



St Joseph's Primary School

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Parent Update

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School Open Day & P1 Enrolment

Our annual School Open Day will take place on **Thursday 27 November**. This is a wonderful opportunity for new and prospective parents to visit the school on a normal working day and see what we have to offer in St Joseph's. The day will begin with the Principal's Address at 10.30am, followed by a guided tour of the school and finish at 11.30am. All prospective parents are very welcome to attend.

EA Connect opens for application for Primary 1 places for the 2026/2027 academic year on Wednesday 7 January at 12 noon. The application window closes on Wednesday 21 January at 12 noon.

Communication/Contact Details

It is very important that you keep us up to date with any changes in your address, email or phone number that occur throughout the year. On occasion, we may need to contact you at short notice, and it is vitally important that we have up-to-date contact information to do so. Please contact the office and notify Mrs Warke of any changes: stjoesps@gmail.com or on 028 90 650039

I would also encourage all parents to sign up for the iClass App. Details of how to do this have been shared by Mr Wright.

Minor Works around the school

I am delighted to inform you that the ongoing works around the school campus are almost complete. New security cameras, working with an up-to-date secure access system, will enable us to ensure that our campus is as safe and secure as possible for all users. Three new doors have been installed as well as a new in/out fobbed access system. Thank you for your patience while this has been ongoing.

All Ireland Flag Football Champions

Having experienced success in the Ulster Finals, our American Flag Football champions will be making the journey to Dublin to compete in the All-Ireland competition on November 20th.

Congratulations and the best of luck to the team and to their coaches, Mr McBride, Mr Allen and Mr Dawson.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Our Parent Teacher Meetings are scheduled for Friday 21 November 2025. Pupils will not attend school on this day. Your child's class teacher will be in communication with you in the next few weeks to schedule a time for your appointment.

P7 Parent meetings will take place next Tuesday 21 October. Mr Wright and Mrs Duffy will communicate the arrangements for these meetings via SeeSaw.

Parking

Parking continues to be a real challenge in and around our very busy campus. As the school community continues to grow, inevitably there is increasing pressure on space, not only in the church car park but in the streets right around the area. Can I ask parents and carers once again to be courteous, to be safe and to respect the laws regarding safe parking. Help us to keep all our pupils safe!

World Mental Health Day, 2025

World Mental Health Day, 2025, was a very memorable occasion for the staff and pupils of St Joseph's. As well as dressing in our brightest colours, participating in self defence classes and enjoying a fantastic outdoor disco, we also attended a screening of the animated film, Wildkind. Our sincerest thanks to the Boake family for sharing this beautiful movie with us and best of luck in the various film festivals in the weeks ahead. You've already won the St Joseph's festival!

PTA News

The PTA had amazing support from parents in the last school year which enabled them to transfer £19,600 to the school and pay for 11 interactive whiteboards to be installed. Their funding target for this coming year is for 60 iPads for the school.

You can support the PTA by volunteering or by attending their next event, which is the Christmas Craft fair on Saturday 22 November, in the Parish Hall from 12-4. The PTA are a registered charity and also benefit from Gift Aid and charitable giving, every penny going to benefit your children's education. Also look out for the big annual raffle launching soon! Contact the PTA at any time stjospta@gmail.com

Mid-Term Break

The school will be closed for our mid-term break from Monday 27 – Friday 31 October. School will reopen as usual on Monday 3 November. We hope you all enjoy a well-earned rest after a very busy first half term.

Hallowe'en Celebrations

Our annual Hallowe'en Discos will take place on Thursday 23 October. The P1-P3 disco will take place during the school day. P4 – P7 pupils will have their disco in the school hall from 6.30 – 7.30pm. This is one of our PTA events and the admission cost is £3 per family which includes a snack and a drink. We also invite all pupils to wear their Hallowe'en costumes to school on Thursday.

Kind regards

Mr C Donnelly