



ST JOSEPH'S

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 4th September 2026

It has been a pleasure welcoming my class to Year 6 this week. I am delighted with how well the children have settled in; they have behaved beautifully, shown a positive attitude and already demonstrated a great deal of effort.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some information about the year ahead. Our class will be known as **Hawthorn Class**. We will learn about **Saint Vincent de Paul** and focus on the virtue of **Responsible Citizenship**. I will be supported by Miss Allatt, who will be with us every day, and Mr Palmer, who will teach the class on Monday afternoons.

Hawthorn Class has **PE on Wednesday afternoons**. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school consisting of a white T-shirt, dark shorts or joggers and suitable indoor and outdoor footwear. Kits should remain in school for the half term and can then be taken home for washing. On **Thursdays, we have outdoor learning**. As we go out in all weathers, wellies or an old pair of shoes/boots are essential. Please ensure that all clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with your child's name.

In Autumn 1, we will learn about the significance of **The Vikings** in our history lessons. We then move to a geography topic about **North America** after half term. We have an exciting range of activities, trips and visitors planned throughout the year, with further information to follow in due course.

A key focus in Year 6 is developing the children's independence and responsibility as we prepare them for their transition to secondary school. Expectations are high, and the children will be encouraged to take increasing responsibility for their learning, organisation and behaviour. Further information about homework will be sent out shortly.

Of course SATs are an important part of Year 6 and we will work hard to ensure that every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential. However, it is equally important that the children enjoy their final year of primary school and create some wonderful memories along the way. We have lots to look forward to, including our fantastic residential trip to Paris!

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout what I hope will be a happy, successful and memorable year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at parents@sjk.bcwcatt.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R McCarter