



Welcome back to the summer term, although as I type the newsletter it's looking decidedly grey outside! Still the longer days are a blessing. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break spending time with your loved ones and celebrating this special season. As per our uniform policy, children may now wear their summer uniform, however, please feel free to wait until the weather warms up a little more! Full details can be found [here](#).

The children have come back to school beautifully and are well settled straight into their learning. The heating project continues and we're glad to hear that, whilst slightly overrunning, everything is being installed smoothly – this will stand us in great stead for next winter.

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term and the one ahead. Our focus, as always, is on children's learning and being the best we can be! There are lots of exciting and interesting things happening this term, please do the check the fortnightly 'Looking Ahead' dates at the end of the newsletter along with the website diary which is regularly updated [here](#)

Have a super weekend  
Mrs McBrown

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**



#### **Jesus is Alive!**

The 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A reminds us that Jesus is alive and walks with us. The readings show how His followers came to believe in the resurrection. They also call us to live with hope and trust in His promise.

In the first reading, Peter tells the crowd that Jesus' death and resurrection were part of God's plan. He speaks with courage, showing that the Holy Spirit gives strength to share the Good News.

The Gospel tells the story of the road to Emmaus. Two disciples walk with a stranger who explains the Scriptures to them. They finally recognize Him when He breaks bread. This moment shows how Jesus is present with us in Word and Sacrament.

The 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A encourages us to look for Jesus in our daily lives. He is with us in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in the people we meet. When we open our hearts to Him, our faith grows stronger.

*Lord Jesus,*

*When I feel lost or sad, walk beside me like You did on the road to Emmaus. Help me to listen for Your voice and recognize You in my life. Open my eyes to see Your love in my family, my friends, and the world around me. Stay with me, Lord, and fill my heart with joy and peace.*

*Amen.*

## New Life!

We often use the phrase “New life” when talking to the children about Easter and the reasons behind some of the traditions we have e.g. Easter eggs and to help the children link these ideas with Jesus’ resurrection. Reception class have taken their learning one step further and have hatching chicks in their classroom! As I type, we have 4 chicks and 3 still to hatch – the children are so excited about their furry friends! A huge thank you to Mrs Akinyemi and the Reception team for organising such a super learning experience!



## Camp Epic

As you will have seen from the letter sent out last term, we begin new taster sessions for our Camp Epic after school club and Camp Epic lates starting next week on Monday. If your child would like to attend these sessions, please book using [this link](#). We do not take bookings or payments via the school office for Camp Epic.

<b>Looking Ahead... summer term</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school!
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Camp Epic clubs start (3:15pm – 4:30pm, 4:30pm to 5:30pm)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm	PTA EGM – please attend if you can.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Class Liturgy
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y1 and Y5 to Mass
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Class Liturgy
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole class photos
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 to Mass.

Please remember to check the school website [here](#) for further dates and details.



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School PTA EGM 2026

**Monday, 20 April - 6.30pm, School Hall**

**You're invited to have your say!**

We're excited to share that we're transitioning from a PTA to a PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association), meaning parents, grandparents, friends, and anyone important in your child's life can get involved and support our school community.

The PTA plays a vital role in organising events that enrich school life, including discos, present wrap events, Mad Hair Day, summer fetes, Christmas celebrations, and more. These events simply wouldn't be possible without support from our school community.

We're looking for new members and volunteers to help these activities continue and grow. If you're able to attend, we'd love to see you there.

The school will also be providing a childcare option for the children of parents who are attending the meeting.

If you can't attend in person, a Teams link will be shared closer to the time.

If you'd like more information, please email us at [stjosephs.pta.01@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephs.pta.01@gmail.com).

We'd love to see you there!

