



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Dear parents/carers,

We are racing towards the Summer break, with lots of activities and events for the children to look forward to throughout the term.

Celebration of the Word

This week, our children explored The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, which is an amazing mystery of our faith.

The communion song 'Bread of Life' helped our children to remember Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist and welcome Him to feed their souls with His life and love.

Mass and Celebration of the Word

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Mass in church to support Year 3. Some children can feel nervous reading in church, but we were super proud of them all. Your support at Mass also gives encouragement to the children.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Reception class Celebration of the Word on the theme of 'Peace'. The comments made by our parents show how wonderful our children are.

Today, Year 6 hosted Celebration of the Word, with the theme of 'Healing'. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended to support the children. The Celebration of the Word was extra special today as this was the last time Year 6 led this in our school. Well done Year 6 – you are all amazing!

Catholic Life in School

Year 1 – Acts of Kindness



Year 1 have been learning all about God's promise. They wanted to show kindness to staff in our school. They all wrote kind words about the staff, remembering this is what God's promise encourages us to do.

They made their own promises and displayed them on a 'Kindness Cart.' This was taken around school, where kind words and treats were shared.

Year 1

Year 1 have been working extremely hard on their phonics and reading in class. They all had a special 'job' to do with Mrs Lawton this week for their phonics screening tests. Mrs Lawton and Mrs Laws have been super proud of everyone. Well Done Year 1!

Year 4

Throughout the year, Year 4 have shown excellent dedication to developing their times tables skills. This week, their hard work culminated in successfully completing the statutory Multiplication Times Tables Check. Congratulations to Year 4, keep up the good work!

Nursery

Our Nursery children have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. The children received some caterpillars in school and watched them form into a Chrysalis and then emerge as a Butterfly. It was then time to release the butterflies. Butterfly watch has been very exciting and we were sad but proud to see them go.



Year 5 – Bikeability



Year 5 have taken part in Bikeability programme with Sunderland City Council. Lessons began in the classroom before building their skills and confidence to be able to cycle safely on the yard, and then the roads. Year 5 had a fantastic week learning how to cycle safely—an essential life skill that will stay with them forever.

Bikeability training supports wider goals around active travel, road safety, and children's health and wellbeing. By encouraging young people to adopt healthier, more sustainable ways of getting around, the programme helps set positive habits for life. Great job Year 5!

Year 6 – Nissan Visit

Raising aspirations is so important to us in school, through initiatives such as Careers Week and workshops delivered by Nissan and the Northeast Raising Aspiration Partnership. Last week, our Year 6 class were very lucky to have a workshop delivered by Nissan. These valuable lessons give pupils insight into future pathways helping them to dream big and recognise the many opportunities available to them.



Year 5 – Lego Workshop



Year 5 had a great afternoon with Niamh from NERAP taking part in a Lego engineering workshop. They were challenged to build a Lego vehicle to see which team could travel the furthest. The 'Tough Cookies Group' won the challenge – well done everyone, there were some super team building skills!

Year 2 and Year 3 – Visit to Beamish Museum

Our Year 2 and Year 3 classes had a visit to Beamish Museum. Year 2 took part in a workshop called 'All Our Childhood Toys,' where they looked at toys and games over the years and compared them to the toys and games they play now. Year 3 took part in a workshop called 'Just one Spark,' in the pit village which looked at the development of safety lamps in mines. The rain didn't spoil our day, we even managed to stop for ice cream!



Reception Class – Art Mural

Our Reception Class have been working on an art mural for their classroom.

They have been using mixed media to create their own designs and are experimenting with different colours.

We can't wait to see this on display!



A polite reminder about safe arrival at school

To help keep all our children safe, please ensure that your child walks with you on the paths when arriving at and leaving school.

We have noticed some children running along the grassed area at the front of the school building and walking along the wall. This can be dangerous and may result in accidents or injuries.

We would be grateful if parents and carers could remind children to use the designated pathways and avoid walking on walls or running across the grassed areas.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Term Dates – 2026 – 2027

The term dates for academic year 2026 – 2027 have been updated. These can be found on our website under the heading, parents and term dates. Please familiarise yourself with the dates.

Staff Shout Out

This week's staff shout out goes to Miss Robert's who has been supporting our children in their learning in school. Thank you for all of your hard work, it is very much appreciated!

What's on this Term – this is subject to change and new dates maybe added:

(Refreshments will be available in the School Hall after our Celebration of the Word)

Friday 12 th June 2026	Year 6 – Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Saturday 13 th June 2026	Year 4 – First Holy Communion Day
Friday 19 th June 2026	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Year 2 – Attending Mass in Church 10am
Thursday 25 th June 2026	Nursery and Reception Class – Hall Hill Farm Visit
Friday 26 th June 2026	Year 6 – Emmaus Village Primary Festival
Friday 26 th June 2026	Year 4 – Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Year 5 – Mass in Church 10am
Tuesday 30 th July, Wednesday 1 st July and Thursday 2 nd July	Year 6 – Transition Days to St. Robert's – Further details will follow
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	School Moving Up Day
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Year 5 – Celebration of Sport Event
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Year 3 – Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Year 1 – Attending Mass in Church 10am
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Year 4 – Big Sing – Sunderland Empire (am)
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Year 6 – End of Year Production – 5pm school hall
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Whole School Mass in Church 10am (Year 6 Leavers Mass)
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	School Sports Day – Further details to follow
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	School reports to be sent home

Keeping Children Safe

Every member of staff in school will act to keep children safe. Our designated staff who have a lead role in keeping them safe are:

Mrs E Maher – Headteacher
 Mrs F Lawton – Deputy Headteacher
 Mrs J Johnson – Senior Leader
 Mrs P Swanston – Business Manager
 Mrs R Topping – Safeguarding Link Governor