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Parent Update

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our pupils, parents and carers. We hope you have had a wonderful midterm break and are well-rested and ready for the second half of Term 1! This is a very busy half term and will go in extremely quickly. Please read the notes below carefully so you know what is going on in St Joseph's in the days ahead.

Dance with Duffy Update

Just before the break we received our final sum for the Dance with Duffy fundraiser in October. As a school, we raised an incredible £5550.40 – our highest ever total for this event. A huge thanks to our entire school community for your support, to parents, and families for your sponsorship, to pupils for your amazing participation and enthusiasm and Mrs Duffy for putting it all together! You're an inspiration. Thanks to our school council leaders, Maisie and Naoise for presenting the big cheque to Mrs Duffy on behalf of the PTA! We are a quarter of the way towards our target of purchasing 60 new iPads for our school!



P1 Open Day 2025

Our Open Day for new and prospective pupils takes place on Thursday 27th November at 10.30am. Please spread the word around your family, friends and neighbours. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to visit us on a normal school day and get a taste of what St Joseph's has to offer!

School Improvements

As we are sure you have noticed, we are continuing to work very hard to improve our school campus. Recently we have completed works to improve access around the building and new cameras have been installed to keep our campus safe for all. We have also resurrected our old bike shed which is now ready for business. The playground has benefitted from significant tree pruning which has improved lighting and reduced debris in the play area. The school council are currently working on plans to install storage containers for outdoor play equipment. Watch this space for further developments!

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Key Dates

You may have a lot of these dates already, but they are always worth repeating and getting in the diary! With so much traffic on SeeSaw and elsewhere, key information can be missed but we will continue to share key information with you in advance to help you make plans! These are just some of the key events in the next 7 weeks.

Event	Date	Notes
Flu Vaccinations	Friday 7 th November	School Hall
Anti-Bullying Week 2025	10 th – 14 th November	Special Assembly
Odd Sock Day	Monday 10 th November	Wear odd socks to school
Book Fair in School	10 th – 14 th November	School Foyer
PSNI Road Safety Chat	Friday 14 th November	For KS2 pupils
SEAG Transfer Test	Sat 15 th & 22 nd November	P7 pupils
Parent Teacher Meetings	Friday 21 st November	School Closed for Pupils
P1 Open Morning	Thursday 27 th November	Prospective Parents invited
P1 & P2 Christmas Shows	Tuesday 2 nd December	Parochial Hall from 9.30am
Holy Communion Parent Meeting	Wed 3 rd December	Parochial Hall at 7pm
Choir to the City Airport	Thursday 4 th December	Christmas Carols!
Festive Friday	Friday 5 th , 12 th , 19 th Dec	Wear your Christmas Jumpers!
Holy Communion Enrolment Mass	Sunday 7 th December	Church at 11.30am
P3 & P4 Christmas Show	Tuesday 9 th December	Parochial Hall from 11am
Carol Service P5 – P7 Pupils	Wednesday 17 th December	Church at 11am
End of Term 1	Monday 22 nd December	12 noon finish

Safeguarding Update

Mrs McAlister has joined our Safeguarding and Child Protection Team, replacing Mrs Tully who is off enjoying her well-earned retirement! Our Safeguarding Team meet very regularly to review policies, discuss safeguarding issues and to ensure the boys and girls are safe, happy and looked after in St Joseph's. Welcome to the team, Mrs McAlister!



Our Safeguarding Team



Mrs C Herbert



Mrs B McAlister



Mr C Wright



Mr C Donnelly

We are always here for you to talk to.

Kind regards

Mr C Donnelly

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