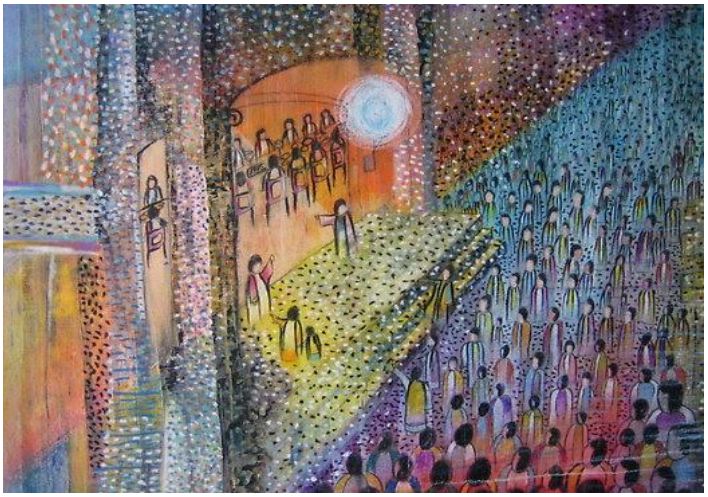
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Guildford
The Way, The Truth, The Life

Friday 9th October 2026

Weekly Parent Update - Autumn Week 6

Dear Parents,



In Celebration of the Word this week, we heard the parable of the wedding feast (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). After the king invites friends and family to attend his son's wedding feast, he is dismayed to discover they don't respond. Instead, he sends messengers out to gather the crowds from far and wide, "Invite everyone, good and bad alike." We learn that all are welcome in God's Kingdom…but we need to respond to the invitation!

Linking to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Human Dignity, we have encouraged children this week to be mindful that we are all children of God, all known, loved and invited to respond to his invitation. 6P taught us all about how we promote the value of human dignity in their brilliant class worship this morning. You can read all about it on the Headteacher's Blog.

Wishing you every blessing this weekend,
Mr Collins

Governors on Gates



As part of our evolving local governance structure, our school governing team will be increasingly more visible around the school. They are looking forward to their first morning on the school gates on **Friday 16th October from 8:30am and will be happy to engage in conversation with you about any "hot topics" on your minds**. School Governors are not operational but will be eager to look for trends and themes in parent feedback to inform school development priorities.

Family Worship



We are excited to see the return of our Family Worship sessions this year! These will be short sessions throughout the year, after school, to share faith, fellowship and food with our community. The first session will be on **Thursday 15th October**, straight after school. We will share some of the worship songs the children really enjoy, listen to God's word and spend a few moments in prayer together. The session will last approximately 30mins. Come and join us!

Celebrating Language & Heritage

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As part of our focus this year on increasing the visibility of the many languages and heritages represented at St Joseph's, we are celebrating a language focus each term with the children. For Autumn 2026 we are introducing our children to Malayalam! - Malayalam (മലയാളം) is a language spoken mainly in Kerala, a state in the south-west of India. It is spoken by more than 35 million people worldwide and is known for its beautiful script and rich literary tradition. Here is a link to a poster you might like to share at home.

Attendance Reminders



Punctuality Matters

All pupils should be in school promptly:

- **8:35am for Infants**
- **8:45am for Juniors**

Any pupil arriving after these times may be marked as late. Consistent punctuality helps children settle into their learning, establish positive routines and avoid missing important parts of the school day.
Being in school every day is important, but arriving on time matters too.

The school day begins promptly, and valuable learning takes place from the moment the children arrive. Late arrivals can mean children miss important instructions, morning routines and opportunities to settle positively into the day. Developing good habits around punctuality helps children feel confident, prepared and ready to learn.

Thank you for supporting your child to arrive at school on time every day. Should you need any support or guidance regarding your child's attendance, please speak with Mrs Hua or a member of the Headship team, who will be happy to help.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations



We will be visiting your school on Wednesday 18th (Infants) & Thursday 19th (Juniors) November 2025 to deliver flu vaccinations via nasal spray.

Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on Wednesday 12th November 2025 by visiting:

- www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk and entering your school's unique code SR131112
- If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine, then please fill in the 'No' box.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th October
School Tour - 9:15am - call 01483 888401 to book your place
Thursday 15th October
Family Worship - 3:13pm in the Studio Hall
Parents' Evening - 5:00 - 8:00pm
Friday 16th October
6G's Class Assembly - 10:10am
5L Swimming

Tuesday 20th October
Parents' Evening - 4:00 - 7:00pm
Thursday 22nd October
PFSA Bend the Rules Day
School Tour - 9:15am - call 01483 888401 to book your place
End of Half Term - normal end of day routines