing more to pay

Concessions available – please contact the organisers

Get food tickets too: £40 (dad); £30 (children)

= all meals & drinks all weekend!

To book use QR code or search for 'ticket tailor DadFest Devon'

or email: info@thedadsnetwork.org



Summer Holidays 2025 - Multi-Sports Camp!

Monday 28th June - Friday 29th August

Venues -

Oldway Primary School

Higher Polsham Rd, Paignton, TQ3 2SY

Abbey School

Fore Street, Torquay, TQ1 4PR



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Newton Abbot Fishing Association

Open Day, Saturday 2nd August 2025

Rackerhayes Complex, Behind Tesco, Kingsteignton.

We are offering free 20 minute tuition Sessions with a senior member/coach from 10am to 4pm.

All tackle and bait will be supplied.

Then try out your new skills out on your own with support. We'll even lend you the tackle!

Carp Fishing demonstration by our Bailiffs and Fly Fishing demonstrations with the Lower Teign Anglers

We will follow this up on 4 Thursday evenings sessions, 7th to 28th August, from 6pm to 8pm. No booking required.

All sessions are free of charge!!

For further details and to book in for the open day please email:

Chris Gray, Junior Officer at:

Juniorfishingnewtonabbot@gmail.com

Website: newtonfishing.co.uk

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SPORTS GROUP

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Healthy Holidays Programme

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD PROGRAMME

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Department for Education

Bookings Now Live

Healthy Active Food Programme
Summer 2025

Timings
9:00am - 3:00pm

Venues
Sacred Heart RC Nursery Primary School (Paignton)
Hayes School (Paignton)
Priory Catholic Primary School (Torquay)

Dates
Tuesday 29th July - Friday 1st August
Monday 4th August - Thursday 7th August
Monday 11th August - Thursday 14th August
Monday 18th August - Thursday 21st August

[Click to book](#)

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