



St. Jude's Catholic Primary School and Pre-School

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Welcome Letter September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to St Jude's Catholic Primary School as we begin a new academic year together.

A special welcome goes to all the children and families joining our school community for the first time. We are delighted that you are part of the St Jude's family and look forward to getting to know you over the coming months.

As we begin this new school year, we do so with great hope and optimism. At St Jude's, we remain committed to ensuring that every child flourishes academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. Our vision, **Achieving Together in God's Love**, continues to guide all that we do.

Centred in Christ, our vision is to nurture a curious, resilient and collaborative community of lifelong learners. Through our engaging and inspiring curriculum, we encourage all children to have high aspirations and to make a positive contribution to their communities and the wider world.

The start of a new school year brings exciting opportunities for learning, growth and discovery. Our staff have worked hard to prepare welcoming classrooms and engaging learning experiences that will inspire children to develop their talents, deepen their knowledge and grow in confidence. We look forward to celebrating many successes and achievements together throughout the year.

We recognise that returning to school can bring a mixture of excitement and nervousness, as we explored in our Welcome Liturgy this morning. Worries and anxieties are normal emotions that we all experience, and they can help us to face the challenges that lie ahead as we journey through life.

Please be assured that our staff are here to support every child as they settle into their new classes and routines. Working in partnership with parents and carers is incredibly important to us, and we greatly value the support you continue to provide.

If you have any concerns about your child, their class teacher should be your first point of contact. If necessary, they will be able to signpost you to further support available through the school.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead, filled with faith, friendship, learning and opportunity.

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May God bless you and your families as we begin this new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sarah Wall
Headteacher

Dates & Key Information

Inset Days 2026-2027

Monday 2nd November

Friday 18th December 1.00pm finish

Friday 28th May 2027

Friday 18th June 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027 1.00pm finish

Welcome Events

Tuesday 8th September 3.20-4.30pm Welcome Drop-In Event Year 1 & 2. Come and meet your child's new teacher.

Years 3-6 Class Welcome meetings date 3.20-4.00pm Creche provided for school aged children:

Year 3 Wednesday September 9th

Year 4 Thursday September 10th

Year 5 Monday September 14th

Year 6 Tuesday September 15th

Hampshire School Holidays see link: [HAMPSHIRE](#)

More dates are available on the school calendar [St Jude's School and Pre-School - Diary Listing](#)

Our website is currently being updated so class pages are not, yet, current.

Liturgies & Masses Autumn Term

All family members are welcome to attend masses and events at Saint Philip Howard

Wednesday 9th September 1.30pm Mass

Wednesday 7th October Key Stage 1 Adoration 1.30pm Saint Philip Howard

Wednesday 14th October 1.30pm Adoration

Wednesday 21st October St Jude's Feast Day Mass

Harvest Festival Thursday 22nd October 2pm (school hall TBC)

Class Liturgies

Invites with exact date will be sent nearer the time:

Year 6 Saint Vincent de Paul WB 28th September

Reception St Francis of Assisi WB October 4th

Attendance

Excellent attendance remains one of our key priorities as every day in school matters. Our aim is for all pupils to achieve attendance of at least **97%**. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend regularly, arrive on time and are ready to learn. Please do not take your child on a family holiday during term time: I am not permitted to authorise this unless under very exceptional circumstances.

The school day starts at 8.40am the gates open at 8.30am

The school day finishes 3.10pm please collect your children promptly.

Key Stage 2 siblings may enter through the **Key Stage 1** gate in the morning, although we encourage upper **Key Stage 2 siblings** to walk to the Church gate as this area is very congested in the morning.

Siblings in Years 3 & 4 are escorted to the Key Stage 1 gate by an adult at the end of the day.

Year 5 & 6 Siblings make their way to the gate of your choice.

Key Stage 1 children will be seen out to a parent at the end of the school day

Year 3 & 4 children will be seen out to a parent at the end of the day.

Year 5 & 6 children after the first week will be allowed to exit the school independently.

Medicines

If your child is on medication, please come to the school office to complete a medicine form which allows us to administer medicine during the school day. If your child has diarrhoea or sickness, they must remain off school for 48hrs after the last episode. If this is 1pm in the afternoon or at a time in the day they are welcome to join school halfway through a day. We want them to miss the least amount of time as possible. The link below is extremely helpful.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform at St Jude's, as we believe it reflects the high standards we expect from our children in their behaviour, learning and presentation. Visitors and members of the public regularly comment on how smart our pupils look and how well they conduct themselves.

Please see the link below for full details of our school uniform. School jumpers are the only item available to purchase directly from the school. All other uniform items can be purchased from local supermarkets or from Skool Kit in Fareham, where our school ties and logo PE shirts are also available.

[School Uniform 2025.pdf](#)

Please ensure all items of uniform, PE kit, coats, lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly named. This greatly helps us return misplaced items to their owners.

After School Clubs

St Jude's offers Wraparound Care see the link below for booking forms and information.

[St Jude's School and Pre-School - School Clubs](#)

Other clubs such as Netball, Rugby and Language Club will be available, and information will be sent out later in the term.