



## Head-lines

As the curtain closes on another school year, we look back and reflect on all that we have achieved. It continues to be a joy and a privilege working with all the children and we couldn't be prouder of them. It's been a busy year, with two inspections both confirming that St Joseph's is a good school. But that only captures a fraction of everything that goes on here - the hard work, the laughter, the joy we feel every day. Thank you to all the staff I work with, the parents and families and most importantly, the children. I hope the sun shines, you enjoy whatever you have planned for the six weeks and have a lovely, lovely summer. Best wishes, Mr Turner

## Year 6

There is a sadness that comes over us every year as we say goodbye to our Year 6 Leavers. We have watched you grow, develop and shine as you have been on your journey through St Joseph's. The thing that takes away a bit of that sadness is the pride and happiness we feel seeing what you have become. Each and every one of you has brought something special to our school and the lives of those around you. And you will continue to make a difference as you journey on to High School and beyond. I have spoken to you many times about our Vision, Values and Mission and how important these are. And as you leave St Joseph's, that is now more important than ever, as you take those messages into the wider world. Excellence; Resilience; Respect - all of these are important. But our underpinning Mission of Love for One Another is the key idea I want you to take from St Joseph's. You take this Mission with you and make this world one of love. I know that our Leavers of 2023 are shining rays of love. Piotr, Jacob, Olivia, Erin, Heidi, Jenson, Jack, Jorgie, Imogen, Joseph, Isabella, William, Skarlette, Joshua, Jennifer, Stanley, Olivia, Naya, Junior, Amelia, Noaha, Darcie, David, Cole, Padre, Pedro, Harry, Lewis, Isabelle, Grace, Lilah, Thomas, Emily, Toby, Jacob, Arlo, Blake, Alfie, Aiken, Ella, Simon, Nirmal, James, Alfie, Harry, Finley, James, Ellie, Sophia, Ethan, Harry, Freya, Faith, Roseanna and Julia it has been a pleasure working with you and we are so incredibly proud of all that you have achieved and become. You truly live our Mission and Vision and I know you will keep that message of love as you journey on. You will always be a special part of our school and are welcome to come back and visit - we would love to hear all about your next adventures! Good bye and good luck.



As we finish, we also say goodbye to a few other children from our school. Isaac, Jake, Finn and Alfie, we will all miss you and wish you all the best for the future.

## More goodbyes...

This year, we also say a few more goodbyes to some staff. Mr Barrie has been part of our school for more than 25 years! It is fitting that our Patron Saint, Saint Joseph, was a carpenter, as Mr Barrie was a joiner by trade. PE shelving units, EYFS mud kitchens, desks - if they have been built in the last 25 years, the chances are they were built by Mr Barrie! So even though he leaves, his work stays with us! I also know there are several members of staff (including me!) who have made use of his skills in their own homes! I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Barrie for all his work over the years and wish him a happy and restful retirement. Thank you and all the best.



We say goodbye (but only for now!) and good luck to Miss Langley who finishes this Summer to have her baby. We are sure she will call in next year as we can't wait to meet her new arrival. Good luck Miss Langley.

We also say a big congratulations and best wishes to Miss Ward who gets married later in the summer. Miss Ward will then return as Mrs Dyas-Ward. We wish Miss Ward and her husband to be a happy, healthy future.

Dr Pemberton who has been taking 6C one day per week, along with some other cover throughout the year leaves us as she has been successfully appointed as the SEN Coordinator at Prenton Preparatory School. We wish Dr Pemberton all the best and thank you for your work.

And finally we say thank you and good bye to Miss Rynkiewicz who moves on to take up a teaching post at another school. Thank you for your work Miss Rynkiewicz and all the best for the future.



### Thank you!

It is such a joy working at St Joseph's, not least of all because of all the amazing people I work alongside. So as the year comes to a close, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone - the amazing staff, who work so hard every day to provide the very best school experience for the children. Also to Janine and all the PTA who give their time and work to put on fantastic events throughout the year - we really appreciate it and know how special these events are to bring our

community together, so thank you! This year also sees us say farewell to a really long standing member of our PTA - Cathy.

Thank you Cathy for all your support, time and cake! (and quiche!) We are all really grateful for everything you have done over the years. Thank you to all the parents and family members who work with us and support us in ensuring the best possible outcomes for your children. And last, but certainly not least, thank you to all the children! We all absolutely love working with you, we are so proud of you and thank you for being you!

### School uniform

A reminder that school closes on Thursday 20th July. We re open to children on Tuesday 5th September. Term dates for the year are published on the home page of our website [www.stjosephscatholicprimarybirkenhead.co.uk](http://www.stjosephscatholicprimarybirkenhead.co.uk)

The uniform shop in Birkenhead is fully stocked with all our school uniform, and they offer a click and collect service to 'beat the queues'. [www.wirraluniforms.com](http://www.wirraluniforms.com)

Tesco also hold our badge ready to be added to items. Full details of uniform can be found on our website under 'School Information'.

If you have any items of uniform you no longer require and can donate, please drop them in at the office and we will put them out in our Freecycle store. We are also able to subsidise uniform for Pupil Premium eligible children - please speak to the office for more information.

Whole school attendance for the year = **94.7%**  
Thank you for your continued support and we continue to aim for at least 96%

### Prayer for the term

*God our Father, we thank you for all our blessings this last year. For being with us on every step we take. We continue to grow and love, with you at our side. St Joseph, pray for us.*