



JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

PLEASE READ ME-PLEASE READ ME-PLEASE READ ME!!!

Please also see our Website: www.stjoespreschool.co.uk

Please do read on for up-to-date news + happenings at St Joseph's Pre-school

😊 Our (almost) Monthly Newsletter keeps you up to date on all happenings at St Joe's Preschool

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DIARY DATES (see below for further info):-

Wednesday 9th July - Sponsored Sports Day/Stay and Play at the Park 9.30am

Thursday 10th July - Open Morning for Children starting in September

Friday 11th July - Leavers Graduation Ceremony at 5pm (more details to follow)

Monday 21st July - Our Last Day Party Day!!

Tuesday 22nd July - Pre-school closed for the Summer Holiday

Counting down to the end of the year and a year at Argyle Morley!!

AND this year is also the Pre-school's 50th Anniversary!!

We are planning to celebrate both these momentous occasions on 13th September 2025.

It will lovely if past, present and even future families and friends could join us!

SEE BELOW for a bit more information!

Pre-school FUNDRAISING for our OUTDOOR AREA

Thank you to everyone for supporting us with any of our fundraising events!

We have some great news with regards to our Outdoor Space as Argyle Morley are currently getting things in order to have the car park resurfaced over the summer (and a new Disabled toilet installed at the front of the building!) This will obviously be amazing for us, and it would be fantastic to add some new equipment and resources to the space to make it even better!!

SO, we need to raise a lot more to keep maintaining the Pre-school!!

We really want to focus our efforts on the outdoor environment, with some new equipment, especially some shade, and outdoor seating. We hope to have a few more activities, including a Cake Sale, and a New to You Toy Sale, as well as the **Sponsored Sports Day event** in the park next door on **Wednesday 9th July!** If you have any other ideas to help raise funds to continue to improve the outdoor space, please let us know.

And PLEASE do support ALL our fundraising efforts!!

30 or 15 hour Codes and EYR1 Forms

Just a little reminder that if you became or will become eligible for the working parent's entitlement, this will be increasing to 30 hours for all children (2,3 and 4 year olds) with effect from September, BUT you will need to have applied for it before the end of August for it to be eligible for the term starting in September. PLEASE speak to Cathy if you need help to get this done! (We would prefer to know that you have your code sorted before we break up for the holidays!) If you already have a code, then don't forget to 'reconfirm' it with HMRC when prompted to do so. We are hoping to start using an online Funding Form system from September, so it will all be digital, and no long forms or pieces of paper to remember to complete and return! 😊 Thank you.



DO keep with the POTTY TRAINING!! (and sorry to keep nagging!)

Don't leave it until the last minute before your child is due to start school - they (and you) will have enough to be thinking about then! You can find lots of information to support you with Potty Training on the ERIC website:

<https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/> Especially with their All Aboard the Toilet Train Campaign!!

Scan the QR code for more information! (Including a video to watch with your children so do 'Get on Board!')



Staff News

We are really sad (for us) to say that Mandy Liddington ('R'Mand'!) has decided to step into early retirement at the end of this academic year, and after over 28 years of dedicated service to St Joes's Pre-school, she will finish on Monday 21st July. 😞

I am sure you will all join us in thanking her for all that she has given over the years and to wish her all the very best for the future. Missing you already Mandy!!

50 years of Pre-school and Our 1st Birthday at Argyle Morley - KEEP THE DATE AND SPREAD THE WORD!!

We are having a celebration on Saturday 13th Sept 2025 from 1pm to 4pm. It will include Special Guest appearances, Cream Teas, Games, Make your own Pizza, Tombola, Puppet Show plus lots more!! EVERYONE, old and new, past and present is invited!! More updates to follow!

Sponsored Sports Day/Stay and Play at the PARK!!

So, to aid our fundraising as outlined above, we thought that we would have our next Stay and Play Session **in the park** next door and hold some special **Sports Day Races** and activities which we hope you might be willing to get a few of your friends and family to sponsor your child for?! It will take place on Weds 9th July and we will walk up to the park from here at 9.30am. We will have a few fun races on the field area before coming down to the play area for a chance to let the children have a swing or a climb and return to the pre-school by 10.45 for Snack time. Sponsor Forms are available NOW!! Please do take one - if everyone was able to just get even £5 worth of sponsorship, we would raise over £300!! **And do come along and join in the fun!**

Graduation Day for the Class of 2025!!

Our Graduation Celebration will take place this year on Friday 11th July at 5pm.

This will be a special event for our Graduating children and their families and will include presentation of Certificates and a special Graduation Tea. Your invitations and full details will arrive this week!!

Last Day of the Year - Party Day!!

Our last day of this academic year will be Monday 21st July and this will be a PARTY session to which ALL children are invited to attend. It will start at 9am and will finish with a big outdoor Picnic Lunch which all parents/family are invited back for too. Parents are invited back from 11.30am to join us for a Photo Slide show of our first year at Argyle Morley (with a special emphasis on our Leavers)! This will be followed by a Picnic Lunch in the outdoor area (weather permitting – if not, then an ‘indoor picnic’!!) You will need to bring your own picnic (and Picnic blankets!) but sharing a last ‘lunchtime’ together is always a nice way to finish! We will have lots of ‘goodbyes’ to say, as well as some Thankyous’!!

Please note that there is NO afternoon session on this day. It will finish by 1pm

*****FINAL REMINDERS!!*****

- Don't forget to check your baskets regularly and take home anything your child might have put in there too. We are getting lots of hats, jackets and other clothing items left behind with the warm weather.
- Can we also request that children DO NOT bring in toys from home! The number of these has been increasing rapidly and are causing no end of arguments and upsets, especially when lost or broken.

Thank you for your cooperation!

ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR YEAR 2025 to 2026

- Term 1 2 September 2025 to 24 October 2025_
- Term 2 3 November 2025 to 19 December 2025_
- Term 3 5 January 2026 to 13 February 2026_
- Term 4 23 February 2026 to 2 April 2026_
- Term 5 20 April 2026 to 22 May 2026_
- Term 6 1 June 2026 to 22 July 2026_

NB: WE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FOR FIVE IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS DURING THE YEAR.

The first of these is on **Tuesday 2nd September** so our first day of term for the Children will be from Wednesday 3rd September. We have 4 further in-service training days provisionally booked on

Friday 24th October 25, Monday 23rd February 26, Thursday 2nd April 26, + Wednesday 22nd July 26.

(We hope to stick to these dates, but may have to change one subject to Trainer availability)

We also close for Bank Holidays. (But most bank holidays fall in non-term time anyway!)

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