



Friday Update

17th July 2026

★ A Message from Mrs O'Donoghue ★

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to thank all of our pupils, families, staff, and governors for their support, commitment, and hard work.

This year has been bursting with memorable moments and exciting opportunities. From imaginative role play days in EYFS and magical Nativity performances to educational school trips, Forest School adventures, Bikability, swimming, reading challenges, and sporting fixtures - every term has been filled with experiences that have enriched our children's learning and created lasting memories. These opportunities, alongside their hard work in the classroom, have helped our pupils grow in confidence, kindness, resilience, and curiosity. I couldn't be prouder of all they have achieved.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment, enthusiasm, and care. Your hard work makes a lasting difference to every child in our school community.

To our Year 6 pupils and families, we wish you every success and happiness as you begin your next adventure. Be proud of all you have achieved, embrace every opportunity with confidence, and know that you will always be a valued part of our St Joseph's family.

I hope everyone enjoys a safe, restful, and happy summer break! We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year.

Attendance Award

13/07/2026 - 17/07/2026



Term Dates

Children break up for summer holidays **3.15pm Tuesday 21st July.**

We return to school **Thursday 3rd September 2026** for the new term!

School Reports

School reports have been sent home today via email. Please check your mailbox!



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Library / Reading Books

Please could you ensure that all library and class reading books are returned on Monday morning. These resources are an important part of our school reading provision, and we need them returned ready for the new school year.



Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs

Early Birds and Late Owls will continue as normal on Monday. Early Birds will also run as usual on Tuesday.

Please note: there will be NO Late Owls after school on Tuesday. Please ensure your child is collected at the end of the school day so that we can all finish on time and begin our summer holidays.

The Government is offering reduced VAT on children's meals and family activities from 25 June to 1 September 2026, plus free bus travel for 5-15-year-olds in England during August.

Sports Leader Breakfast

After a year of training, workshops and hard work. Our sports leaders and bronze ambassadors celebrated their achievements at a sports leader breakfast. They enjoyed playing some sports, being awarded their certificates and a HUGE Thank You from Mrs Keohan! Stars of sports days 2026!



Keeping Children Safe Online

AI is being used to turn ordinary photos of children into sexual abuse material.

The National Crime Agency and Internet Watch Foundation have issued new guidance to help parents make informed choices about sharing images of their children online. It covers reviewing privacy settings, revisiting consent with your child as they grow, and what to do if you're worried.

We encourage you to read the guidance:

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>