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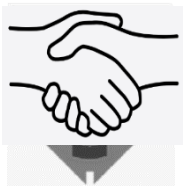
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Dear Parents

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_-_Autumn_2025.pdf
https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Clubs_-_Spring_2026.pdf

Welcome to new staff and pupils



A warm welcome to our new member of staff to St Joseph's – Mrs Jefferies (new Year R teaching assistant). We look forward to working with her.

We also welcome all the new pupils who have joined our school over the course of this term. St Joseph's will be all the more special by your presence!

Primary Reception Places – September 2026



The Bexley online site has now opened – www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions (for Bexley residents) and https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places and closes on 15th January 2026).

The school is holding a number of Open Events on the following dates:

- Monday 8th December 2025 - 5.00 pm
- Thursday 8th January 2026 - 9.15 am

A presentation by the Head of School will be followed by a guided tour of the school. Please remind friends and neighbours to put these dates in their diary. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026. The school welcomes applications from Catholics and non-Catholic families (who are sympathetic to our values and practice).

Please note, if you are Catholic, Fr David, will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice (available from the school office or from our website) by appointment only. However, if you are not religious, you must still complete the Supplementary Form and return it to the school office.

Parish Mass – Sunday 30th November 2025

It was lovely to see the children leading the singing at the 10.30 am Mass at church on Sunday.



They certainly deserved St Joseph's University points for their efforts.

Well done to Mrs Tylee for organising this. I look forward to seeing even more of the children at the next Mass in the Spring term.

Learning and growing together with Christ

Advent and Christmas



It is really lovely to be able to celebrate the season of Advent as we reconnect the children with the story and message of Christmas. The whole school have been working really hard on their rehearsals and I know the children are looking forward to their opportunity to share this with you as parents.

Urgent request to all parents of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children for donations of mince pies. After the Junior Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday 16th December 2025, parents are invited into the school's main hall for some festive refreshments before home time.

School Council Christmas Charity

The School Council have sent out a separate letter asking for donations for Bexley Food Bank to help support local people in crisis, especially during the winter months. Please give generously.

Christmas Lunch

This year our Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 17th December 2025. A separate letter was sent out last week.

Christmas Own Clothes Day



Also on Wednesday 17th December 2025, children may come to school wearing their own clothes for the day, but please remember to dress sensibly for the weather, as children will be going out on the playground for breaks.

Parish Christmas Event and Raffle



Thank you to everyone who donated bottles and attended St Mary of the Crays Church Mini Fete and raffle to raise funds for further expenditure in the Church.

Christmas Holidays



The last day of term is Friday 19th December 2025 and school will finish at 3.15 pm. Children return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026 when the gates will open at the usual time of 8.45 am.

ParentSafe



Learn how to use parental control settings on devices using the following link https://parentsafe.lgfl.net to explore 'Safe Settings, Controls and Monitoring' – especially if you are planning on purchasing new computers/consoles/devices as presents. Help keep your children safe online this Christmas.

Following the government's push for safer online environments, major platforms are now responding. For example, Roblox, a popular space for young users often targeted by predators, has begun implementing real-world age verification measures, such as optional ID and facial analysis checks for users over 13, signaling a significant shift in how online platforms manage safety in line with the new legislation. You can read more about these checks on the SWGfL website:
https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-announces-facial-age-checks-for-chat-features/

Internet Matters have worked with Roblox and Ambitious about Autism to create new resources to support neurodivergent children who like playing games online, to help recognise and deal with scams. Find all the resources here.

Yours sincerely

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