

Newsletter
Friday 28th August 2026

Welcome Back!

It is such a pleasure to welcome all our children and families back for the start of a new school year — and a particularly warm welcome to all the new members of our school community who have joined us this year. We are delighted to have you with us and hope you quickly feel part of our wonderful school family.

It has been lovely to see our children return with such enthusiasm. They have settled incredibly well, and our school has once again been filled with smiles, laughter, learning and friendship.

We are also very excited to welcome our youngest children, who will be starting their school journey with us on Wednesday 2nd September. We cannot wait to meet them and their families and begin this very special journey together.

A huge thank you to our staff for the care, dedication and resilience they show every day. Their commitment to our children is at the heart of everything we do.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure that every child feels safe, valued, happy and inspired to be the very best they can be.

As we look ahead to the year, there is so much to look forward to. We know there will be challenges along the way, but we will face them together — with kindness, positivity and our strong sense of community.

Please do take a look at our 'Dates for the Diary' so you can see all the exciting things coming up this term.

For now, have a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend. Enjoy some well-deserved family time, rest and relaxation, and we look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for another wonderful week!

Here's to a happy, successful and memorable year ahead!

Warm regards,
Mrs Dedman
Head Teacher

Prayer of the week

Dear Lord,
As we begin a new school year,
we thank you for our children and their families.
Bless our children with **confidence, curiosity and joy**.
Help them to feel safe, valued and loved,
and give them courage as they learn, grow and try new things.
Bless our parents and families with **strength, patience and peace**.
Help them to support and encourage their children,
and remind them that they are never alone.
May our school be a place of **kindness, friendship, respect and hope**,
where children and adults feel they belong.
Guide us as we begin this new year together,
and help us to celebrate every child for who they are.
Bless our children, bless our families,
and bless our school community.
Amen.

Other Notices

A Gentle Reminder About School Uniform
A gentle reminder to all parents and carers regarding our **school uniform expectations**.
We have noticed that some children have returned to school wearing **black shoes with white logos or branding**. Whilst we appreciate that finding suitable school shoes can sometimes be challenging, these styles **are not** part of our school uniform.

Black school shoes with black logos or branding are acceptable, provided they are otherwise in keeping with our uniform expectations.

We would also like to remind families that, in line with our school policy, **hoop and dangly earrings are not permitted**. Children may wear **small, simple stud earrings**.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping us maintain our smart and consistent school uniform. We really appreciate your cooperation and understanding.
Thank you for helping our children look smart, feel proud and be ready for learning.

School Uniform - St Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy - Leicester

Uniform-Policy-2026-2028.pdf

Diary Dates

Date Wk beginning	Word of week Virtue CST Protected characteristic	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
24.8.26	Beginnings Human Dignity	INSET DAY	INSET DAY				
31.8.26	Welcome Human Dignity	Bank Holiday					
7.9.26	Encounter Human Dignity	Condover Hall Mass 2pm ALL WELCOME	Condover Hall	Condover Hall	Condover Hall	Condover Hall	

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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CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

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'**