Newsletter Autumn 1

4th September 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Wesham

Newsletter

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

A warm welcome back after the Summer break to all our families.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful first day back at St Joseph's it was yesterday, it was a joy to welcome the children back into school. They came through the doors full of enthusiasm, excitement and smiles, and it was wonderful to see them settling back into school so happily.

It was lovely to see all of our children looking so smart and ready for the new school year. Thank you to all our parents and families for your support with uniform, it really does make such a difference.

Just a gentle reminder that earrings are not permitted to be worn in school. Please ensure these are removed before children come into school each day. This policy is being adopted across many of our academy trust schools and is in line with St Bede's uniform policy. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Our pre-loved uniform stand is now available in the reception area. We have lots more pre-loved uniform available in school, so if you can't see what you need, please just pop into the office and ask, we will be very happy to help.

We gathered together for our first Celebration of the Word of the new school year. We spent some time reflecting on our school mission statement and thinking about what it means to be a '*St Joseph's child*', how we can show God's love in all that we think, say and do. This week, we listened to a passage from Matthew's Gospel where Jesus reminds us that "where two or three gather in my name, I am there with them." We reflected on how this means that when we come together with love, kindness and faith, Jesus is present among us, guiding and supporting us as a community.

On Wednesday at 3.30pm there will be the opportunity to come into school for our *'Meet the Teacher'* session. This is an informal session where you can drop in and ask any questions you have about the year ahead.

It has been a lovely start to our new school year, and we are so excited for all that lies ahead.

Have a restful weekend, Mrs Wyke.

Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 10th September: School Photographer in (full school uniform required)
- Tuesday 15th September: PTFA meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 16th September: Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
- Wednesday 14th October: Castlerigg Residential
- Wednesday 21st October: Parents Afternoon/ Evening 2.30-6.30pm

Forthcoming PTFA Events for your Diary!

- First PTFA meeting of the year: Tuesday 15th September (6pm in school) Please come along if you can!

Support Us While You Shop

We are pleased to share that our school has joined **Easy Fundraising** — a simple and completely free way to raise money for the school while you shop online. Donations are made by retailers, not by you.

👉 Join here: https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stjosephcpswesham/YE14TF/c2s/AEWwwwVJ/CE058/facebook/

If you are able, please consider supporting our PTFA by signing up to the Parents Lottery

St Joseph's RC Primary Wesham - theparentslottery.org

The Parents Lottery is a simple yet powerful way for parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours to come together and invest in the future of our children. Your weekly ticket funds essential resources, from stocking the library with the latest titles to providing vital classroom technology and supporting a wide range of extracurricular activities.

www.theparentslottery.org

PE Days, PE Kit & Forest School

We would like to remind parents that, as part of our agreed school uniform policy, children must bring their PE trouser bottoms to school every day. This has been an established part of our uniform for many years and supports children's comfort, modesty, and safety.

When PE shorts are worn, they must be navy or dark blue, loose-fitting shorts. This is important to ensure children's modesty and to maintain a consistent and appropriate appearance, particularly when children are representing the school out and about.

Forest School

Children in Dahl, Rowling and Morpurgo will be starting Forest School sessions with Mrs Ashton on a weekly rotation. Mrs Ashton will send out reminders before your child's session. Rowling class will have their first session this Wednesday (9th September). Children need to bring their forest school clothes in a bag, this must include a long sleeve top and trousers, suitable footwear and weather appropriate coat. Children will not be permitted to take part in Forest School without appropriate clothing.

PE Days this half term

Donaldson Class & Little Joeys: Monday & Wednesday

Dahl Class: Monday & Thursday (swimming)

Rowling Class: Monday & Thursday

Morpurgo Class: Wednesday & Friday