



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

17th September 2021



Stars of the Week

St Francis	Amelia	Wilbur
St Clare	Gracie	Amaya
St Vincent	Amelia	Riley
St Teresa	Millie	Michael
St Oscar Rom.	Warren	Lilly

Staff Changes

- We welcome back Mrs Soby and Miss Hannaford.
- Welcome to Mr Lee, working as a Teaching Assistant in St Clare.
- Mrs Wilson works on Tuesdays.

This year's challenge...let's walk, scoot or cycle to school and earn rewards. Watch this space.



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to a busy term. We look forward to working with you to ensure your children are happy and achieving their best.

This year, the school newsletter will go home monthly. However, we will continue to send up-to-date messages home via Dojo. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any support. We are here for you.

Best wishes,

Kelly Dunne

Anti-bullying

This year, we are introducing a new anti-bullying programme into our school. It's called KiVa, originating from Finland. We are excited to be part of a research project by the University of Exeter. Find out more by clicking the logo or visiting <https://uk.kivaprogram.net/what-is-kiva/>



Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation,
by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6



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The system you use to make payments to school has changed names. SIMS Pay is now Pay360 Education Payments.

- The way you make payments will remain the same - you'll just notice a different logo (Pay360 by Capita) on the login page and in the portal.
- The link to log in will be updated to pay360educationpayments.com
- When you make a payment, you'll notice the details on your card statement will show as 'Pay360*school_name' (rather than 'Capita*school_name').
- We would recommend that you add the new email address:
noreply@pay360educationpayments.com
to your contacts/whitelist to ensure the emails are not marked as spam.

Homework dates:

W/b: 20th September to W/b: 18th October Inc.
and

W/b: 1st November to W/b: 29th November Inc.

Safeguarding

The updated (Sept 2021) Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy can be found on our school website. It reflects the updated Government document Keeping Children Safe in Education. (KCSiE 2021).

Please be reminded that our Safeguarding Team is as follows:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Miss Dunne
- Deputy DSL - Mrs. Wilson
- Extra trained members of the Safeguarding team:
Mrs East (BASC)
Mrs Hobart (Administrator)
Mrs Benefer (Teaching Assistant)



Sustrans Devon @SustransDevon · Sep 6

So pleased 2 see the new cycle shelters at @StJosephsNA have been installed. 3 years of ups and downs but we finally got there. Thanks to @DevonCC and @wsp for overcoming all the obstacles. There'll be lots of happy faces in the morning! @SustransSouth



THANK YOU SUSTRANS.
We love our new bike shelters.

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Dear parents/carers,

My name is Steph and I am the schools Welfare and Attendance Officer and I would like to introduce myself and explain a little about my role at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

I monitor and track all attendance regularly, in particular, when it gets below 95%. If I

notice that attendance has continued to drop, then you may hear from me. It's nothing to worry about, but instead it's an opportunity to talk to me about whether there is anything the school can do to support you and or anything we should know about that might be affecting your child.

As you will know, excellent attendance at school is essential for your child to reach their full potential. We know that there will be days when you feel your child should stay at home as they are too unwell to attend. Please make sure you contact the school on the first day of absence (by 9.30am) and every day that your child is going to be off. The school has a duty to make sure they know where every child is, every day, so if we don't hear from you, then you may get a knock on the door from me.

The school gates open at **8.40am** and every child should be in school and in their classroom by **9.00am**. If you and your child are late, then you will need to come in through reception and sign in, please accompany your child.

I would also like to remind you that holidays in term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please complete an absence request form and state all reasons that the absence can't be taken out of term time; a decision will be made whether to authorise the absence or not and you will be notified of the decision in writing. If the absence is not authorised but you choose to take your child out of school anyway, you may receive a Penalty Notice.

If you have any questions or concerns around attendance, please leave a message for me with the office and I will contact you.



Dates

20th Sep Swimming St Oscar Romero
20th Sep Homework starts
21st Sep Forest School St Francis/St Clare
27th Sep Bike to School Week
27th Sep St Vincent de Paul Feast Day
27th Sep Swimming St Oscar Romero
28th Sep Forest School St Francis/St Clare
1st Oct Cafod Harvest Family Fast Day
4th Oct Swimming St Oscar Romero

4th Oct St Francis of Assisi Feast Day
5th Oct Forest School St Francis/St Clare
11th Oct Buckfast Abbey Take 5 Festival online
11th Oct School photos - individual and siblings in school only.
11th Oct Swimming St Oscar Romero
12th Oct Forest School St Francis/St Clare
18th Oct Swimming St Oscar Romero
19th Oct Forest School St Francis/St Clare
Mon 25th Oct - Mon 1st Nov Half Term
2nd Nov Autumn second half term starts

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Kelly Dunne: Headteacher

St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officer: Emma Wilson

Named Governor for Child Protection: Stephen Riedlinger