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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/2024-2025_Calendar.pdf
After School Clubs: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Clubs_-_Summer_2025.pdf

First Holy Communion



Our prayers and congratulations go out to the children who have recently made their First Holy Communion. This is a day that they will remember for the rest of their lives. God bless.

Nativity Scene Competition – Knights of St Columba



Thank you for all the children who sent in entries for the Nativity Scene painting competition. Congratulations to Akilah and Ayana who was placed in the top 3 and Jacob F, Aliviah and Kayla-Alayne who were placed in the top 10 who received a prize. All children who took part received a certificate. Well done everyone!

Caring Classrooms



Bexley Foodbank are very grateful for all of your generous donations so far which will help support thousands of Bexley residents who rely on foodbanks as part of their weekly shop. They are currently in need of long life milk, noodles, tinned fruit, custard, coffee, toothpaste, shower gel, razors and deodorant. Thank you for caring. Last date for donations is Friday 18th July 2025.

Sponsored Spelling



Mrs Yems has organised a sponsored spelling test. Before the half term, your child brought a letter home with their spellings and sponsor form. Please could any sponsor money be sent in via your child by Monday 16th June 2025. All money raised will go towards buying new reading books for the classrooms. Thank you for your support.

Book Fair



The Travelling Book Company will be visiting us on Thursday 12th June 2025 at 3.15 pm where parents are welcome to come in and purchase any books. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend you can send your child in with the money so that they can purchase a book during the day. Children from all classes will have the opportunity during the days leading up to this date to browse the latest book titles and buy from the book stand. Please send in any money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and how much is enclosed.

Learning and growing together with Christ

PTA Summer Fete



St Joseph's is holding it's annual Summer Fete on Saturday 28th June 2025, 11.00am – 2.00pm. Please keep the date free in your diary! To support this event, the school is holding a non-uniform day on Friday 27th June 2025. Children may come to school in their own clothes (including sensible footwear) for a donation of a bottle for the tombola stall (wine, spirit, beer or a soft drink). Please be advised that the bottles need to be in date and unopened. Mrs Truss and Mr Heron will be collecting the donation of bottles at the entrance gate that morning.

School Uniform



Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform as stated on our website: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/School_Uniform_-_with_Photos.pdf
We actively discourage school shoes that look like trainers and the wearing of earrings.
Thank you for encouraging your child to wear their uniform with pride (e.g. shirts tucked in, cardigans on shoulders, long hair tied back etc).

Sports Day – Wednesday 2nd July 2025



Please be advised that Sports Day will be at the usual venues.

Infants (Years R, 1 and 2)

Will take place from 9.15 am on the school grounds. The school gate will be open from 9.00 am to parents. Light refreshments will be on sale. Donation of biscuits would be appreciated.

Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Will take place from 1.30 pm at the VCD Sports Club which is just across the road.

All children need to come into school dressed ready to take part. PE kits will be sent home on Tuesday 1st July 2025. The children should come to school in the correct coloured house t-shirt (red, yellow, blue or green – no logos please), their PE shorts and trainers (plimsolls if trainers are not available) also a school cardigan/jumper and cap (both labelled).

All children to bring in a bottle of water clearly labelled with their name. Please apply sun cream before coming to school.

Sun Safety



As the weather warms, please send your children into school, 'sun safety ready'. Sun cream applied at home, a labelled school cap and labelled water bottle brought in every day.

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.

Events in the Archdiocese



On the day before Pentecost, 7th June 2025, you are invited to The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration and fun. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults. The event is free. There are no tickets. There will be limited children's activities, which will be ticketed, and the registration will open for these will open on the 30 April at 11am. Book via https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025?rq=jubilee

Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event for all the family on 17th - 21st June 2025 10.00 am - 3.30 pm. The Life of Christ is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Further details can be viewed here: https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/

Roblox and Parental Controls - South West Grid for Learning

Roblox, the popular minecraft 'style' game has announced a new raft of parental controls. Parents will now be able to block individuals who communicate with their children, as well as have more detailed oversight over their usage of the programme. If interested, the South-West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) has produced a comprehensive run down of these changes. Please follow the link below for more: https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-launches-new-parental-controls/

New Survey on Smartphones - South West Grid for Learning



The South West Grid for Learning launched a new survey this month to understand the concerns, expectations and experiences that parents and carers expect to face after giving a child their first smartphone. The overall objective is to map how this milestone is seen by those charged with caring for children. This is a little understood area, despite the impact that smartphones have on children. In particular the role these devices play in introducing children to the digital world. With concrete insights into how families navigate this transition, the SWGfL seeks to produce a support kit to help with these issues. This survey would be well worth completing. If interested please follow the link below: https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/take-our-survey-share-your-experience-on-your-childs-first-smartphone/

Parental Questionnaire Feedback



Thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire. Please find attached a summary report for your information.

Yours sincerely

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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY 2025 CORE FINDINGS

96%

of parents would recommend St Joseph's to another parent.



90% of parents think the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.



94% of parents think that their child is happy at St Joseph's.

"Our daughter has learnt so much at an incredible speed whilst at the school, thanks to the robust curriculum and teaching style. The whole class has maintained a strong bond and sense of community which I sense whenever we enter the school gates or leave at the end of the day. She has been challenged in a way that has grown her confidence, and the school shows, assemblies, mass participation are a great at exampling this."



94% of parents believe their children do well at St Joseph's.