

Highfield St Joseph's Newsletter

Work hard, Love, Learn

A caring environment which is centered on love and respect

Messages from Joanna Bircham,
Head Teacher

June 2025



We've had another warm week in school enjoying the outdoor areas.

Let's hope it lasts for the long weekend ahead of us! Remember school is closed on Monday for our occasional day.

Sun Protection – Thank you for sending sun cream and hats into school. There is a consent to complete on Arbor for use of sun creams. Please complete this if you haven't done it yet.



We welcome families to join us on Tuesday 24th June

The schedule for our Day of Sport is as follows:

9:30 - 11:30

All classes will compete in a range of individual races such as sprints, sack race, egg and spoon and skipping.

13:15 - 15:00

After lunch, the children will work with their house teams in a multi-skill event. This will involve throwing, jumping, ball skills and other challenges.

All events throughout the day will take place on the field and all spectators can access this via the gate just up from the MUGA. All times and events are weather permitting.

Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kits for the day, with sun cream and hats for protection. PE kits have been sent home with children today.

PARENT FEEDBACK 2025

Thank you so much for the support shown in our survey for parents. 19 parents responded and the findings were very positive.

Parents wrote that pupils enjoy:

- Learning, being with friends
- Their friends
- learning and friends
- Variety of lessons, being with their friends and being taught by good teachers who care about them.
- Having friends and close network of staff
- Sports
- Playing outside with friends
- Play time outside and dinner
- Sense of community & care
- Learning activities, family environment
- My children enjoy the way staff are helpful and listen to their concerns. My children also enjoy the school educational trips. Lastly the teachers are devoted in making sure they get a good education and they prepare them excel and be respectful future leaders.
- The smaller classes, their friends and learning interesting topics
- All aspects of school
- Friends and football
- Seeing her friends and maths
- Learning!
- English, Sports and playing with friends
- Everything & teachers
- Learning new subjects

100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child feels happy at school

100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school makes sure pupils are well-behaved

94.7% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that bullying is dealt with effectively with 5.3% saying that they don't know.

89% agreed or strongly agreed that the school makes them aware of what they will learn throughout the academic year with 11% saying they don't know.

84.2% agreed or strongly agreed that the school lets them know about the academic progress their child is making

89.5% agreed or strongly agreed that the school gives their pupil with SEND the support they need to succeed

36.9% agreed or strongly agreed that they know how to contact the school if they have a concern with the 63.1% saying this did not apply to them.

100% agreed or strongly agreed that when they have raised a concern it was dealt with properly.

100% agreed or strongly agreed that their child does well at school

100% agreed or strongly agreed that the school supports their child's wider development

100% agreed or strongly agreed that their child can take part in clubs and activities

Upcoming Dates

June

- 23rd School closed for occasional day
- 25th Y6 Project Day at St Thomas More
- 26th New Reception Parent Meeting
- 27th Gateshead Schools Athletics Festival
(selected children from Y5/6)

July

- 3rd Trust Celebration of Sport Y5
 - 9th Time Odyssey @ Great North Museum Y5/6
 - 11th KS1 Picnic fun afternoon
 - 17th Y6 leavers assembly 2pm
 - 18th School closes for summer
- Full Term dates can be found on our website

Catholic Life



Some of our children will be receiving their First Holy Communion on 29th June at Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell.

Year 6 leavers dates

- 25th June Project Day at STM
- 26th June SEN transition at STM
- 1st July Transition day at STM
- 1st and 2nd July Transition at Whickham School
- 3rd July SEN Transition at STM
- 7th July STM Head of Year Visit to STJH

2025/2026 Term Dates

	From	To	Half Term
Autumn Term	Monday 1 September 2025 (Training Day) Children return Tuesday 2 Sept.	Friday 19 December 2025	27 October – 31 st October 2025
Spring Term	Monday 5 January 2026 (Training Day) Children return Tuesday 7 Jan.	Thursday 2 nd April 2026	23– 27 February 2026
Summer Term	Monday 20 April 2026 Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday Monday 22nd June – School Closed	Friday 17 July 2026	25 – 29 May 2026 Monday 25 th May: Bank Holiday