



Newsletter July 2025

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of our academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been an extraordinary year for our school. I want to express my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff and governors for their unwavering commitment to our school. This year has brought significant challenges, but our staff have worked tirelessly to provide a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for our children.

Thank you, parents and carers, for your ongoing support and for the trust you place in us. Our partnership is vital in helping every child succeed, and your involvement makes a real difference. As we look ahead to the new school year, we do so with excitement and ambition. There are many exciting plans underway, and we can't wait to share them with you in September.

To our leavers, who are moving on to new adventures, we send our very best wishes. You leave with hopes and dream of bright futures ahead, and don't forget, you will always remain part of our St. Joseph's family.

In the meantime, I wish you all a restful, safe, and enjoyable summer break.
With warmest regards,
Mrs Philpott

Let us Pray,

Our Father, our God of peace and power, Give us strength for the **ending** of this school year.

You have led us, guided us, and cared for us.

You have been our source of joy, love, and wisdom.

You have loved us with a love beyond comprehension.

We ask you to keep our community safe and happy over the summer break.

Amen

All About Absence!

Take a look at this year's highest attendance and remember, good attendance is above 96%.

Well done to YEAR 3 who have the best attendance this year!

- YR –95.2%
- Y1 –95.7%
- Y2 –96.2%
- Y3 –96.4%
- Y4 –95.6%
- Y5 –95.7%
- Y6 –95.7%



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

As we say goodbye to our leavers, we want to thank them for their contributions and wish them all the best in their next chapters..
Your presence will be missed at St. Joseph's!

All Hallows Catholic School: Millie Zoe
Brakenhale Academy: Julia
Kendrick Girls' Grammar School: Miheli
King's Academy Binfield: Aedan Logan
St. Bernard's Convent: Evan Philip K Neil
In year transfers: Jan - YR Golda - Y2 Eduard- Y2 Dylan - Y3 Krystian - Y3 Max - Y4

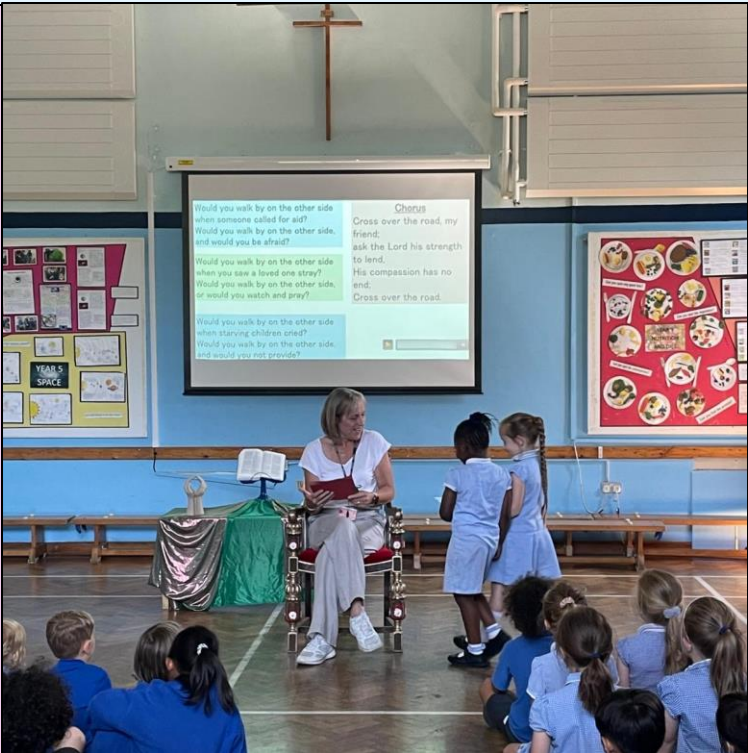
Garth Hill College: Oliwier Maria Stella
ZS Mutne, Slovakia: Johanka
Ranalegh C of E: Kiara Felix Nana Olivia Helena Leon Filip Elisabeth Nathan Sophia Thomas Chloe Carragh Kian Moyo Phillip P Joshua Peter

Staff Farewells

We say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Cotten who has worked at St. Joseph's for an incredible 21 years!

Her dedication, care, and hard work have made a lasting impact on our school community and we wish her all the very best for your retirement.

We also wish Mrs Karowska well as she begins her maternity leave. We cannot wait to hear baby news!



COMMUNITY NEWS



Year 3's Mati won the best player of the season 2024-2025 and also best team player. So, all together he won a staggering three trophies! Well done Mati!



Congratulations to year 6's Carragh who secured 1st place at the u11prelim. Wow – you are unstoppable!



Congratulations to Rory, Kenon and Ovin who were awarded gold belt at their Berkshire Martial Arts grading.

Congratulations Sadewli who made her First Holy Communion last week.



Year 6 Play - Oliver Twist



Congratulations to the year 6 staff and pupils who were involved in 'Oliver with a Twist, you all worked hard and we loved the performance. It was a joy to see the confidence and enthusiasm on stage. Bravo!

Year 6 Leaver's Mass

Today, our school walked to church for the Year 6 Leaver's Mass. A big thank you to Father Danny for all his support and guidance over the past 6 years, you have helped our young people to grow in height, strength and spirituality.



Thank you to the parents who came to support the Mass and especially those who walked with us. We appreciate you! We pray for our Year 6 as they transition into their new settlings.

THE JUNIOR MUSIC FESTIVAL



Well done to Miss Tanzer's wonderful choir who performed in the Junior Music Festival at the Hexagon, Reading. You made us very proud.



Congratulations to our 2025 Sports Stars! You are an inspiration.

Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle



Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic day out off-site on 1st July. They travelled to Windsor on the 703 bus and headed to Windsor Castle for a tour and fun workshops. They were delighted to see Changing of the Guards!

Year 3 Trip to Wagamama

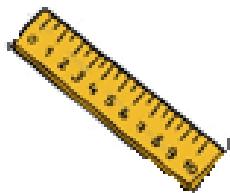
Year 3 had a delicious outing to Wagamama in town. They explored different foods and took away lots of goodies!



REMINDERS

Pencil Cases

A reminder that in September, we ask that all children from Y3 to Y6 to have a pencil case with the following items and for these items to be replenished through the year. Please name each item as things regularly seem to get misplaced in class.



- Pencil x 3
- Colouring pencils
- Whiteboard marker
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- 30cm clear ruler
- Glue Stick
- Purple Pen for editing



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are expecting a glorious September so children may return to school wearing their summer uniform.

Reminder about shoes: We expect children wear black school shoes and PE trainers on PE days.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please check your child's ScoPay account before the end of term!

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- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Help give our fundraising a boost
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SCHOOL DINNER INFORMATION



In our parent surveys, 27.6% of parents said they were not satisfied with the school lunches Caterlink provide. We would like to tell you more about what is on offer...

My Caterlink School Lunch



Water is served with all our meals

All our meals contain a portion of carbohydrates and a portion of protein. All meals are portioned in line with the School Food Standards regulations.

Our Added Plant Power dishes contain meat, plus additional plant-based proteins such as beans, lentils or chickpeas. This increases the fibre, lowers saturated fat and lowers the carbon footprint!





Scan the QR code to explore the School Food Standards we adhere to.



50/50 wholemeal bread is freshly baked everyday in our kitchens and served alongside our meals for children to enjoy.

Spaghetti Bolognese (Added Plant Power)

Two different vegetables are offered with all our meals. Totalling at 50g.



Salad is available each day, with five different vegetables on offer!

We provide homemade desserts, lots of which are made with 50% fruit to count toward the 5-a-day guidelines.

Fruit Medley



A dessert of fruit & yoghurt is also offered daily.

Some desserts also contain hidden wholegrains for fibre!



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Parent Information

Diary Dates	Class	Event
Wednesday 3 rd Sept	All	INSET DAY
Thursday 11 th Sept & Friday 12 th Sept	Year 6	Bikeability
Thursday 11 th September	Year 3 and 4	Crown Estate Trip
Wednesday 17 th September	All	Start of year Mass with Fr Danny @ 9am (all parents welcome)
Friday 19 th September	Year R and 6	Buddy Assembly @ 9am (YR/6 Parents invited to attend)
Wednesday 24 th September	All	Flu Immunisation
Thursday 25 th September	Year 2	Windsor Castle Trip
WB 20 th October	Year 6	Residential Trip
Friday 24 th October	Year 2	Harvest Assembly @ 9am (Y2 parents welcome)
Friday 7 th November	Year 6	Oakwood Assembly @ 9am (Y6 parents welcome to attend)
Tuesday 11 th November	Year 4	Remembrance Assembly @ 9am (Y4 parents welcome to attend)
Wednesday 12 th November	All	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Friday 28 th November	Year 5	Christingle Service (Y5 parents welcome to attend)
Friday 5 th December	Year 3	Advent Assembly (Y3 parents welcome to attend)
Thursday 11 th /Friday 12 th December	Year R/1	NATIVITY @ 2pm TBC
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 (Y3,4,5,6)	Carol Concert at Church 6pm TBC

How many colours have YOU eaten today?

strawberries, tomatoes
red peppers

Good for your heart

carrots, oranges
sweet potato

Good for your eyes

yellow peppers
bananas, corn

Good for your skin

broccoli, cabbage
cucumbers

Good for your bones

blueberries
aubergines, grapes

Good for your brain

eat the rainbow

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We have a limited number of sessions available for 12 noon – 3pm term time only. These can also be topped up with afternoon clubs which finish by 6pm (this does incur additional charge).



**LARGE WOODLAND
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for further information please either:

- visit our website <http://www.stjosephsbracknell.co.uk/about-footsteps/>
- contact us on 01355 425246
- email secretary@stjosephsbracknell.co.uk.

Please note that admission to the nursery does not secure a St. Joseph's Catholic school place; applications to St. Joseph's School must be made through the local authority.

**CHIS**

Child Health Information Service

**South, Central and West**
Commissioning Support Unit

SCW Improving Immunisation Uptake Team

Early Years Project

Do you want to know more about vaccinations and the **UK Childhood Immunisations Programme**?

Let our Clinicians lead you on a smooth and supportive immunisation journey.

**Don't delay!**

**Our training sessions
start on 22nd September
2025**

**Come and join us!****What you will learn:**

- Who is eligible for vaccination on the NHS routine UK immunisation schedule
- Build awareness of potential barriers to vaccination
- What are the benefits and risks of vaccination
- Where to signpost people for further information and how to book for vaccinations

Date	Time	Session
Monday 22nd September	6:30-7:30pm	Evening
Tuesday 20th September	10:00-11:00am	Morning
Thursday 9th October	1:00-2:00pm	Afternoon

Please book your ticket on Ticket Tailor:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/nhssouthcentralandwestcsu/1574336>

Extra Resources:

- Childhood Immunisations: A guide for early years providers
- Digital Support Pack that includes links to useful resources
- Attendance Certificate

Joining the dots across health and care

For more information, please contact

scwscsu.improvingimmisation.projects@nhs.net



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10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

WEEK 1 24TH – 25TH JULY

WEEK 2 28TH JULY – 1ST AUG

WEEK 3 4TH – 8TH AUG

WEEK 4 11TH – 15TH AUG

WEEK 5 18TH – 22ND AUG

WEEK 6 26TH – 29TH AUG

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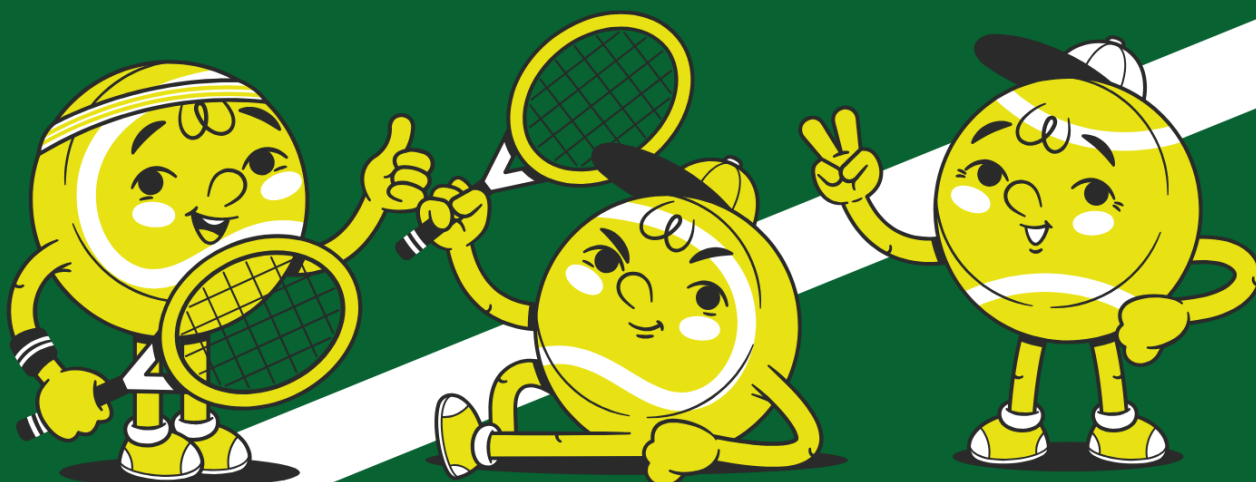
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YEARS**

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FRIDAYS
7.30PM-8.30PM

Girls **Ages 13-15** **FREE FOOTBALL**



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Enjoy an action-packed summer of basketball! Join us for 3 fun-filled weeks of skill development, exciting games, and making new friends. Whether you're a beginner or experienced player, it's the perfect way to spend your summer on the court!

28TH - 31ST JULY

4TH - 7TH AUGUST

11TH - 14TH AUGUST

10AM - 4PM

AGES: 5-16

YEARS

NOW
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VOUCHERS

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