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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 2024/25 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

Parish Mass – Sunday 6th July 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 Autumn term.



Easter Scene Painting Competition – Knights of St Columba

Thank you to all the juniors who took part in this competition and received certificates. Congratulations to Lara and Moyo who were placed in the top 3. Lara won 2nd place at the next stage (Provincial level). Aryah, Ella A and Victory who were placed in the top 10 and received a prize. Well done!

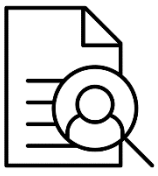


Nativity Scene Competition update

Akilah went on to win 1st place at the next stage (Provincial level). Well done!

Job Opportunity – Relief Midday Supervisor

The school would welcome applications for the important role of Relief Midday Supervisor. We can offer regular training and the opportunity to work alongside our strong existing team and fantastic children. If you, or someone you know, is available to work from 12.15 pm – 1.15 pm, Monday to Friday, or perhaps part of the week, please contact the school office for further details.



Learning and growing together with Christ

Summer Fete

A big thank you to the PTA for a really enjoyable summer fete; the children and parents had a wonderful time Thank you to all the helpers who gave their time and energy to run stalls; their effort is really appreciated.



Sports Day Results

The overall winners of Sports Day were the blue team with 365 points. Thank goodness the sun shone. A good time was had by all.



1st Blue – 365
2nd Red – 331
3rd Green – 299
4th Yellow – 252

Church Car Park

A polite reminder to parents who drop off – please do not use the church car park as parishioners need access to attend prayer groups before Mass.



At pick up (as previously requested) please do not park in the middle of the church car park as the St Mary's Playgroup staff are unable to leave to pick up their own children. Thank you.

Return of School Books

Please return any school books you may have at home. Replacing reading books is expensive and the return of all stock would be appreciated.



Road Safety

As we approach the Summer holidays and the Year 6 children practise travelling to/from school on their own, here are some reminders for safe travels:



- Children: be aware of traffic, use allocated crossings, and put away distractions like phones.
- Parents: review road safety with your child and practise their route with them.

Year 6 Leavers

We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 class in a couple of weeks. The children have worked hard and achieved some excellent results. Well done.



The children move to a number of secondary schools, 28% are moving to Catholic secondary schools, St Columba's and St Catherine's, 34% to Grammar schools and the remaining children to secondary schools across Bexley. We wish them success and much happiness.

Summer Holiday Homework

The Summer Holiday Challenge will be set again this summer. Children will gain points for completing set holiday appropriate activities/tasks. These will be handed out when the children have 'Meet the Teacher' at the end of term.



Bexley Libraries

Over the summer, Bexley Libraries will be offering a wide range of FREE events and activities for children, including

- Author events
- Storytellers
- Cartooning workshops
- Robotics workshops
- Manga sessions
- Animal encounters
- Musical activities, including dance and drumming
- Craft sessions

Details of the programme will be available on the Library Service's website in July - https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/whats-on#/
Our free family events are always popular and this year we want to ensure that as many children as possible can attend.

We are trialling a new approach to how we issue event tickets this summer to minimise non-attendance and ensure that tickets are given out to families that can make it to the events:

- Tickets for a whole week of events will be released two weeks ahead of time, every Monday
- Tickets are available exclusively in library branches for the week that they are released and available by visiting a library or by telephone
- Any tickets not allocated by the end of the first week will then be made available on Eventbrite for anyone to book online

Holiday Activity and Food Programme



The HAF programme provides healthy food and enriching activities to children and young people, with free places available for those on free school meals during some of the school holidays. Please click on the link below for further information:
https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/holiday-activities-food-programme

Smiley Ark

If you would like to secure a place at Smiley Ark next year, please email Smiley Ark to make a booking. Smiley Ark is located on St Joseph's premises and has access to many of our facilities including playgrounds and computer suite. Smiley Ark will also be running a Summer Holiday Club. For further information please contact them via email - enquiries@smileyark.com

Safeguarding

Here are some useful links about how to keep your child safe, especially during the summer holidays:

- **Water Safety** – RNLI
  https://rnli.org/safety/float
- **E-Safety**
- https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays
- https://www.childnet.com/blog/staying-safe-online-this-summer-a-guide-for-your-family/
- https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-checklists
- **Sun Safety**
  https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kids

Message from Crayford Police

Through the new platform Met Engage you can get to know your local officers, help shape how they police your local area and have direct access to key information and advice.

This isn't just a platform for them to tell you what they're doing in your area. It's an opportunity for you to tell us what's concerning you most so we can take action on the things that truly matter to you.

Sign up today to tell us about the issues affecting you most, receive tailored crime prevention advice and updates on our activity in your area.

It really does just take a few minutes. It would be very much appreciated if you would share this invitation to sign up with your friends, neighbours or any community group you may be involved with. Once signed up, please remember to check your email for the final confirmation.

For more crime prevention advice please see information on our web pages www.met.police.uk

School Uniform



Please be advised that children return to school in September in full school uniform (either summer or winter) and shoes. PE kits will be needed from the first week. Correct uniform is listed on the school website: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/School_Uniform_-_with_Photos.pdf We actively discourage school shoes that look like trainers. Earrings, nail varnish and Smart watches are not permitted.

Term Dates – 2025-2026

Please find attached the term dates for 2025-2026 for your information. There is also a link at the top of this newsletter that takes you to our website.

Yours sincerely

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