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Dear Parents

We wish our year 6 well at their new schools from September. We look forward to seeing them and hearing all about their progress in future years.

Ava	Alice	Alex
Zoe	Olivia	Lucie
Sydney	Chloe	Autum
Rose	Harry	Jaiden
Sofia	Abbie	Ben
Ella-Louise	Isobel	Alfie
Ella	Allicia	Grace
Ben	Hamilton	River
Grace	Isabella	Corey
Chloe	Theo	

All the staff and governors at St Joseph's wish you and your families a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September. Children return to school on Wednesday 2nd September.

As we come to the end of this very strange and unusual academic year I wish to say a sincere thanks to all the children, parents, staff and governors at St Joseph's both past and present. I have thoroughly enjoyed my twelve years at St Joseph's and thank the Governors for allowing me to have the privilege of being the custodian of this fantastic school for those years.

I have been extremely lucky to have worked with a fantastically dedicated staff, who always give their very best in all that they do, from teachers, to teaching assistants, lunchtime supervisors to kitchen staff, cleaners and site team.

Getting to know the children and families of the school has been an absolute delight. I will miss the smiles and hello's as the children make their way into their classrooms, but leave knowing that the fantastic teaching team will continue to encourage the happiness and best achievement for all.

I thank Ms Woollaston, Chair of Governors for her continued guidance, dedication and support along with the Governing Board for their continuing focus of achieving the best for everyone at St Joseph's.

Our administrative team at St Joseph's is second to none, always ready with a smile and the answer to every query. I thank Mrs Edge and Mrs Harvey for their hard work and dedication to St Joseph's.

Our school is blessed to be a part of the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, with our year 6 children, recently celebrating their leavers Mass with Fr Jeremy. I would like to thank Fr Jeremy for his guidance in faith, prayer and service to our school, and the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes for their continued warm welcome, prayers and support.

I also wish to say congratulations to year 6 although your year has been unusual you have been a great team working through the current adversity to celebrate and enjoy your last days at Primary School. I wish you every success in the next steps on your education journey. Good luck!

As I begin a new path on my journey, I will keep many wonderful memories of St Joseph's in my heart and will continue to keep everyone in my thoughts and prayers. I look forward to visiting in the autumn term and learning about the next steps in St Joseph's journey.

God Bless

Mrs Bennett ☺

Term Dates 2020-2021

2020	Autumn Term
Wed 2 September	Start of Autumn Term – School Opens
26 Oct-30 Oct	Half Term
Fri 18 December	End of Term – Break up for Christmas Holidays
2021	Spring Term
Tue 5 January	Start of Spring Term – School Opens
15-19 February	Half Term
Thu 1 st April	End of Term – Break up for Easter Holidays
2021	Summer Term
Mon 19 April	Start of Summer Term – School Opens
Mon 3 May	May Day Bank Holiday
31 May – 4 Jun	Half Term
Wed 21 July	End of Term – Break up for Summer Holidays

INSET Dates -

1st September 2020

2nd October 2020

30th November 2020

4th January 2021

7th June 2021

September 2020

A few reminders for September to ensure that we keep each other safe -



- Arrive at your allocated time when dropping off and collecting your child
- Use the one way system
- Leave the school site and car park promptly to allow others to drop off and collect
- Do allow your child to enter school independently
- Main 2 metre distancing where possible
- Email or telephone school with any messages to allow teachers to supervise children in class
- Remind your child of how they can keep themselves safe
- Provide your child with hand sanitiser and stationery items as per previous information

Please note children will be regularly reminded to maintain a 2-metre distance wherever possible and to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. Any child found deliberately coughing on others to cause upset will have consequences put in place in school and parents will be informed in line with school policy.

Autumn Term 2020 - Dates for the term

Parents please note- for the foreseeable future for most parental events virtual alternatives will be sought where possible. Some dates below may be subject to change

Monday 31 st August	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET day- School closed to pupils
Wednesday 2 nd September	Catholic Virtues and Values- Curious & Active Children in school
Tuesday 8 th September	Mass Blessed Virgin Mary- led & attended by Y6 only in school (No visitors able to attend)
Thursday 10 th September	Dance 9-11am Y6 9-10, Y5 10-11
Friday 11 th September	Music WOW assembly information added to website area
Monday 14 th September	PTFA Cake sale- Y6
Friday 18 th September	Y4 Prayer assembly- information added to website area
Tuesday 22 nd September	Mass led & attended by Y5 only - St Matthew (No visitors able to attend)
Wednesday 23 rd September	Reception new Parents Meeting 6pm - this may be a virtual meeting
Thursday 24 th September	Bikeability Y6
Friday 25 th September	Bikeability-Y6

	Finance Governor meeting 8am Year 5 prayer assembly- information added to website area
Tuesday 29 th September	PTFA Cake sale- Y2
Friday 2 nd October	INSET- school closed to pupils
Sunday 4 th October	Mass Our Lady of Lourdes 9.15am – to be confirmed
Tuesday 6 th October	Mass led & attended by Y4 only-Our Lady of the Rosary (No visitors able to attend) Curriculum Governors meeting 3.30pm
Friday 9 th October	Health and Safety Governors meeting 8am Own clothes day Y6 Prayer Assembly - information added to website area
Tuesday 13 th October	Parents evening 3.30-6pm arrangements will be shared nearer to the date
Wednesday 14 th October	Parents evening 4-7pm arrangements will be shared nearer to the date
Friday 16 th October	Own clothes day WOW Assembly - information added to website area
Tuesday 20 th October	Mass led and attended by Y3 only St John Paul II (No visitors able to attend)
Friday 23 rd October	INSET school closed to pupils
Monday 26th Oct- Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Return to school Catholic Virtues and values Intentional & Prophetic
Friday 6 th November	WOW assembly- information added to website area
Tuesday 10 th November	Mass St Martin of Tours led and attended by Y2 only (No visitors able to attend)
Wednesday 11 th November	2 minutes silence for remembrance day Full Governors meeting & LINK MEETING with staff 5pm
Friday 13 th November	Y6 and Rec special friends assembly- information added to website area
Monday 16 th November	Photos individual –whole school Anti-bullying week
Wednesday 18 th November	Reception Family lunches –arrangements to be confirmed nearer the event
Friday 20 th November	Own clothes day Chocolate items for Chocolate bingo – to be confirmed Y2 Topic Assembly- information added to website area
Tuesday 24 th November	PTFA cake sale- Y5 Mass led and attended by Year 5 only- St Andrew (No visitors able to attend)
Friday 27 th November	Finance and School Fund Governors meeting 8am PTFA Bingo –arrangements to be confirmed nearer the event
Saturday 28 th November	Parish Christmas Fayre Y4&5 singing – arrangements to be confirmed nearer the event
Monday 30 th November	St Andrews wear blue
Wednesday 2 nd December	Christingle rehearsal in Church
Friday 4 th December	Y5 Topic assembly- information added to website area
Sunday 6 th December	Mass Our Lady of Lourdes 9.15am –arrangements to be confirmed nearer the event
Monday 7 th December	Dress rehearsal Nursery and Rec am Key Stage 1 pm
Tuesday 8 th December	KS2 trip Beauty and the Beast
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 6 to Shugborough – we await confirmation of residential trips Christmas Play Nursery and Reception 10am- arrangements to be confirmed nearer the event Christmas Play Y1&2 2pm - arrangements to be confirmed nearer the event
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Play Nursery and Reception 10am- arrangements to be confirmed nearer the event Christmas Play Y1&2 2pm - arrangements to be confirmed nearer the event
Friday 11 th December	Y6 return from Shugborough
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Mass led and attended by Y6 and Confession Christingle in Church 7pm - arrangements to be confirmed nearer the event
Wednesday 16 th December	Nursery/Reception & Key Stage 1 to Stafford Gatehouse theatre- arrangements to be confirmed nearer the event Disco KS1 6-7pm- arrangements to be confirmed nearer the event KS2 7-8.30pm- arrangements to be confirmed nearer the event
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner Day for children
Friday 18 th December	No Assembly Finish for Christmas 3.15pm
Monday 4 th January 2021	Return to school

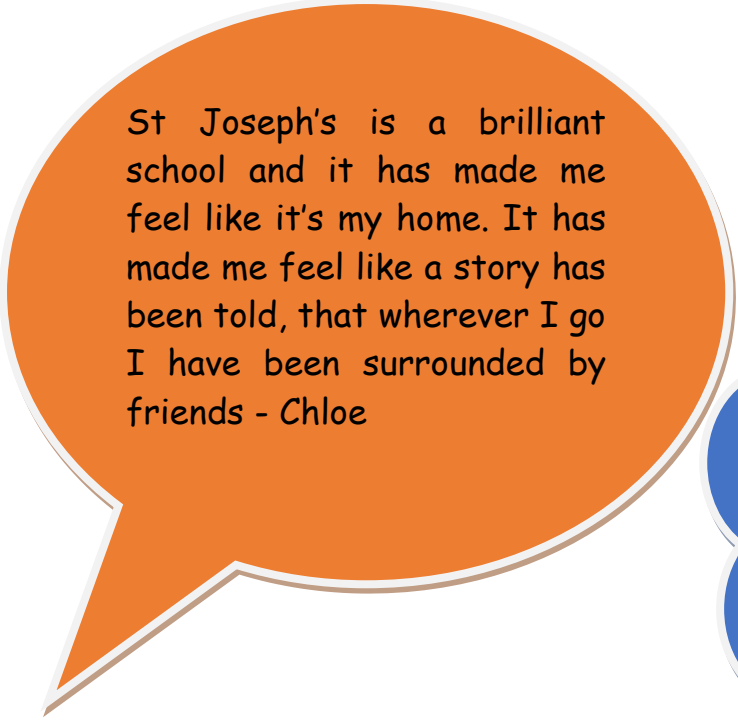
YEAR 6 MEMORIES

I have really enjoyed my time at St Joseph's. I feel very lucky to have made such amazing friends. I will take so many special memories away with me when I start my new adventure - Chloe


I have many happy memories from St Joseph's, but the one that sticks in my head is when Y6 ran the autumn fayre, especially when tidying up and having a mini water fight - Ben

Scoring a hat trick in my first football match representing St Joseph's! - Alex

The best memory I will keep is of all of the friends I have made over the years at St Joseph's. I particularly enjoyed Shugborough where those friendships grew even stronger. Having a year 6 buddy when I was in reception and being a year 6 buddy will always be a treasured memory. - Zoe



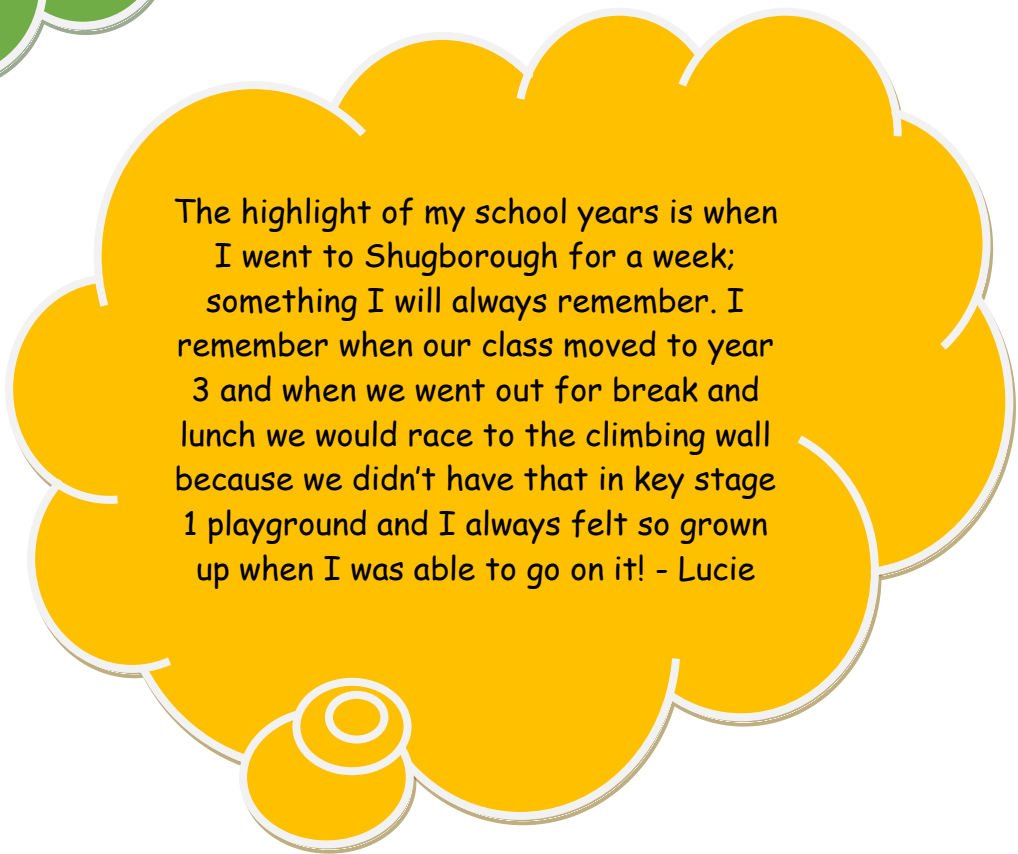
St Joseph's is a brilliant school and it has made me feel like it's my home. It has made me feel like a story has been told, that wherever I go I have been surrounded by friends - Chloe



My best highlights were Shugborough and the school play. At Shugborough I made a maraca out of pine cones and wood. I have gained many friends, some of whom are moving into High School with me. Over the years I have developed in confidence and I'm much more proud of who I am now - Alice



My Favourite memory is of making friends - Ben



The highlight of my school years is when I went to Shugborough for a week; something I will always remember. I remember when our class moved to year 3 and when we went out for break and lunch we would race to the climbing wall because we didn't have that in key stage 1 playground and I always felt so grown up when I was able to go on it! - Lucie