



Saint Joseph's CATHOLIC SCHOOL

With God's love and inspiration, we aspire to achieve excellence.

Parents/Carers Notices Week 1



From the Headmaster's Study

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." — Philippians 4:13

It has been a pleasure to welcome pupils and staff back to St Joseph's this week. The energy across the school has been uplifting, and our new Year 7 pupils have begun their journey with joy, purpose, and a clear desire to be the best they can be. We also welcome new staff members, and I wish them every success as we continue to raise the academic profile of our School and expand enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom.

In our first assembly, I shared the Parable of the Sower, which reminds us that what we do with the opportunities we are given truly matters. Each child at St Joseph's is a seed with extraordinary potential. Their learning, friendships, and choices form the soil in which they grow. With an open heart, a curious mind, and a willingness to try, they plant themselves in good soil.

I reminded pupils that there will be days when things feel difficult—when the work is challenging or mistakes are made. But even seeds need time, rain, and care to grow. Growth takes patience. What matters most is that they keep showing up, keep learning, and keep believing in themselves.

This year, our pupils can:

- *Plant kindness* in their words and actions
- *Grow in knowledge* through curiosity and effort
- *Harvest success* by supporting one another and never giving up

No child walks this journey alone. They are supported by their teachers, friends, and the wider school family. It is essential that they begin this year with hope, courage, and the belief that something beautiful can grow from even the smallest seed.

Year 11 pupils have just received their mock results. This is a time for reflection, planning, and action—to ensure they fulfil their potential and achieve excellence in the months ahead.

As we begin this new academic year, I'm reminded of the words from Footprints in the Sand: **"When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."** This powerful image reminds us

that in moments of challenge or uncertainty, God walks beside us—or carries us—offering strength, comfort, and grace.

I look forward to celebrating the journey ahead with every pupil and the success we will achieve together.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.



Year 7 have been settling into their first week at SJCS very well!



Funding for the Sports Hall

We continue to raise money, and we will have a new focus which our Heads and Deputy Head Pupils will be leading on with the ambitious goal of raising £10,000. Every contribution, no matter the size, will go directly to supporting our Sports and Music departments. If each child could raise an average of £20 via our GoFundMe page, we would be well on our way. **Please share the link widely and encourage support:** <https://gofund.me/bc2f38ba>

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Weekly Calendar

Assemblies: Heads of Year – Expectations

Monday 8th September	
Tuesday 9th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 & 10 Assembly
Wednesday 10th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 & 8 Assembly New Environmental and Gardening Club, first meeting Lunch - Room 8. All years welcome! Year 7 Information Evening – 4.00pm Year 8 Information Evening – 5.30pm
Thursday 11th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Assembly Year 9 Information Evening – 4.00pm Year 10 Information Evening – 5:30pm
Friday 12th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anime Club – Lunchtime Rm9 Theatre Trip 7:30pm – Little Women at Salisbury Playhouse

Key Dates

Date	Event	Timing & Additional Information
Wednesday 10th September	Information Evening	Year 7: 4:00–5:00pm Year 8: 5:30–6:30pm
Thursday 11th September	Information Evening	Year 9: 4:00–5:00pm Year 10: 5:30–6:30pm
Thursday 25th September	Open Events for Prospective Families	Morning: 9:30am–12:30pm Evening: 5:30pm–7:30pm
Thursday 9th October	Open Events for Prospective Families	Morning: 9:30am–12:30pm Evening: 5:30pm–7:30pm
Thursday 16th October	Year 7 Form Tutor Evening (Online)	4:30pm–7:00pm – Discussing transition and settling in
Friday 17th October	Year 7 House Party	Period 5 – Celebrating their first half term