

Welcome Back

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Happy New (School) Year!

It was lovely to see the children looking so smart and grown up this morning! You will see that a lot of work has gone on over the holidays and there is still a lot to do. By the end of the month, all the classrooms will have new windows and the ground floor classes will have their own door to the garden area. Foundation stage will have an extended play area with a patio and new climbing equipment. The two ground floor classes in Key stage 2 (Mr. Mason's and St. Joseph's Room) will have been refurbished and Mrs. Paterson's extended. Each class will be able to have their own garden area in the playground planters and there is now an outside store for playground games. The outside of the school will be painted a sandstone colour and the large external pipes covered with green cladding. Once all the work is completed we will take great delight in showing you around the school so you can be as impressed as I am!



September 8th is a feast day of Our lady, Mary the Mother of Jesus. Today we celebrate her birthday.

The children learn this prayer in school—you might like to pray it with your child sometimes, perhaps at bedtime.

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Welcome to the family of St. Joseph's School

It is good to see the Lambe family back in the area and back in St. Joseph's. Niamh has joined Mrs. Harding and Mrs. O'Shea and Bridie is in Mrs. Hall's. Elynner-May McTighe-King has moved from St. John Vianney's and joined Mr. Mason's hard working Y6 class.

Welcome. The Uchendu family have come from Northampton. I am sure Christine in Y5, Jennifer in Y1 and David in the Nursery will be very happy here. Tandi Mano has moved to Hartlepool from London and is joining the Y1 children in Mrs. Hall's.

The Reception children all settled well—not a tear in sight (well, there were a few but that was the parents). So hello to Gabriel Angus, Lewis Bainbridge, Joachim Bibit, Joseph Blackford, Taylor Blair, Adele Bryant, Dylan Cambridge, Katie Clyburn, James Fisher, Patrick Holdcroft, Parvin Jamshidifar, Bailey Jeffries, Isabel Kazomba, Selina Recinto, Paige Skirving, Elise Wenn.

Started nursery for the first time Paul Bennett, Sophie Newton, Ashton Maisie Smith, Kinza Iman.

REMINDER:

- School lunches are now £1.65 per day, £8.25 per week. Children can only change from dinners to packed lunches at the end of the half term.
- Children can try out a school dinner on Fridays—cost £1.65. Please contact the office to book at the beginning of the week.
- Don't forget to let the school know before 9.10 am if your child is going to be off school.



Monday 28th September: information session for parents on how we teach reading and how you can help at home. It's a chance to ask any questions, look at our resources, have a cup of tea! Reading is so important to your child—I hope you will be able to come.

2.45—3.10 for KS2 parents

3.20—3.45 for foundation stage and KS1 parents
(children will be minded by staff during sessions)

3rd October—Saturday: Car Boot Sale 10.00am—1.00pm £5 per table.
Ring Sue White on 01429 244590 to book a pitch.
So clear out the attic and garage and tell your friends!



9th October—PD day: school will be closed for pupils. Teachers and teaching assistants will be looking at improving teaching and learning through quality classroom standards (CQS).

Wednesday 21st October — Parents' night.