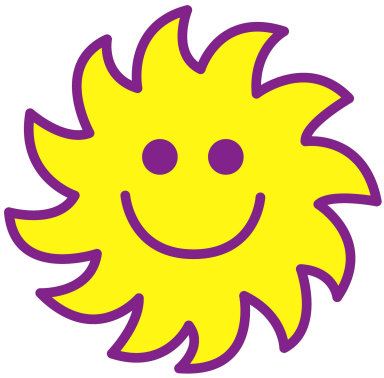




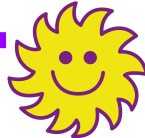
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The Way, The Truth, The Life



New Parents' Meeting 2026



Welcome!



Mr Collins
Headteacher



Mrs Birtles
Deputy Head



Mrs Hua
Deputy Head



Mrs Evans
Assistant Head



Mrs Trimmer
Assistant Head

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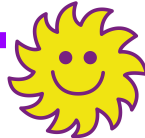
Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the way,
the truth and the life.
Capture our **hearts**
to follow your way.
Enlighten our **minds**
to seek your truth.
Awaken our **souls**
to embrace this life.

St Joseph
- pray for us!
St Francis Xavier
- pray for us!

Amen



The Journey



EYFS or Reception (4-5 year olds)



Key Stage 1 - Years 1 and 2 (5-7 year olds)



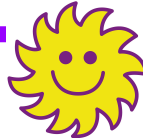
Key Stage 2 - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (7-11 year olds)



Secondary School



Reception Classes



St Martha's Class
Mrs Payne

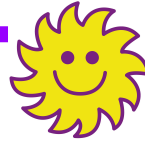


St Vincent de Paul's Class
Miss Rycroft
Year Leader



St Ignatius' Class
Mrs Osborne and Mrs Knight

The Transition



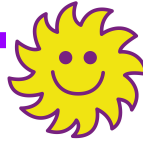
A 'Welcome to our family' booklet is in your pack to complete with your child. You can bring this with you to show your teacher on their first day of school.

You will be invited to a Stay and Play and a Story Morning session to meet your new teacher and become familiar with the Reception environment.



Your new teacher will film a video of themselves reading one of their favourite stories.

The Reception teachers will organise a time where you will come and visit us in school at beginning of September (family appointments).



In September

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September - Family appointments in school

Monday 7th September - all children start school

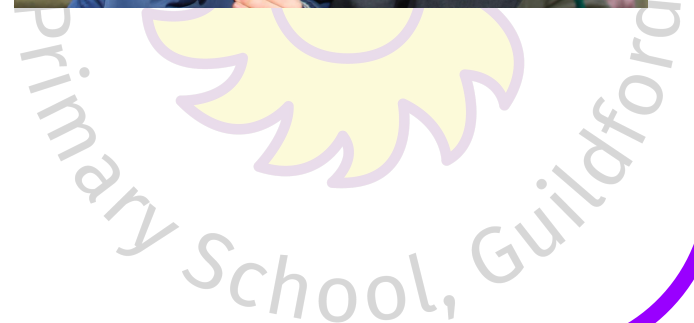
First day timings:

Summer borns (1st May - 31st August) - Start at 8:35am

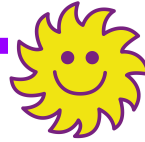
Spring borns (1st January - 30th April) - Start at 9.00am

Autumn borns (1st September - 31st December) - Start at 9:30am

Tuesday 8th September - All children start at 8:35am.

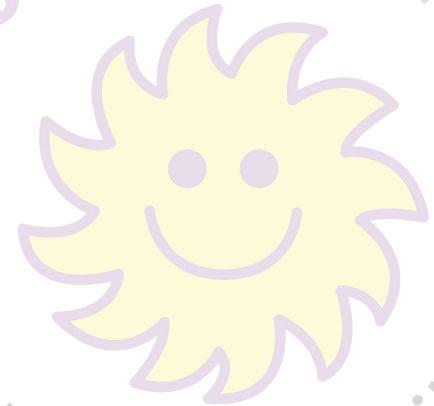


The School Day



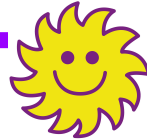
ADAY in THE

Drop off at 08:35
Pick up at 15:05



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Being School Ready



Routines



Is my child
ready for
school?

Motor skills

Independence

Self-care

Eating

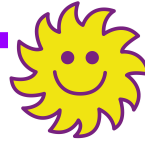
Getting dressed

Sharing

Speaking

Listening

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Reading before school starts

The word gap

At five years old:

Never read to - 4,622 words

1-2 times a week - 63,570 words

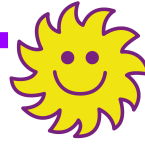
3-5 times a week - 169,520 words

Daily - 296,600 words

Five books a day - 1,483,300 words



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Fruit, Milk and Lunchtime

Children receive one piece of fruit a day, provided by the Government. You can bring your own fruit/vegetable too.

A Midday supervisor is assigned to each class during lunch time.

All infant children are entitled to a free school meal.

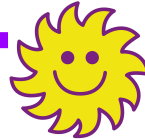
Children get a main meal, a variety of choices at the salad bar and a pudding.

Children are encouraged to be independent with their food choices.

Children with allergies are catered for. **Form needs to be filled in now ready for September**

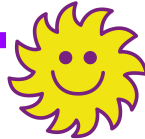


School Uniform



Everything must be clearly named - check it regularly.

PE Kit



On PE day the children will wear their PE kit to school

No earrings or any other jewellery

Plain white t-shirt (with logo) or House t-shirt (with logo)

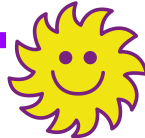
Plain black hoodie or school jumper (with logo)

Plain black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings

Trainers - no laces please

Everything must be clearly named - check it regularly.

Other Important Things



1 Bag that fits A4 paper in

Water bottle

An extra **fruit** snack

Warm coat/rain coat everyday

Wellies

All in one waterproof suit

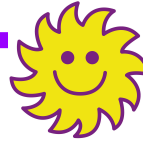
Hair accessories - must be school colours (**yellow, purple or black**).

Earrings - one stud in each ear (must be taken out on PE days).

Everything must be clearly named.



Communication



Communication between home and school is vital for us to work in partnership to support your child:

Informal:

- SLT are out and about at drop off and pick up every day.
- Class Teachers will greet you at the door.
- Email us - we're happy to respond.

Formal:

- Arbor Parent App
- Google Classroom daily updates
- Headteacher's Blog
- Parents' Evenings
- Assemblies
- Parent Workshops



Please let us know if:

- Your child is ill (every day)
- Your child is going to be late
- Someone other than you is going to pick up your child
- Your child has a medical appointment
- You have any worries

Wraparound Care



ST JOSEPH'S CLUBHOUSE



Breakfast Club:

- From 7:30am in the morning until the school doors open at 8:35am.
- Costs £7.50 per day and includes breakfast.

After School Clubs:

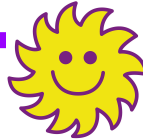
- From the end of the school day to 6:00pm.
- Costs £18 for a full session or £10 until 4:30pm.
- Snacks and drinks included.

Based in the main school hall and using all the facilities across the school. Children can be booked in everyday, regular days each week or on an adhoc basis - the choice is yours.

Holiday Camps: A holiday club will be available during all the school holidays with sessions starting at £16 for a half day.



The PFSA



The PFSA is our 'Parents, Friends and Staff Association' at St Joseph's and together we're a community committed to raising funds that benefit the school and our pupils.

There are fundraising events throughout the year:
Christmas Market, Summer Fair, Disglo...

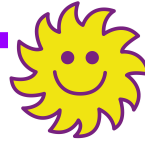
PFSA funded projects include:

- Reception play area
- Infant Library
- New Bibles
- Infant field area

Being part of the PFSA is a great way to be actively involved in your child's school and meet many other parents too - volunteer basis. More information about joining the PFSA to follow in September.



And Finally...



"I am the way, the truth and the life,
nobody comes to the father, except through me."

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