



### Weekly Parent Update - Summer Week 1

Dear Parents,



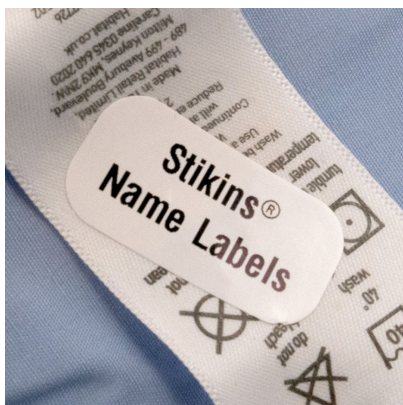
Welcome back to school and Happy Easter! We continue to celebrate the joy and new life of this season as we head towards the great feast of Pentecost, 50 days after Easter. Reception led us in a vibrant worship today, to mark this central time in the Church's liturgical year. You can read all about it on the [Headteacher's Blog](#).

In Celebration of the Word this week, we read the fascinating account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Unbeknownst to them, Jesus comes and walks alongside them, speaking with them and encouraging them but they don't understand. It is only when they sit down to eat that they recognise him in the breaking of bread and the truth of the resurrection becomes a reality in their lives too. They run all the way back to Jerusalem to tell their friends!

We have been reflecting this week on the Gift of the Spirit - Understanding - that allows us to see and engage with God's work in the world. It can be hard when we don't understand something, just like the disciples, but with patience and perseverance we may find that God reveals to us what we can't see by ourselves. Children have explained this week how, sometimes in class, they need to keep practising and keep seeing examples before they really understand how to apply a new skill but the reward of understanding is renewed confidence, which feels great!

Wishing you a joyful weekend - God bless,  
Mr Collins

### Lost Property



We begin the term with a literal mountain of lost property left over from before the Easter break. Please help us to help you by naming your children's belongings so we can return as much of it as possible. Thank you for your support.

## **Attendance & Punctuality**



**EYFS AND KS1**

**GATES OPEN AT 8:35AM**

**KS2 GATES OPEN AT 8:45AM**

We would like to warmly welcome all our families back for the summer term and thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly. Regular attendance is vital to children's wellbeing, learning and safety. Being in school every day helps children feel settled, supported and secure, and enables us to safeguard them effectively. When children attend regularly, they develop confidence, maintain strong relationships and are ready to learn.

At St Joseph's, our priority is, as always, to provide an environment where every child feels safe, valued and able to thrive. If you have any concerns regarding your child's wellbeing or attendance, please speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Sue Hua (Deputy Headteacher) or a member of our Headship. We are here to listen, support and work in partnership with you.

Please support us by avoiding term-time holidays and ensuring that your child/ren are in school on time (Infants at 8:35am and Juniors at 8:45am).

### **Coffee Morning - Secondary School Transition**

#### **Coffee Morning - Friday 22nd May 'Transition to Secondary School'**

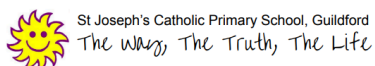
For Y6 parents of children who have additional needs,  
you are invited to come along to a  
'Transition to Secondary School'  
session led by Surrey education team.

The aim is to help families support their children with the secondary transition.

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

Our Pastoral Team have organised a visiting speaker from Surrey Education Services on **Friday 22nd May** to talk to parents about supporting children with additional needs with their transition to secondary school. Please confirm your attendance with Mrs Sewell - [rsewell@stjosephsguildford.com](mailto:rsewell@stjosephsguildford.com)

## Term Dates 2026-27 (Next Academic Year)



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### Term Dates 2026-27

<b>Autumn Term 2026</b>	
<b>INSET Day</b>	Tuesday 1st September
<b>INSET Day</b>	Wednesday 2nd September
<b>Term Begins (Years 1-6 &amp; Nursery)</b>	Thursday 3rd September
<b>Term Begins (Year R)</b>	Monday 7th September

Please be aware that term dates for next academic year are available on our [website](#). These were amended this week to reflect a change in the Xavier Schools end of academic year **2027** - now ending Friday 16th July **2027**. *There is no change to the term dates of the current academic year 2025-26.*

## School Development Fund - Please Donate



Donations to our [School Development Fund](#) help to improve the access to facilities and resources for all our children. Making a contribution will help us to achieve some of our upcoming dreams for the children of St Joseph's:

- Revitalised Early Years environments (*work started before Easter!*)
- Upgraded Infant Playground equipment (*in the pipeline for Summer Term*)
- A Junior Library rebuild (*our dream!*)

Thank you for investing in the future of our community!

## Upcoming Diary Dates

### **Tuesday 21st April**

Infant Peter Pan Workshops

### **Wednesday 22nd April**

Infant Peter Pan Workshops

4C to Woking Lightbox

[St Peter's Online Safety for Parent - 7pm](#)

### **Thursday 23rd April**

4L to Woking Lightbox

### **Friday 24th April**

4J to Woking Lightbox

3U's Class Assembly - 10:10am

2S Swimming

### **Friday 1st May**

Parent Prayer Group - 9am - All are welcome!

1H's Class Assembly - 10:10am

2S Swimming