

Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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Dear parents and carers,

Re: End of year letter 2025-26

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for the continued support, encouragement and partnership you have shown throughout the year. Your commitment plays a vital role in the success of our students and our school community.

We hope you have found our fortnightly school newsletters both informative and enjoyable, providing an opportunity to celebrate the many achievements of our students and keep you updated on the wide range of events taking place across the school.

Next week, you will receive the final newsletter of the academic year from your child's Head of Year, highlighting the many successes, events and activities that have taken place during the closing weeks of the summer term and celebrating all that has been achieved across our Mount St Joseph community.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank those members of staff who will be leaving Mount St Joseph this summer. Whether they are retiring or moving on to new opportunities, we are incredibly grateful for the dedication, professionalism and care they have shown to our students and school community. We wish them every success and happiness in the next chapter of their lives.

I would like to pay tribute to those colleagues who have each dedicated more than five years of service to Mount St Joseph. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Smith, Assistant Headteacher; Miss Owens, Teacher of Mathematics; Miss Balshaw, Assistant Head of RE; and Mrs Wolstencroft, Assistant Head of English. Their commitment, expertise and unwavering support have made a lasting contribution to our school, and they leave with our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Final week activities

Over the next two weeks, we have several important whole school activities and lessons taking place, including:

- End-of-year tests and assessments
- Sports Day,
- Final curriculum lessons and wrap-up activities
- Celebrations and awards assemblies

We ask that everyone takes note of these events and supports students in being present for school, prepared and punctual.

Please could I ask for your support in ensuring that students are dressed appropriately when school uniform is not required.

Thursday 16th July	Sports Day (weather permitting)	Students are able to wear their PE kit to school on this day (it must be their MSJ PE kit) . Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle and to apply sunscreen. <i>Ice-cream and Ice lollies being sold- students will need to bring cash if they wish to purchase.</i>
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End of term arrangements - Friday 17th July

As we come to the end of another successful school year, we would like to celebrate the excitement of the World Cup Final together. On the last day of term, students are invited to wear their favourite football team's shirt instead of their usual school shirt (school trousers or skirts must be worn). As a Catholic school, we are committed to putting our faith into action by serving others. To support our local community through our Caritas mission, we kindly ask each student to bring one non-perishable food item, which will be donated to the Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank to support local families in need. Donations could include items such as tinned food, pasta, rice, cereal, long-life milk, tea, coffee or toiletries.

We would like to advise all parents and carers that the school will close for the summer break on **Friday 17th July**. As in previous years, students will finish school early on the last day of term - around lunch time. In order to ensure that all students leave school in a safe and controlled manner, we will be staggering the times each year group leaves, please see below for each year group's leaving time:

Year group	Finishing time on Friday 17th July
10	12.20pm
9	12.25pm
8	12.30pm
7	12.30pm

Please ensure that your child has made arrangements to make a safe journey home as there will be no school buses at the close of day.

End of year reports

All students in Years 7–9 received their assessment data last Friday via the Arbor app. A report from their PDT teacher will also be available on Arbor before the end of term. Year 10 students will receive their reports this Friday.

Please take the time to review your child's report with them and celebrate their achievements. These successes reflect the hard work and commitment of our students and staff, alongside the continued support of parents and carers.

Your ongoing support plays a vital role in helping us provide the best possible opportunities and outcomes for every student. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Summer holiday support

Over the summer many organisations provide support to parents with help towards the cost of meals and activities – please review the school website regularly to remain up to date with the latest events. Local support services for parent in Bolton can also be found at the Raise the Youth Foundation at:

[Bolton support services for parents - Family Connected - Raise the Youth Foundation](#)

New start of term: September 2026

Year 7 and 11 will return to school on **Wednesday 3rd September. Year 8,9 and 10 will return on Thursday 4th September.** Please ensure your child/(ren) arrive at 8.25am to start their first lesson of the day at 8.30am. Students will continue to enter at the back of the school building from the Minerva Road entrance adjacent to the bus turnaround, this has worked extremely well this year and has helped reduce traffic coming into Greenland Road. Year 11 will enter school via the technology doors on the main car park. Staff will be there to assist all students on the first day of term.

Please could parents and carers continue to support keeping the students safe by not entering Greenland Road at the start and the end of the school day when students are entering or leaving school. Please note the school vehicles gates will be closed at the start and end of the school day, and vehicles will not be permitted to come onto the car park.

We have also attached a supplementary letter regarding standards at Mount St Joseph, this includes attendance, punctuality, uniform, equipment, mobile phones and electronic devices and social media. Please take time to read this information and share this with your child/dren.

May I take this opportunity to thank all our MSJ community once again for all your support this academic year, I wish you all a safe, happy and peaceful summer and I look forward to working with you next academic year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Devany
Headteacher