St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Old Road
Crayford
Kent DA1 4DZ

Head of School: Mrs A Truss
BA Hons NPQH

Tel: 01322 524162
Email: admin@st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk
Website: www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk

Executive Head Teacher: Mr M Hannon
BEd Med NPQH NPQEL

November 2025

www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk

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 2025/25 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

Relief Midday Supervisor Post



We have a vacancy for a Relief Midday Supervisor. Are you available to work from 12.15 pm – 1.15 pm, or do you know someone who might be suitable? The position involves supervision of children on the playground and in the dining hall. Please contact the school office for further details.

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:

- Friday 21st November 2025 - 9.15 am
- 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.

Poppies – Supporting the Royal British Legion



These are on sale until the morning of Tuesday 11th November 2025 in class. Children may bring in some coins in order to make a donation (eg 50p, £1 etc).

We are also selling other poppy related items supporting the Royal British Legion. The Year 5/6 Chaplaincy Group will be bringing these round to classes to purchase.

Caring Classrooms



In response to the Laudato Si letter from Pope Francis, our Eco-Warriors are restarting collecting food donations in each classroom box. These donations will be collected regularly by Churches Together and taken to Bexley Foodbank. Thank you in advance for your continued support to help families who are struggling in our local community.

Learning and growing together with Christ

Uniform and Coats



The children look very smart in their winter uniform. Thank you. As the days get colder, please ensure that the children come to school wearing a coat. A dark, waterproof, hooded, sleeved coat with reflectors is preferred. As the evenings are getting darker earlier, it is important to keep our children safe when they are walking home from school. Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name.

Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day



We are holding an 'Odd Socks Day' on **Friday 14th November** as part of Anti-Bullying Week this year. We will be celebrating our uniqueness and individuality by expressing ourselves by wearing odd socks. You don't need to buy anything expensive – just wear a pair of odd socks to school. Children must still wear school uniform.

Parents' Evening



Online bookings will open on Monday 17th November 2025. Please go to https://stjosephscrayford.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ and book a slot to see your child's class teacher on either:

- Tuesday 2nd December 2025 or
- Thursday 4th December 2025

Parents whose children have special educational needs, please be advised that Mrs Partridge, as SENDCo, will be available to see Year 2 parents on Tuesday 2nd December and other year groups on Thursday 4th December 2025. Please bear this in mind when booking your appointment.

Safeguarding



The book publisher, Puffin, has issued an alert about books by Andy Cope. The books in the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats and Spy Pups series include links to additional content.

Unfortunately, the links are no longer owned by the author and if the links are followed, they now contain inappropriate content. The books themselves are fine; it is just the additional content which requires caution.

Football Team



Well done to St Joseph's Year 5 and 6 football team for taking part in their first football match this term against Old Bexley, they lost 4-0 but despite the result, it was a great team effort and the team represented the school very well.

PTA Children's Disco – Thursday 27th November 2025



The PTA have organised an autumn term disco for the children. The infant disco will take place in the school hall between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm and the junior disco will take place between 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm. The cost is £5.00 each. A place can be booked using our School Gateway https://schoolgateway.co.uk/get-started/ Please note tickets will not be issued as School Gateway will generate a paid list for the door.

Staff Training Day – Friday 28th November 2025



Please be advised that school is closed on Friday 28th November due to a staff training day. Children return on Monday 1st December 2025.

Parish Christmas Mini Fete and Raffle

St Mary of the Crays Church are holding a Christmas Mini Fete on Sunday 30th November 2025 in the Church reception area and social club. There will be a variety of stalls with food, cake and drinks from the social club with the Christmas Raffle Draw.



Christmas Event and Raffle

On Thursday 27th November 2025 we will be holding a 'Wear Own Clothes Day'. Children may come to school in their own clothes for a donation of a bottle for their bottle tombola stall (wine, spirit, beer or a soft drink, unopened and in date). Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon

Mrs Truss

Mr Mark Hannon
Executive Head Teacher

Mrs Truss
Head of School