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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 2026/27 https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/2026-2027_Calendar.pdf
After School Clubs: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Clubs_-_Autumn_2026.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 2027



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 2027)

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

- Wednesday 11th November 2026 - 1:30pm
- Monday 14th December 2026 - 5.00 pm
- Thursday 7th January 2027 - 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 2027. 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.

Caring Classrooms



In response to the Laudato Si letter from the former 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.

Poppies – Supporting the Royal British Legion



These are on sale until the morning of Tuesday 17th November 2026 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.

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. Our JRSOs will soon be distributing 'Be Bright, Be Seen' reflective zip clips to all children.

Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day



We are holding an 'Odd Socks Day' on **Monday 16th 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 23rd November 2026.** Please go to https://stjosephscrayford.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ and book a slot to see your child's class teacher on either:

- Tuesday 8th December 2026 or
- Thursday 10th December 2026

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 8th December and other year groups on Thursday 10th December 2026. Please bear this in mind when booking your appointment.

PTA Children's Disco – Thursday 13th November 2026



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 MCAS. Please note tickets will not be issued as MCAS will generate a paid list for the door.

Cbeebies - Parenting tips



Cbeebies have a useful page on their website providing advice, tips and podcasts to help support parents with their child's development. Everything from understanding emotions to bedtime routines. **Click here for the link to the website**

Pick up/Drop Offs and the Church Car Park



We have been asked to remind parents that the car park next to the school does not belong to the school and parents who drop off or pick up from the cark park are inconveniencing (and are sometimes rude) to the parishioners. This is not a good example to your own children. Also we have had a number of complaints from our neighbours of parents parking across their driveways. This is unacceptable. Please leave 10 minutes extra for the school run. The no drop off/pick up rule from the car park includes parents of Smiley Ark.

Parish Christmas Mini Fete and Raffle



St Mary of the Crays Church are holding a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 21st November 2026 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.

On **Friday 13th November 2026** 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

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