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Newsletter: Friday 11th September 2026

A prayer for welcoming back to school

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for a new school year and a fresh start. We welcome back every student, teacher, and staff member into your care today. Watch over our children as they walk through the school doors. Keep them safe from harm and calm their anxious hearts. Open their minds to learn new things. Give them the focus they need for their studies and the joy of discovery. Fill their hearts with kindness. Help them to be good friends, to include others, and to show respect to everyone they meet. Bless our teachers and school leaders. Give them extra patience, strength, and wisdom as they guide and inspire our kids. Remind us all that you are walking beside us in every hallway and classroom. In your peace and love, we pray.

Amen

School Values



Our School Values are:

Stewardship; respect; curiosity; forgiveness; love and resilience.

This term we are focussing on Stewardship

If your children show stewardship at home, please send in photos and what they have done to THarvey@sjt.thedcet.com and we will share this in our Celebration Assemblies on Fridays and pop them in the newsletter.

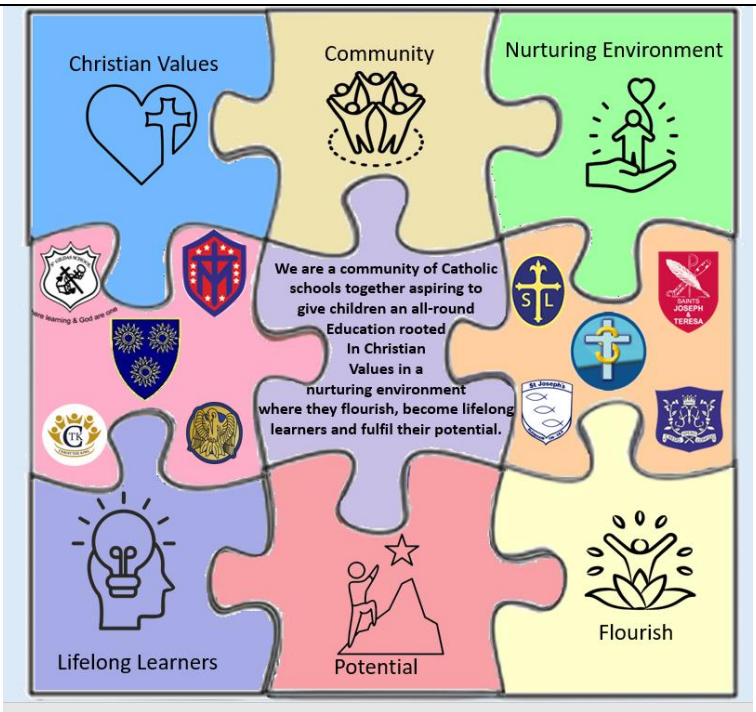
I look forward to hearing from you sharing how great your children are at showing stewardship at home.

DCET Trust's vision for their schools

Please see the below for the DCET Trust's vision for their schools.

You will notice the vision in the middle of the jigsaw. We have then taken the key words that we believe will have the biggest impact on our pupils from the vision.

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Wall of Fame Board

Our new and improved achievement board is up - please don't forget to share your children's achievements with us, we love seeing their out-of-school achievements.

Thank you, Miss Mckinley.



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Key Dates for this month

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September	
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Wednesday 30th September	Malala Class Mass 2.15pm

Welcome Back and Thank You!

Welcome back to families who have been with us for a little while. Welcome to all our new families, we hope you will be very happy at St Joseph & St Teresa's.

I would like to say thank you! We have adapted our school timings slightly and we have noticed a huge improvement in pupils' attendance already with hardly and children arriving late. Keep up the great work, it makes such a difference to the pupils having them in on time and then they don't feel flustered walking into a busy classroom.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

We send our best wishes to all of the school community. May you have a blessed weekend. Fingers crossed the sun might shine!

Important notice for Wraparound

To support our safeguarding procedures. All school gates, including the staff car park near the hive will be locked from half past 3. When you are coming to pick up pupils from Wraparound care after school, please contact the school on **01749 440239** to let the staff know you are there and they will let you in.

Also, if you are running late, please also use the above number to let wraparound staff know.

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Events that have taken place this week or previously:

Welcome back Mass

We had a lovely Mass on Wednesday. Thank you to our readers and our servers for helping Father Tony deliver a lovely Mass.

Well done to our Reception Pupils

Well done to our Reception pupils who have completed their full first week in school. They are settling beautifully, we are very proud of them.

Well done to the whole school

Well done to the whole school for coming back, settling into school routines really well and giving their learning a 'good go', thank you!

Great Learning

Great learning has taken place in all classes this week – please see our Facebook and Instagram account!

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576247230425

instagram.com/sjt.stt.

Changes to Free School Meals

Changes To Free School Meals - Starting in **September 2026**, Free School Meals (FSM) is changing so that more children will be eligible in households receiving Universal Credit. There will be 2 types of eligibility:
Targeted FSM: Households earning £7,400 or less annually (which also qualifies students for additional Pupil Premium funding).
Expanded FSM: Households earning more than £7,400 but still receiving Universal Credit.
We will be emailing a letter at the beginning of August explaining the changes and how to apply if you think you are eligible. If you have any questions , please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Events to look forward to:

Malala Class Mass

Just a reminder that Malala's class mass will take place on Wednesday 30th September at

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2.15pm in Malala Class. All Malala families welcome!



Parish News

Please see attached this week's newsletter.

Please see below link to access the Wednesday Word

https://www.stjosephandstteresa.co.uk/wednesday-word/

Celebration

This term we are focussing on the value stewardship

This week we gave certificates for children who are following any of our school values and for following the school rules.

Congratulations to those pupils who have received certificates today.

Nightingale

Well done to Miguel for modelling excellent stewardship during her first week at school. She has settled into school life incredibly well and has shown great care and respect for all the toys and equipment in Nightingale Class. What a fantastic start!

Well done to Leo for settling into school life so wonderfully! He is always ready to learn on the carpet and is a fantastic role model for sitting quietly, calmly and respectfully. Leo listens carefully during carpet sessions and confidently shares his ideas, showing that he is engaged and eager to learn. Keep up the great work, Leo!

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Einstein

Well done to Henry Z for showing respect towards adults by listening carefully. We have been very impressed with the way that Henry has followed instructions, showed kindness and consideration of others and tidied away carefully after activities. A great start to Year 1 Henry!

Well done to Florence for following our school rules so well during her first week in Year 1! Florence has been a great role model to the younger children when playing in our outside learning area and shows that she is ready, safe and respectful to all members of our school community. Great work Florence!

Shakespeare

Congratulations to Violet for showing great resilience this week when settling into her new class. Even when things have been tricky, she has overcome them by chatting confidently to her new teachers. Furthermore, Violet has worked beautifully with her partner and has come into class every day with a lovely smile on her face.
Well done Violet!

Congratulations to Levi for showing great respect and kindness to your reading partner. You are the perfect reading partner as you: use your finger to help your partner follow, gently support them with tricky words and show patience and encouragement. Well done Levi. Please keep it up!

Rosa Parks

Lily has shown wonderful stewardship this week. She has taken great care of the classroom, resources and people around her. She has made the classroom a wonderful place. What a great start to the year! Well done Lily.

Zach has followed all the class expectations without missing a step. He has been safe, ready and respectful to everyone around him. He has been a fantastic role model and made his first week in Rosa Parks a really positive one. Well done!

Malala

Congratulations to Theo for showing the value of 'respect' this week. I have been thrilled with Theo's start to the year in Malala class. He has been kind, helpful and above all, respectful of adults and children in the class. His behaviour and attitude is consistent with our values and I look forward to working with him this year. Well done.

Congratulations to Joseph for being ready, safe and respectful, thereby demonstrating our

school rules at all times this week. He has taken on responsibilities of helping with the playtime equipment, but most importantly, he has modelled exceptional behaviour and a perfect work ethic to the new children in the class, which was noticed by both Mrs Nurse and I at various points this week. Well done!

HOUSE POINTS:

Through receiving class dojo's in school, we are working towards whole school house points! Well done everyone for contributing towards good behaviour!

3rd Yellow [185]
2nd Blue [195]
1st Red [221]

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October	
Friday 2nd October	School Photos
Wednesday 7th October	Rosa Parks Class Mass 2.15pm
Mon 12th October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 14th October	10am Mass Flu vaccinations
Thursday 15th October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st October	Malala Class Assembly 2.45pm
Week beginning 26th October	HALF TERM
November	
Monday 2nd November	Back in school
5th – 11th November	Book Fair
Wednesday 11th November	10am Remembrance Mass

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Week beginning 16th November	Anti-Bullying week
Wednesday 25th November	Rosa Parks Class Assembly 2.45pm
December	
Wednesday 2nd December	Shakespeare Class Liturgy 2.30pm
Tues 8th and Thurs 10th December	KS1 nativity to parents 1.30pm
Weds 16th December	Advent Mass 10am
Week beginning 21st December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
January	
Monday 4th January	Trust INSET day
Wednesday 6th January	Epiphany Mass 10am
Thursday 14th & 15th January	Bikeability Group 1
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd January	Bikeability Group 2
Wednesday 27th January	Shakespeare Class Assembly 2.45pm
February	
Week beginning 1st February	National storytelling week Children's mental health week
Wednesday 3rd February	Einstein Class Liturgy 2.30
Tuesday 9th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 10th February	Ash Wednesday Mass 10am
Week beginning 15th February	HALF TERM
March	
Week beginning 1st March	National Careers Week
Thursday 4th March	World Book day
Week beginning 8th March	Science Week
Wednesday 17th March	Einstein Class Assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 24th March	Nightingale Class Liturgy 2.30pm
Thursday 25th March	Last Supper Mass 2pm Reports to Parents
Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April	Easter Holidays
April	
Wednesday 14th April	He is risen Mass 10am
May	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 6th May	Ascension Mass 10am
Week beginning 10th May	Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 19th May	Nightingale Class Assembly 2.45pm
Weds 26th May	Crowning of Mary 2.30pm
Friday 28th May	TRUST INSET DAY
Week beginning 31st May	HALF TERM
June	

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Tuesday 15th June	Leavers Mass Clifton Cathedral
Friday 25th June	INSET day
Wednesday 30th June	10am Peter and Paul Mass
July	
Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th July	Parents Evening
Thursday 15th July	Year Six play 6pm
Thursday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 10am Y6 Graduation ceremony 2.30pm
Friday 23rd July	INSET DAY
Monday 26th	Summer Holidays