

November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. We hope you have all had a restful half term and are ready for the return to slightly darker mornings ahead! The children have settled in really well to the start of our second term and are ready for the learning ahead.

Our topic this term is 'Toys, past and present', where in history we will be looking at toys our grandparents and great-grandparents would have played with when they were young. If you have any old toys that the children could bring in we would be delighted to share them with the class!

In English we will be learning about fairytales and a 'Fireworks poem' to encourage use of descriptive language. As mathematicians we are looking at place value up to 100 and also addition and subtraction facts to 10. Our Science lessons will involve looking at the season of winter and how the weather changes throughout this time

PE will continue to be on a Friday, as well as Tuesday this term. Please make sure your child arrives in their school PE kit on both PE days so that they can make the most of their allocated time. Just a reminder that items of clothing should be clearly named at all times. Items of clothing that are not named and that the children cannot identify will go straight into lost property. Please ensure that all clothing remains in line with the school's uniform policy.

On a Friday the children will continue to be given English, Maths or RE based homework via TEAMs. Homework will be due in on the following Wednesday so that it can be marked. Please note that homework that is not handed in on this day may not be marked.

Children are now being introduced to new Phase 5 sounds, after revising Phase 4 in autumn term 1. Over the coming week, we will send home reading books for children. This is a careful process because we want every child to feel confident and successful with the books they take home—ideally reading with at least 95% accuracy. Please be aware that this means some children may not bring books home straight away. When your child does receive a book, you'll notice that the back of the book lists the new sounds it focuses on.

Finally, if you have any questions, please ask.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Guiote and Mrs.Hannon