



St Joseph's
Catholic Primary School

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Thursday 3rd September 2026

Welcome to Elder Class - Year 1 & 2

Mrs Blenkarn - Class Teacher

Mrs Slater - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Willson - Tuesday afternoon

Mr Palmer - Wednesday afternoon

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly a huge welcome back to another exciting year of School at St Joseph's. Hopefully you had a great summer and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine. We have lots of exciting events planned and I cannot wait to enjoy them with your child, as a class family. This aim of this newsletter is to give you some key information which I hope you will find useful:

- Your child will be sent home with a **reading book next week**. Reading Books will be changed once a week, on a **Friday**. It is really important that you read at home with your child, daily if possible. We hope that every child leaves KS1 fluent in reading and reading at home frequently has been proven to support this. We are continuing to use Learning with Parents to record your child's reading. Please record all reading here, school books, books from home, maybe even from the local library. We will celebrate in school weekly. No login details are required. You will receive a weekly alert to your email with a magic link. Any problems please just let me know.
- **PE lessons** will be on a **Monday**. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times and all items in the PE kit are named. This includes trainers as we will where possible we hope to complete PE lessons outdoors.
- Please ensure your child has a pair of wellington boots and a suitable coat in school for outdoor learning. If the boots could be kept in school throughout the year that would be great. Our outdoor learning slot is on a **Monday** afternoon.
- A coat in school every day please for playtimes and lunch times, it can rain at any point in the day and we go out in all weathers.
- A water bottle in school. We have fresh filtered water available for the children to fill bottles up just outside our classroom. No juice please, this is a school wide policy.

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School Lunches, Milk and Snacks

School lunches continue to be free in Year 1 & 2 so your child can enjoy a hot meal daily, should they choose to do so. If you would like to order milk for your child, you can do so on the following website www.coolmilk.com. Children can continue to bring healthy snacks to school for morning playtime however, we do have fruit available in class each day so this is not essential. Please note that following school guidelines a healthy snack should be fruit, crackers or a cereal bar and not crisps, chocolate or sweets.

Home learning

Home learning tasks such as spellings, relevant maths work and other tasks related to our current topic may be sent home with children. These tasks are not compulsory, however will be helpful in supporting your child's learning.

Email

In line with St Joseph's school policy, if you have any questions or issues related to your child please email parents@sjk.bcwcatt.co.uk and your email will be forwarded to myself. However, we love to celebrate your child's interests both in and out of school in Elder Class, and if you have any pictures that your child would like to share with the class then please feel free to send them to sharon.blenkarn@sjk.bcwcatt.co.uk

Let the fun begin!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Blenkarn

Class Teacher / English Lead / EYFS Lead

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