Saint Joseph & Saint Teresa
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together we live, learn, love'

Thursday 3rd September 2026

re: Welcome Back

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely summer break.

Welcome to our new reception pupils and their families, as well as new families that have joined us further up the school, we hope you will all be very happy at St Joseph & St Teresa's.

I am delighted to share that we have had some work completed over the summer holidays. The whole school has been redecorated and carpets have been cleaned.

Due to the Trust giving us some money, we have been able to have the canopy extended in the EYFS & KS1 area as well as having a climbing equipment added to the EYFS & KS1 area to support with gross motor control skills.





Our PTFA have been amazing over the summer. They have completed a tidy in the outside area; they have potted plants in the planters given to us in the summer by last year's year 6 families; they have brought a shed for the playground with resources; as well as buying so much equipment for the EYFS & KS1 area and putting all of the resources out ready for the children for tomorrow. Hopefully you will have seen the work they have done on our PTFA Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjosparentspage?locale=en_GB

Thank you so much for everything they have done!

A couple of reminders:

- The School day – PLEASE NOTE SOME CHANGES TO TIMES!

The school day starts at 8.40am. Pupils can be dropped off at 8.30am where a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be outside. However, please be advised school are not responsible for your child being left unattended from 8.30am. The bell will go at 8.40am and pupils will walk independently into school. Years 1-6 will come through the doors on the playground on the ramp, Reception pupils will go in through the black gate in the wall.

Please can I ask that you remind your child that they are not to play football on the green, four square or basketball on the playground before school.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm and your child will be brought out onto the school playground by their class teachers. Please can I remind you that the pupils need to let their teachers know when someone is there to collect them, they are not to just run off.

If your child is being picked up by someone else at short notice, please can you ring and let the office know. Do not email teachers, as when they are teaching they cannot access the school emails.

If you know in advance your child is being picked up by someone else, please do let your class teachers know.

There are to be no ball games at the end of the school day please.

- ***Attendance***

Please click on the link below to read the Attendance policy, to see what absences will be authorised or not.

https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-joseph-and-st-teresa/UploadedDocument/aa394e98-a111-4fdb-9810-aa6bc6c50809/attendance-policy-july-2024.pdf

Please note below timings, so that you will know if your child is being marked as late.

8.40am bell rings

8.45am the door and the gate to the playground shuts. If your child comes after 8.45am they will, have to go through the door by the office.

The register for the first session will be taken at 8.50am and will be kept open until 9am as stated in the Attendance Policy.

A pupil who arrives late:

- Before the register has closed will be marked as late, using the appropriate code (if you come in after 8.45am)
- After the register has closed will be marked as absent, using the appropriate code (after 9am)

For those pupils who are consistently late to school, a letter will be sent out to parents inviting them in for a meeting to discuss why their child is consistently late. If needed an action plan will be put into place and a review meeting will be arranged. If after this has taken place and pupils are still consistently late, the Head Teacher will take advice from Somerset Council and a meeting will be arranged with the parents and the Council regarding their child's lateness to school.

If you need to request an absence for your child, click on the link below to fill in the absence form and please send to Teresa Harvey at THarvey@sjt.thedcet.com

https://st-joseph-and-st-teresa.secure-primarysite.net/attendance/

- ***Play Equipment on the Field***

Please remind your child that they are not allowed onto the school field before school or after school to play on the play equipment as there will be no member of staff to supervise.

- ***Breakfast Club and After School Club***

If you would like to book in for breakfast club / after school club, please do so through the Bromcom app and pay as you book.

- **School Lunches**

If you would like for your child to have a school lunch, please book through the Bromcom app. Years 3-6 parents need to ensure you pay as you book.

- ***School Uniform***

If you are unsure of what the expectations are for school uniform, please click on the link below:

https://www.stjosephandstteresa.co.uk/school-uniform/

Please can I also ask that girls and boys with shoulder length hair or longer have it tied back.

Girls and boys should only wear stud earrings and no other jewellery other than a watch in school. If your child is wearing a smart watch, please ensure it is not one that can take photos or send messages.

Please ensure pupils are not wearing nail varnish to school.

- ***Class Teachers***

If you have a query or a concern and if it isn't urgent, please email your class teachers and arrange to make an appointment with them.

If it is an urgent concern to be discussed, once the pupils have been dismissed at the end of the school day, please approach to speak to your teacher then.

Class Teachers are always your first port of call if you have a concern at school. If you have discussed your concern and feel it needs to be raised further, please contact Mr Schwartz (Assistant Head) or Mrs Harvey (Head Teacher) and we will be happy to discuss it further with you.

Please allow 48 hours to receive an email response from all staff.

Email addresses for class teachers:

Class	Year Group	Class Teacher Name	Email address	Working day
Nightingale	Reception / Year 1	Ruth Thompson	RThompson@sjt.thedcet.com	Monday - Wednesday
		Anna Jones	AJones@sjt.thedcet.com	Thursday, Friday
Einstein	Year 1 / Year 2	Nicola Willmott	NWillmott@sjt.thedcet.com	Monday – Thursday
		Jo Wood	JWood@sjt.thedcet.com	Friday
Shakespeare	Year 2 / Year 3	Jo Wood (whilst Mrs Bomani is on maternity leave)	JWood@sjt.thedcet.com	Monday & Tuesday
		Tiff Garstang	TGarstang@sjt.thedcet.com	Wednesday – Friday
Rosa Parks	Year 4 / Year 5	Luke Justin	LJustin@sjt.thedcet.com	Monday – Friday
Malala	Year 5 / Year 6	Jon Schwartz	JSchwartz@sj.thedcet.com	Monday - Friday

- ***SEND***

If your child needs any SEND support, your class teacher is always your first port of call. However, if you need to speak to the school SENCO: Jess Burgess is our SENCO. Her working days are Thursday and Friday.

Her contact details are:

JBurgess@sjt.thedcet.com

- ***Parents Evening***

As you look at the term dates for this academic year, you will notice parents evening dates have changed.

We will have parents evening in October.

School reports will come out at Easter

Then we will finish the school year in July with a parents evening so that we can discuss the progress your child has made since receiving their school report at Easter.

- ***Newsletters***

Newsletters come out via email on a Friday and will be put on the website. At the end of each newsletter will be an overview of key dates for the year. There will be NO newsletter this week, I will start sending them out from next week.

- ***Masses***

Parents are welcome to attend any of the masses that we celebrate with the parish at St Joseph & St Teresa's Church. Please find attached with this letter a list of the dates of Masses and class assemblies for the year.

- ***Class assemblies***

Please look on the key dates for the year for when your child's class assembly is taking place. We look forward to welcoming you to their assembly.

- ***Class Sharing Opportunities***

During the school year, there will be two opportunities for you to come into school for the pupils to share their learning with you. Dates to follow.

- ***Parent Workshop***

There will be parental workshops offered throughout the year. We hope that you will come and join us for them so that you can support your child at home.

- ***Anti-bullying policy***

I am looking at updating my anti-bullying policy and would be interested in organising a workshop of parents to support with this. I would be looking for about 10 parents to be involved in this. If you are interested, please contact me at THarvey@sjt.thedcet.com

- ***Facebook and Instagram account***

Please click on the links below to follow us on our Facebook and Instagram accounts

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

instagram.com/sjt.stt

Please click on the link below to access the PTFA Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjosparentspage?locale=en_GB

If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to contact me and I look forward to seeing you all back in school tomorrow – Friday 4th September.

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Harvey

Head Teacher

THarvey@sjt.thedcet.com

Dates for 2026-2027

Date	Event
September	
Thursday 3rd September	Staff Training – INSET day
Friday 4th September	All children in
Mon 7th September	RE Teaching to begin
Weds 9th September	Beginning of year mass 10am
Wednesday 30th September	Malala Class Mass 2.15pm
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
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	
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

Please see below for INSET Dates and holiday dates

DCET Terms and Holidays
2026/2027 Academic Year



September 2026						
M			7	14	21	28
T		1	8	15	22	29
W		2	9	16	23	30
Th		3	10	17	24	
F		4	11	18	25	
Sa		5	12	19	26	
Su		6	13	20	27	

October 2026						
Mo			5	12	19	26
Tu			6	13	20	27
We			7	14	21	28
Th		1	8	15	22	29
Fr		2	9	16	23	30
Sa		3	10	17	24	31
Su		4	11	18	25	

November 2026						
M		2	9	16	23	30
T		3	10	17	24	
W		4	11	18	25	
Th		5	12	19	26	
F		6	13	20	27	
S		7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2026						
M			7	14	21	28
Tu		1	8	15	22	29
W		2	9	16	23	30
Th		3	10	17	24	31
F		4	11	18	25	
Sa		5	12	19	26	
Su		6	13	20	27	

January 2027						
M			4	11	18	25
Tu			5	12	19	26
W			6	13	20	27
Th			7	14	21	28
F		1	8	15	22	29
Sa		2	9	16	23	30
Su		3	10	17	24	31

February 2027						
M			1	8	15	22
Tu			2	9	16	23
W			3	10	17	24
Th			4	11	18	25
F			5	12	19	26
Sa			6	13	20	27
Su			7	14	21	28

March 2027						
M		1	8	15	22	29
Tu		2	9	16	23	30
W		3	10	17	24	31
Th		4	11	18	25	
F		5	12	19	26	
Sa		6	13	20	27	
Su		7	14	21	28	

April 2027						
M			5	12	19	26
Tu			6	13	20	27
W			7	14	21	28
Th		1	8	15	22	29
F		2	9	16	23	30
Sa		3	10	17	24	
Su		4	11	18	25	

May 2027						
M		3	10	17	24	31
Tu		4	11	18	25	
W		5	12	19	26	
Th		6	13	20	27	
F		7	14	21	28	
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su	2	9	16	23	30	

June 2027						
M			7	14	21	28
Tu		1	8	15	22	29
W		2	9	16	23	30
Th		3	10	17	24	
F		4	11	18	25	
Sa		5	12	19	26	
Su		6	13	20	27	

July 2027						
M			5	12	19	26
Tu			6	13	20	27
W			7	14	21	28
Th		1	8	15	22	29
F		2	9	16	23	30
Sa		3	10	17	24	31
Su		4	11	18	25	

August 2027						
M		2	9	16	23	30
Tu		3	10	17	24	31
W		4	11	18	25	
Th		5	12	19	26	
F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su	1	8	15	22	29	

Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary

Term 1	3 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days)
Holiday 1	23 October – 1 November
Term 2	2 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days)
Holiday 2	21 December – 3 January
Term 3	4 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days)
Holiday 3	13 February – 21 February
Term 4	22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days)
Holiday 4	26 March – 11 April
Term 5	12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days)
Holiday 5	29 May – 6 June
Term 6	07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days)

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