

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the start of the new academic year! We hope you and your families have had a good summer break. It has been wonderful to welcome our pupils back to school this September and also to meet our new joiners in both Early Years and across the school. This term we are also welcoming some new staff to St Joseph's and wish them - and everyone who is joining us - a very happy start to the term!

Mrs

Family Workers:

For those who may be new to the school, Mrs. Teresa Naughton, Mrs. Clair Griffin and Mrs. Maria Naughton are our Family Workers here at St. Joseph's. They are a huge asset to the school community, playing a valuable role for pupils, parents, carers and staff. They are available during the school day to help you, so should you wish to contact them you will find them on the playground before or after school, or please call the main school number 01582 572964.

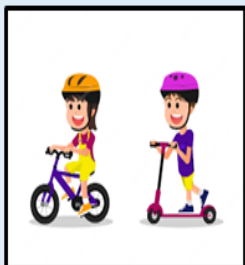
Contact Details:

At the start of the new year, we ask you to ensure your contact details including phone numbers, home addresses and emails are correct and regularly updated. This is essential in the event of an emergency. Please do also let the school know if there are any changes to any medical or dietary conditions relating to your child so we can update our records. Thank you.



Bikes and Scooters:

Please can we remind everyone that when on school grounds, bicycles and scooters should be pushed and not ridden. We ask this to ensure the safety of all our pupils and their families. Please note school also has scooters as part of OPAL play initiative and therefore any scooters left on the premises during the school day need to be locked up in the KS2 playground near Blundell Road. Alternatively, the scooters should be taken home after drop off.



Eat Well Guide:

The Eat-Well guide shows how much of what we eat overall should come from each food group to achieve a healthy, balanced diet.



You do not need to achieve this balance with every meal, but try to get the balance right over a day or even a week.

To learn more, you can find your guide [here](#)

Lets Get Cooking:

Thai Green Curry



Beyond its homeland, Thai cuisine has boomed in recent decades. The UK's first Thai restaurant, Bangkok on Bute Street, opened in Kensington, London, in 1967; today, the nation is home to over 2,000 Thai-owned restaurants.

Please send a review and any photos to familyworkers@stjosephs.primaryluton.co.uk

Find your recipe [here](#)

Pilgrims of Hope:

Pope Francis previously announced that the Jubilee Year would be named 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We continue to remind the children that it is a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, a new global debt crisis and the climate crisis. **Sunday 05 October** is Education Sunday and we invite all children attending mass on that day to wear their school uniform in their parishes.

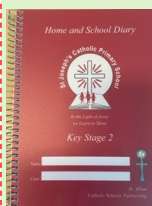


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Home and School Diary:



The children have received their Home and School Diary; this includes the Home and School Agreement, key dates, learning prompts and much more. The diary is for the children to record specific tasks or prompts regarding their learning, equipment they may need for activities in school or important class notices such as dates. Any communication or messages regarding absence, appointments or additional information must be written in a separate letter to the class teacher or by telephone through the main School Office. Parents and carers need to ensure that they read and sign their child's diary at the end of each week. Please note if diaries are lost or damaged there is a £2.53 (KS1) or £2.63 (KS2) replacement charge.

PLAYtarium:

We are pleased to advise parents that PLAYtarium which is based on our school site offer wrap around care between 7.45am and 6pm.

Due to limited spaces, bookings must be requested in advance and will be allocated to parents with the highest childcare needs.



Staffing update:

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the following members of staff who have joined St Joseph's this year:

Teachers—Miss Hanson

Behaviour Support Assistant—Mrs. Armitage

Teaching Assistants—Mrs. McGee

We also want to share the wonderful news that Miss Edwards gave birth to a beautiful boy in July. Congratulations to Miss Edwards, her partner Dean, and daughter Harper on the birth of Arlo.



ParentMail:

If you are not already signed up to ParentMail, we ask that you download the app on your mobile phone and/or tablet. This will help you keep in touch with the school for all the latest communication including booking your appointments for the parent consultations meetings. Please read all the ParentMails as this is our main form of communication and we do not want parents/carers to miss out on important updates.



It is vital parents who have changed their details, log into their account to make any changes under 'Settings' then 'Personal Details'.

If you have any difficulty with signing up to ParentMail, please speak to the school office and they will be able to assist you.



Welcome to Early Years



Welcome Back Year 1 and Year 2



PIC•COLLAGE

Year 3



Year 5



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School Parking:

At the start of the new academic year I would like to remind all parents about parking during drop off and pick up from school. I appreciate that parking is difficult but I would ask anyone driving by car to be considerate of the local residents and other parents.

Do not park across private driveways or dropped curbs and avoid confrontation with residents and staff, this is not the type of conduct we expect or promote as role models to our children.

Road Traffic Enforcement will continue to carry out spot checks at both school entrances to help monitor and improve parking congestion at peak times – before and after school.



LORETO COLLEGE

Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 3RQ

OPEN EVENING SECONDARY TRANSFER 2026

The Open Evening for prospective pupils applying to Loreto College for September 2026 will take place on:

TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2025
4.00pm to 7.00pm

Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road.
Guided tours will be organised from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.
Mrs Lucy Thompson, Headteacher, will address parents at 4.15pm, 5.15pm, and 6.15pm.

The school achieved Grade 1 (Outstanding) in its most recent Ofsted Inspection (October 2024).

Tours during the school day will take place between 6th October 2025 to 17th October 2025 (by appointment only).
Appointments can be made from 1st October 2025 onwards by calling 01727 856206.

Please note that there are no parking facilities available at the school, and that parking locally is restricted.
Public car parks are located nearby at the Civic Centre (Upper Marlborough Road) and at The Maltings (Victoria Street)

TUI volunteers:

We were very fortunate that TUI chose our school to be part of their volunteering programme.

On Wednesday 24 September 25 volunteers arrived and completed a range of projects around the school. The main focus was the garden area, the trim trails and the learning huts at KS1. They did an amazing job and we are very grateful for all their work. This has brightened up and refreshed these areas.



Mobile Phones:

Please can we ask parents to ensure children **do not** bring in mobile phones to school; this is against school policy even if children are travelling independently to and from school, as we feel it puts them at risk. If children are found to have one in school, these will be taken away and parents contacted. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

