



Message from Ms McIlroy

I would like to start by wishing all the members of our wonderful school community a happy start to a new school year. I am delighted and immensely proud to be the headteacher of such a wonderful school and would like to thank you all for all the lovely well wishes on Thursday morning. There is something so special about St Josephs and I am incredibly proud of our children, supportive parents, inspirational teachers and governors. I look forward to working with everybody to continue to build a safe, engaging environment that promotes high aspirations, academic achievement and success for all.

We have had a fantastic start to the school year and it was wonderful to see the children so settled and happy in their new classrooms. The children look wonderful and are a credit to you all.

I hope these weekly newsletters will be informative and will celebrate all the wonderful things that happen in our school.

Best wishes

Ms McIlroy
Headteacher

New Reception Class

We are all looking forward to welcoming our new Reception class who will start on Monday 6th September. Mrs Clarke has enjoyed meeting all the parents and along with Mrs Lavender is excited to meet all the children. Please remember the children will be part time for 2 weeks and the times are 8:50—11:20 or 12:45—3:15. Good luck to all our new starters as they join the St Joseph's school family.



Twitter



I am delighted to announce that St Joseph's will soon have a twitter account. A photograph consent form has already been signed and we will ensure that any children who have not been given permission will not be used in any photographs, if you need this updated please email school. We will be able to share news updates and each class can share pictures and news throughout the week. I am excited to share with you all the wonderful things that happen in school.

Attendance

It was lovely to see all the children back in school and I am delighted that 3 classes achieved 100%!!

Y1	96%
Y2	100%
Y3	100%
Y4	93%
Y5	100%
Y6	92%

Remember attending school is so important, as is being on time.

Our school target is **97%**

Our overall school attendance is **95%**

Green met the target or exceeded, yellow just below, red is below and must be improved.

Well done Y3 you are our attendance champions as you also had no lates!!

Before School Club

Thank you to the parents who have expressed an interest in the before school club starting again, this matter will be discussed at the next governor meeting and I will keep people informed of the outcome as soon as possible.

Hope everybody enjoys the weekend and the children come back refreshed and ready for the challenges of a new week.

Keep Safe and God Bless
Ms McIlroy

