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Dear Parents

Please click on the links below to access calendar events and after school clubs:

**School Calendar:** https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Diary/
**Term Dates 2025/26** https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/2025-2026_Calendar.pdf
**After School Clubs:** https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Clubs_-_Summer_2026.pdf

## Retirements

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to two more members of staff at the end of this academic year.

As well as Mrs Heron (Office Manager) and Mr Heron (Premises Manager) retiring, we will also be saying farewell to Mrs Redpath (Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Burns (Admin Assistant) who are also retiring.



They have faithfully served St Joseph's well over many loyal years and we thank them for their dedication and commitment.

They will all be greatly missed and we wish them all the best for the future.

## World Book Day

A big thank you to Mrs Yems for organising World Book Day this year. The children (and staff) loved dressing up as their favourite book characters and thoroughly enjoyed the story/dance workshops.



## Lent Charity Fundraising

The school would like to thank parents for their generosity in supporting Missio and CAFOD, our school charities. Whilst children have had a lot of fun with the Junior Easter Enterprises, the children are also learning about the importance of charity. The Easter Enterprises raised £170.50 and so far the Missio boxes have raised £127.51.




*Learning and growing together with Christ*

**School Council Fundraiser – Children's Easter Hamper**
The School Council raised £210.00 from the sale of raffle tickets to win a Children's Easter Hamper. Congratulations to Oba in Year 1.

All money raised will be divided and donated to both CAFOD and Missio/Mission Together who are our chosen charities this Lent.

**Easter**
The production of 'Resurrection Rock!' was a wonderful performance and most importantly added to our understanding of the events of Holy Week. Well done to Years 3 and 4.



**Caring Classrooms**
In response to a letter from Pope Francis, our Eco-Warriors are still collecting food donations in each classroom box. These donations are collected regularly by Churches Together and taken to Bexley Foodbank. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



**Fairfield Halls**




Some children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had the exciting opportunity to perform at the Bexley Music Festival at the Fairfield Halls. Their participation and conduct were a great credit to our school. Many thanks to Mrs Tylee for organising and preparing the children to take part in this wonderful event. Thank you to Mrs Mutimer and Mrs Churchill for their support and all the parents for being an appreciative audience.

**School Football Team**
The Year 6 and 5 boy's football team have played really well this term. A great effort by our team. Thank you to Mr Bannister for organising and coaching the children for these events.



04/03/2026 – Belvedere – won 5-1 – Quarter-final
17/03/2026 – Merton Court – lost 6-1 – Semi-final
25/03/2026 – Belmont – lost 3-2 – Semi-final

**Parental Questionnaire Feedback**

Thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire. A summary report is to follow in the next newsletter.



**School Uniform - Summer**

Everyone comments on how smart our children look! After the Easter break, the children will be able to wear their summer uniform. Please note that the school uniform guidelines have recently been reviewed and updated and these are available for you to view on our website: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/School_Uniform_-_with_Photos.pdf



The main changes to consider when purchasing new uniform are:

**Boys -** Wear plain sky blue polo shirts (boys may still wear polo shirts with school logo if you still have these at home). Grey tailored shorts if they wish.

**Girls -** Years R – 4 wear pale blue/white gingham summer dress or playsuit. Year 5 and Year 6 girls are allowed to wear a school open necked pale blue summer blouse – (not a shirt), these are available from Marks and Spencers, John Lewis or from Matthews our school uniform shop in Welling.

**School Lunch Menu**

The new Summer Menus are now available on the school website (starting with Week 1). Please be advised that the office and kitchen staff need one week's notice of any changes to dinner arrangements.



**Pupils Suffering with Hay Fever**

As the weather brightens, hay fever begins! If your child suffers from hay fever, please let the office know. Please administer hay fever medication before your child comes to school in the morning. Sunglasses may only be worn by pupils who suffer with hay fever, parents please contact the school via a note in the contact book.



**SATs Tests – Year 6**

Year 6 SATs tests take place Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May 2026 – it is essential that all children attend school. No absences granted this week.



**Walk to School Week: 18th – 22nd May 2026**

Walking to school has many benefits: less cars around the school means a safer environment for our children and less pollution in the atmosphere, walking is healthy and fun – the children will see many things around them that they would otherwise miss. In addition, if you can get together with other families and children, it becomes an opportunity for your child to socialise and make friends.



**Sponsored Spelling**

This half term, Mrs Yems will be organising a sponsored spelling test. Your child will soon bring home a letter with their spellings and sponsor form. All money raised will go towards buying new reading books for the classrooms. Thank you for your support.



**Parish Update and First Holy Communion**

Father David and the parish of St Mary of the Crays are very pleased to see more families returning to weekly masses in person. Children in Year 3 have already started preparing for their First Holy Communion. We are keeping them in our prayers.

**St Joseph's University - Reminder**

We believe that it is important to extend our children beyond just the academic and to support them to develop in many diverse aspects of life. Part of our role is to prepare our children for their adult lives, teaching them to understand how to engage with culture and society, providing them with plentiful opportunities to do so.

St Joseph's University enables us to recognise the substantial amount of extra-curricular activities completed by our children, to develop a love of learning in our children and to encourage children to experience a range of learning activities and opportunities.

Parents can upload evidence of awards gained outside of school for a wide range of activities, such as swimming, scouts, beavers or St John's Ambulance. In addition if the children visit places of educational value, such as the Natural History Museum, the Science Museum, the National Portrait Gallery or the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, parents can upload evidence of these visits via this link https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/St-Joseph-s-University/

The last date to submit evidence is 31st May 2026.

**Curriculum Overviews - Summer (attached)**

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the topics your child will be studying this term. Please talk to your children about what they have been learning as this will really help consolidate their learning. Remember there is a wealth of curriculum information on our school web site.

Yours sincerely

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