

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

My thanks and congratulations to our Year 6 class. All the PGL staff praised our children for their exemplary behaviour, “have a go attitude” and sensitive encouragement to each other during our week long stay at Osmington Bay. This was the legendary trip where many of you not only conquered your fears but helped others conquer theirs—and where you (and the teachers) discovered exactly how little sleep we can survive on. Thank you for being kind, caring, respectful, adventurous, brave, and thoroughly hilarious. It is small wonder that PGL featured so highly in all your memories. Thank you also to Miss A Ward and Miss S Ward for your enthusiasm and effervescent energy throughout an action-packed week.

I would also like to extend my thanks and congratulations to all our children for their **wonderful efforts in all National Curriculum Assessments**. From our Reception Baseline Assessments or Phonics champions in Y1 to our Multiplication Times Tables Experts in Y4 or our Y2 Optional SATS Whizz Kids to our Y6 SATS Superstars – I am immensely proud of you all. It has been another bumper year for the children at St Joseph's, across all National Curriculum Assessments. We look forward to sharing your successes with Governors in September.

As we reach the end of this academic year and look forward to new beginnings in September, it gives me great pleasure to share the names of our new **Y6 ambassadors** who will carry out the important roles of representing our school in formal functions both in school and within the Trust or Local Authority. This year, we have decided to appoint a team of 4 children who will not only be able to support each other but will also enjoy sharing out the responsibilities of their new roles. I know you will join me in congratulating them and wishing them every success:

Deputy Head Girl – Clara

Deputy Head Boy – Danny

Head Girl – Charlotte T

Head Boy – Alexi

Continuing to pursue our mission of **Catholic Social Teaching**, I am delighted to share the wonderful figure raised during our EDI week – an astonishing £500 for the Deaf Children's Society. **Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity in supporting this worthy cause. I would also like to extend my thanks to Canon Kevin and Sr Brigid for their tireless support of our children.** We are blessed to have you both to guide our children and our staff on our journey to become closer to Jesus and stronger in our faith. **Indeed, I am also delighted to inform you of school's efforts in supporting the Westminster Priests' Training Fund, raising a total of £250 towards this worthy cause.** This was a Saint John Southworth Initiative and we will update you on the total raised from all participating schools. **Please see below for the message of thanks and appreciation from Mrs Moulinet, the Trust Lay Chaplain:** A huge thank you to everyone at St Joseph's MV, a wonderfully generous and faithful community. The seminary is full, and your generosity is invaluable in helping to support the formation of our future priests

We would also like to ask you to keep **Poppy and Pepe in your prayers**. Our Y6 children performed their wonderful end of year play in honour of Poppy and Pepe's father, a small but meaningful way to remember a former parent at St Joseph's who lived his life to the full, sharing his wonderful enthusiasm for his children's education and his love for St Joseph's. **We pray that Paloma, Poppy and Pepe find comfort in their love for him and for each other. May José rest in peace.**

My sincere appreciation to the SJSA – your ceaseless efforts to raise money for our children here at St. Joseph's have been astounding. Together, you have not only exceeded this year's target but continue to

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make plans for even more efficient fund-raising next year. **Indeed, through five fundraising events this year, the SJSA has raised an extraordinary £90,000. All parents and particularly CVCs have paid such an important role this year: we are most grateful.**

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our **Summer Fair on Sunday 12th July** – current and former parents, alumni and so many of our St Joseph's families. You all came together to support our school and to demonstrate the unique quality of our school community. **My heartfelt thanks to you all. All in all the Summer Fair raised approximately £10,000**

The SJSA has asked me to extend special thanks to the following:

Kerry and Nicki Patrick for the 500 lollies and the watermelon thirst quenching treats; **Liz and Will** for being so generous; **Corina** for donating all the face painting equipment, **Plami** for the delicious strawberries and cream; **Natalia, Vanessa and Lia** for the hamper donation; **Liz** for the DJ and Bubble Tea donation; **Clio and the team** for the self-funded French stall; **Anna** for the Tropical Stall; **Ergi** for sponsoring the gas; **Roberta and Little Red Pepper** for all the pizzas; **Caroline and Simon** for the Year 1 Cake Stall; **Camilla and Caroline** for the beautiful decorations and table cloths; **Greg and Team** from **Regent's Park Royals Rugby RFC**; **All Greens, Clifton Road, Little Red Pepper** and **Coombe Tennis Club**, **Coach Grant** and finally, **Melissa** for the original hair accessories and **Mrs Susan Harrington** for counting the money with precision and positivity!

A message from Florence and the SJSA Team.

A Huge Thank You — Challenge Completed!

We are pleased to announce that **20 more families have signed up for monthly donations.**

Thank you to every family who joined the challenge, shared the campaign and supported SJSA. Your regular donations will help protect the opportunities, resources and experiences that make St Joseph's special.

Challenge prizes will be announced soon.

Please Share Your Feedback

We would still like to hear from every family. The feedback form takes only a few minutes to complete and will help SJSA plan future events and fundraising:

<https://forms.gle/iRHD9dzXWpYLdqri7>

Year 6 Families — Join the Alumni Community

As Year 6 pupils prepare to leave St Joseph's, families are invited to stay connected through the school's alumni community.

Sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/SNPPSkczwaHXsaqM9>

Thank you again for your support and for helping us build a stronger community for all our children.

Junior Adventures Group will be holding their Holiday Club here at St. Joseph's from **Monday 20th July until Friday 14th August**. Please do contact them if you would like to reserve a place for your children.

Please join me in this final, end of year prayer dedicated to our children and families at St. Joseph's,

Dear God,

Thank You for our school, for all our friends, and for the fun times we've shared this year. Thank You for helping us learn, grow, and try our best every day. Please keep us safe and happy during our summer holidays. Help us to rest, play, and come back ready for a new year when it's time.

Amen.

Children going into years 1-6 return to school on Wednesday 2nd September. Children going into **Nursery or Reception have been informed of their start dates and will therefore join us accordingly.** Please note, children may wear their **Summer Uniform until the October half-term.**

We shall write to parents on Friday 4th September with details of upcoming Curriculum Meeting dates and after school clubs.

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On behalf of all of the staff here at St Joseph's, we would like to say a huge thank you for all your kind gifts and wishes. Mr Stubbings in his role as CEO of SJSCAT has asked me, on behalf of the Directors and wider team to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

With best wishes,

Dr Viana and Mr Bowles

End of Year Awards Certificates

Y6 – Whole class

Y5

Violet 3	Whole Class
Violet 1	Mia, Charlotte, Elvis, Nathan, James, Aron
Blue 3	Eva, Audrey, Samuel, Lucas, Livia, Taisiia, Alba
Blue 1	Did, Maxim, Cody, Nancy, Alyssa, Keira, Benji
Pink 3	Hannah, Oliver, Maria, Philipp, Christopher
Pink 2	Sully, Antonella, Rafael, Nicholas, Alma
Pink 1	Scott, Isabella, Raphael, Havanna, Ambrose
Rec 1&2	Whole Class
Nursery	Whole Class