



Weekly Parent Update - Summer Week 6

Dear Parents,



We looked ahead to the celebration of Pentecost during our worship in school this week. We heard again how the Holy Spirit emboldened the disciples to spread the Good News and transform the face of the earth. Embracing the international heritage of our Catholic family is a hallmark of our school and parish community here at St Joseph's - come and join the St Mary's international Pentecost Mass at 11:15am this Sunday, with a buffet from across the globe to follow!

St Kolbe's Class taught us all about the role of the Holy Spirit in promoting justice - the virtue of upholding the rights and consequences of living in community - during their beautiful class assembly this morning. You can read all about it on the [Headteacher's Blog](#).

I am sorry that I haven't seen much of you all recently - I am regularly attending appointments in London for my eye and, when I am in school, I am unable to see comfortably outside at the moment. If you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to reach out: head@stjosephsguildford.com. Thank you for your patience, prayers and understanding.

Wishing you a very happy half term break - God bless,
Mr Collins

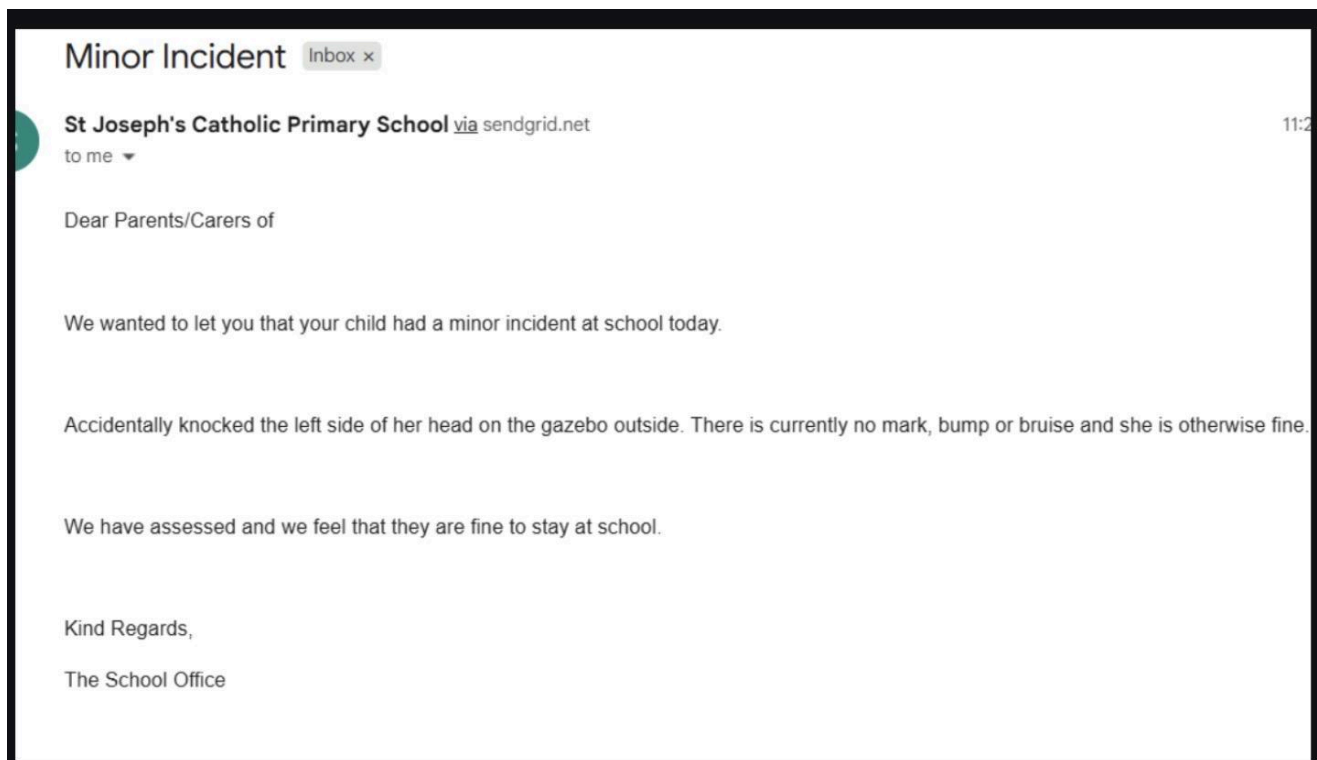
Leadership Updates



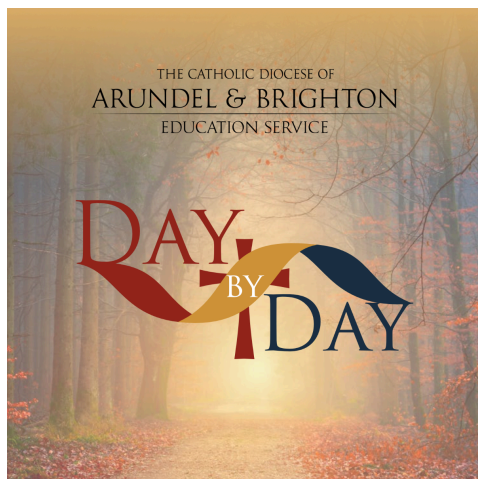
We are pleased to confirm that, on her return from maternity leave in September 2026, Mrs Birtles will assume the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher at St Joseph's. Mrs Birtles is very well known across our community for her commitment and service in achieving the highest standards of education. We are excited to see her return! Mrs Birtles will continue to be ably supported by our Assistant Heads - Mrs Evans and Mrs Trimmer - and we are also delighted to share that Mrs Hua's secondment to St Joseph's will continue next year (albeit reduced to 1 day per week) with a continued focus on school attendance and punctuality. Our heartfelt thanks for everything she continues to achieve for the children of our school.

Medical Tracker Process Change from 1st June

From Monday 1st June, we will no longer be using Medical Tracker to log and send injuries/head bumps at school. All communication will be sent via Arbor (the Xavier information management system). Email notifications will appear from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, so please do not delete or think it is spam. Notifications will look like this:



An R.E plea for help!



As part of our Year 4's 'Dialogue and Encounter' RE branch, we would love to have a visitor in from a different Catholic Rite so that the children can hear about how they may have different traditions but are still part of the Catholic family.

This could be a member of the Byzantine Rite, Alexanderian Rite, Armenian Rite, Chaldean Rite or the Antiochene Rite. If this is you, and you'd be willing to talk to Year 4 about how your traditions might differ from the Roman Rite, then we would be so appreciative if you would be able to join us! An afternoon in the week commencing 15th June would be all you would be needed for to make a real difference to our students' learning. If you would be able and willing to offer this service to our community, please contact Mrs Dollner. rdollner@stjosephsguildford.com

Attendance Matters



Regular attendance helps children to:

- Feel confident, settled and connected to school routines
- Maintain continuity in learning without gaps forming over time
- Benefit from daily encouragement, support and safeguarding from trusted adults

Our aspiration is for every pupil to achieve **at least 96%** attendance across the academic year.

- Year R - 95.69% - Almost there!
- Year 1 - 95.21% - Almost there!
- Year 2 - 96.64% 🌟
- Year 3 - 96.61% 🌟
- Year 4 - 96.69% 🌟
- Year 5 - 96.34% 🌟
- Year 6 - 94.58%

New Year R - 5 Coffee Morning - Transition

Coffee Morning - 5th June

Reception to Year 5 managing class transition

Parents of children with additional needs are invited to join us to find out how you can support your child's transition to their next class.

9am to 10am, tea and coffee from 8:45
The Old Hall

Please confirm if you are attending so we know numbers:

rsewell@stjosephsguildford.com or jtrimmer@stjosephsguildford.com

Upcoming Diary Dates

Monday 1st June

Year 4 National Multiplications Table Check Begins

Wednesday 3rd June

New Parents' Evening - 7:30pm

Friday 5th June

2R Swimming

2S's Class Assembly - 10:10am

Monday 8th June

Year 1 National Phonic Screening Check Begins

Friday 12th June

2R Swimming

Parent Prayer Group - 9:00am - All are welcome!

RO's Class Assembly - 10:10am