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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

First Holy Communion



Our prayers and congratulations go out to the children who will be making their First Holy Communion soon. It will be a day that they will remember for the rest of their lives. God bless.

Nativity Scene Competition – Knights of St Columba



Thank you to all the children who sent in entries for the Nativity Scene painting competition. Congratulations to Frank and Maya who were placed in the top 3, and Pola and Adaeze who were placed in the top 10 who received a prize. All children who took part received a certificate. Well done everyone!

School Dinners



We understand that not all children like the same food as other children. Our menus have been carefully created to reflect the School Food Standards whilst providing meals that children are familiar with.
Currently, the children have been choosing not to have some of the foods on offer every day which is not beneficial to a balanced meal. From Monday 1 June, the children will be given the food on the menu for that day (with the exception of children with allergies and dietary requirements) to ensure that every child has a healthy lunch. If your child is not eating most of their dinners, we will send a note home suggesting that they bring in a packed lunch instead.

Book Fair

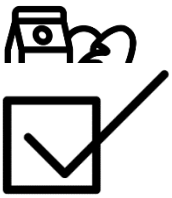


The Travelling Book Company will be visiting us on Thursday 11th June 2026 at 3.15 pm where parents are welcome to come in and purchase any books (card payments only). Alternatively, if you are unable to attend you can send your child in with the exact money so that they can purchase a book during the day (as there will be no change available). 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.

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. Our School Council will soon be organising a 'Slippers and Sliders Day' on Friday 12 June 2026 - children may come to school in their normal uniform but can wear slippers or sliders

in the school building (they will need to change back into their school shoes when they go in the playground). Thank you for caring. The last date for donations is Friday 17th July 2026.



Sponsored Spelling

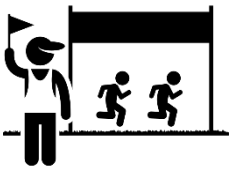
Mrs Yems has organised a sponsored spelling test. Before the half term, your child will bring a letter home with their spellings and sponsor form. Please could any sponsor money be sent in via your child by Monday 16th June 2026. All money raised will go towards buying new reading books for the classrooms. Thank you for your support.

Sports Day – Wednesday 24th June 2026

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 23rd June 2026. 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.

PTA Summer Fete

St Joseph's is holding its annual Summer Fete on Saturday 4th July 2026, 11.00am – 3.00pm. Please keep the date free in your diary! To support this event, the school is holding a non-uniform day on Friday 3rd July 2026. Children may come to school in their own clothes (including sensible footwear) for a donation of a bottle for their bottle tombola stall (wine, spirit, beer or a soft drink, unopened and in date). Mrs Truss and Mr Heron will be collecting the donations at the entrance gate that morning. Thank you.



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.



Parking on Old Road

A reminder to parents parking on Old Road for drop offs and pick ups to show consideration to our neighbours by not parking across their driveways and not speaking to them rudely - this is unacceptable. Please remember to park with your car wheels inside the dotted lines to avoid ticket fines from civil enforcement officers.
Please leave an extra 10 minutes for the school run.



Online Gaming



Online gaming is becoming embedded into the everyday lives of our children. It is not something to be feared but something to understand. With the right guidance, clear boundaries and open conversations, children can enjoy the positive aspects while staying safe. Here are some useful websites:
https://www.commonsensemedia.org/research/talk-trust-and-trade-offs-how-and-why-teens-use-ai-companions
https://lgfl.net/safeguarding/parentalsupport
https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/

E-bikes and E-scooters - LFB



Every other day in London, a fire caused by an e-bike or e-scooter battery puts lives at risk. London Fire Brigade have produced this video to help keep you and other families safe:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_aG7TWLKHl4

Mental Health Awareness

Place2be Parenting Smart have produced some really helpful advice and guidance for parents to support your child's wellbeing and behaviour:
https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/

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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ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY 2026 CORE FINDINGS

100%

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



96% of parents think the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.



98% of parents think that their child is happy at St Joseph's.

"The school creates a supportive atmosphere where every child feels valued and secure."



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