

Newsletter
Friday 11th September 2026

Message from the Head Teacher
What a busy and exciting week we have had in school!

A particular highlight has been our Year 6 residential to Condover Hall. I would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children. They have shown super behaviour, positive attitudes and fantastic resilience throughout the week. They have embraced new experiences, supported one another and represented our school incredibly well. We are extremely proud of them.

A residential is a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their independence, confidence and teamwork, and it has been fantastic to see these qualities shine through in our Year 6 pupils. I hope they return home with lots of happy memories and stories to share!

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the staff who supported the children throughout the residential. These experiences simply would not happen without the dedication, commitment and willingness of our staff to go above and beyond. Their hard work, care and support ensure that our children can enjoy these special opportunities, and we are incredibly grateful to them.

As we begin to look ahead and plan for the next exciting stage of our Year 6 children's journey, I would also like to draw Year 6 parents' attention to the forthcoming secondary school open evenings. These are an important opportunity to begin exploring the options available and thinking about the transition into Year 7. (Please see the flyers further down)

I am also delighted to share that Rachel Saddington will remain as Chair of our school FoSJ PTA (Friends of St Joseph's Parent and Teacher Association) Rachel's super organisational skills, energy and commitment make such a difference to our school community. Without her dedication, much of the fundraising that the school relies upon simply would not happen.

The money raised by them enables the school to contribute towards the cost of school trips, helping to reduce the amount families have to pay, as well as providing some lovely surprises and special treats for our children throughout the year. We are incredibly grateful for all that Rachel and The Friends do.

Please do support their efforts if you are able, and why not come along to the school disco next Thursday to see the PTA in action and help support this important fundraising? It promises to be a fantastic evening for the children.

Thank you, as always, to our wonderful school community for your continued support. It has certainly been a busy week, but one filled with so many moments to celebrate!
Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,
Mrs Dedman
Head Teacher

Prayer of the weekend

Heavenly Father,
As this week comes to an end, I want to pause and thank You for carrying us through another week. Thank You, Lord, for every blessing, every answered prayer, every challenge You helped us through, and for giving us the strength to keep going.

Thank You especially for watching over the children and keeping them safe on their residential. Thank You for surrounding them with Your love ad protection.



Lord, please continue to watch over each and every child. Keep them safe in their minds, their bodies, and their hearts. Protect them from harm, fear, loneliness, and anything that may cause them distress. Let them know that they are loved, valued, and never forgotten.



Please bless the staff and everyone who works tirelessly to care for them. Give them wisdom, compassion, patience, and strength. Help them to see each child's individual needs and to treat every child with kindness, dignity, and understanding.

As we enter this weekend, Lord, bring peace into our homes and hearts. Give us time to rest, to be grateful, and to remember how blessed we are. May Your presence surround the children, their families, and everyone who cares for them.

Thank You for another great week, Lord. Thank You for keeping us safe, for hearing our prayers, and for never leaving our side.

We place this weekend and all the children into Your loving hands.
Amen.

Other Notices



Open Evening - Year 7 26-27 - St Paul's Catholic School



https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/orchard-mead-academy-open-evening-2026-tickets1998507521796?aff=oddtdtcreator



MESSAGE FROM OUR PTA

We are happy to announce our FIRST DISCO of the new term, this will take place on:
17th September
FS1&2 and KS1 5pm-6pm

KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm
please only enter via reception .
If you can help on night, let us know. **We heavily rely on volunteers for these events**.
If anyone would like to donate to the disco to raise money for this years school trips, it would be much appreciated. Crisps, cakes and squash can be left at reception.
Hope to see as many children there as possible, and to also Welcome all of our new starters
Thank you 😊 🩶
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Diary Dates

Date Wk beginning	Word of week Virtue CST Protected characteristic	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
14.9.26	Outreach Human Dignity				School Welcome Disco	DMU Visit	
21.9.26	Dialogue Stewardship	COTW – CAFOD harvest				National Teaching Assistant Day English Civil War Workshops	
28.9.26	Listen Stewardship		Year 3 & 4 to Mass at Church			CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Fundraiser	
5.10.26	Rosary Stewardship	Harvest Mass	EYFS Network Meeting			Year 6 Class Assembly (Joint)	Sunday 11th Oct Year 3 &4 Lead at Mass at St Joseph's
12.10.26	Respect Stewardship		Parent Meeting	Parent Meeting			
19.10.26							

Half term holiday							
26.10.26	Holiness All CST principles		Photographer in School	M and M productions			
2.11.26	Change Solidarity					Year 4 Class Assembly	
9.11.26	Remembrance Solidarity	COTW – Year 5 Remembrance					
16.11.26	Youth Solidarity		Year 5 & 6 to Mass at Church			TRUST EVENT /INSET DAY	
23.11.26	Kingdom Solidarity						Christmas Fayre
30.11.26	Hope Promoting peace	Advent Mass				CAFOD world Gifts- fundraiser	
7.12.26	Peace Promoting peace			Foundation Stage Nativity	Christmas Disco		
14.12.26	Joy Promoting peace	COTW Year 6 Christmas	KS1 Nativity	Christmas Dinner			
21.12.26 28.12.26 Christmas break							

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Term dates 2026—2027 v3

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Holidays

Bank Holiday

5 INSET/Training days in total . 3 are set on this CMAT calendar inset/training days. **'Schools will determine when the 10 hours will be disaggregated time after school'**