



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 14th October 2022



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dear God,

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.

Amen.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 16 th October	Confirmation Commitment Mass – St Joseph's Church	9.45am
Monday 17 th October	Y5 & 6 visit to the Black Country Museum	
Wednesday 19 th October	Parents' Evening	2.30pm – 5.30pm
	(school finishes at 2.15pm)	
Friday 21 st October	Non-uniform for children in St. John Paul II house ONLY	
Friday 21 st October	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 31 st October	Return to school	8.55am
Tuesday 8 th November	MAC Health and Wellbeing Strategy Meeting	9.00am

School Term Dates 2022 -2023

Autumn Term 2022	Spring Term 2023	Summer Term 2023
Monday 5 th September 2022 to Friday 21 st October 2022	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 to Friday 17 th February 2023	Monday 24 th April 2023 to Friday 26 th May 2023
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Monday 31 st October 2022 to Friday 16 th December 2022	Monday 27 th February 2023 to Thursday 6 th April 2023	Monday 5 th June 2023 to Friday 21 st July 2023
END OF TERM	END OF TERM	END OF YEAR

Teacher Days - Monday 5th September 2022 / Tuesday 6th September 2022 / Friday 10th February 2022 / Monday 24th July / Tuesday 25th July
+ MAC teacher day - Friday 17th February

Our teacher days have now been allocated as Friday 10th February, Friday 17th February, Monday 24th July and Tuesday 25th July. School will be closed on those days.

St Joseph's Parish

Mass at St Joseph's Church takes place every **Sunday morning at 9.45am**. Please do try to attend Mass as often as you can.

Confirmation Commitment Mass – SUNDAY

Just a reminder that on Sunday at 9.45am the Confirmation Commitment Mass for children and their parents takes place at St Joseph's Church. It is important that all children wishing to make their Confirmation in January attend this.

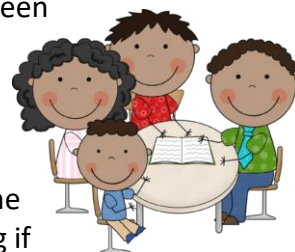
Y6 Secondary Transfer Applications for September 2023

All children in Year 6 should have received a letter before the holiday with details on how to apply for a secondary school place for September 2023. Online application is now open on the Birmingham City Council website at <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php> If you need any assistance with this, please come into school and we will be happy to help.

Secondary Transfer preferences for school places must be submitted to the City council by Monday 31st October 2022. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice.

Parents Evening

Our Parents' Evening will take place in school NEXT Wednesday 19th October between 2.30-5.30pm. Slips have been sent home today informing you of your allocated time, so please check your child's bag. **Please note that school will close at 2.15pm on Wednesday. All children must be collected at this time by an adult**



During the time that you are in your appointment, your child can go into our Creche facility (**only for children who attend our school**) but please only bring children along if they cannot stay at home with another adult.

St John Paul II Feast Day

St John Paul II feast day is next week, so on Friday, children in this house group will be allowed to come in wearing their own clothes to celebrate their house group's feast day.

Uniform Swap Shop



We will be holding our first 'Uniform Swap Shop' in the hall next Wednesday 19th October from 9.00am until 10.00am. You can bring along uniform in good condition and exchange it for bigger sizes, or there will be used, good-condition items of uniform available to buy. We have a lot of bigger items available to suit Y5 and Y6 children.

Fr Solomon - Silver Jubilee Celebration

Fr Solomon will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee over the next few weeks, which means that he has been a Priest for 25 years! As part of his celebrations, St Vincent's School are organising a Mass for him, followed by a buffet in St Vincent's school. They have very kindly invited the St. Joseph's School family to join them and help celebrate this special day. You will have received a letter about this today which was given out in school. If you would like to attend, please fill in the form and return it to school, so that catering can be arranged.

Flu Vaccination – Form deadline

Any outstanding Flu Consent forms must be returned to school by Wednesday. The majority have now been collected by the school nurse, and the team will be contacting parents who have not returned a form.

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Mrs Ashley, Mrs Pattinson, Mr Caffrey and Mrs West*

MAC Health and Wellbeing Strategy Meeting

The MAC are currently putting together a MAC health and wellbeing strategy and would like to consult with parents about this. There will be a meeting taking place here on Tuesday 8th November from 9:00-10:30am which all parents and carers are welcome to attend. The MAC are very keen for parents, schools and community GPs to work together for the benefit of the local community and also it would be wonderful if we could have a good turnout of parents for this event.

School Photograph Day

Your school photos should be available to view on the Aperture website over the weekend. You will need the card that was sent home with your child last Wednesday to be able to see these.

Remembrance Day – Poppies

Poppies will be on sale in school **from next week**. They will be available to the children during the day, priced at 20p per poppy. We have been able to get quite a large number of the ever-popular snap bands this year too! They are priced at £1.50 each, and there are also other items available priced between 50p and £1 each. Please send your child with the correct money as change cannot be given. Thank you!



'Hungry Little Minds' event – free@last



On Monday there will be a Hungry Little Minds event taking place at free@last for children aged 0-5 years. This is a free event and there will be lots of activities for the little ones to share including bouncy castle, storytelling, craft activities and face painting. There are also free books and craft packs for the first 25 families that attend. The event starts at 10am and is on until 11.30am and takes place at free@last, 49 Nechells Park Road. For more information please contact 07514 224482.

Stay and Play – free@last

free@last also run a stay and play session every Friday from 1.30pm for children under 5 at the free@last building, 49 Nechells Park Road. Everyone is welcome to attend – just drop by! This is also a lovely way of meeting other parents with young children and making new friends, especially if you are new to the area.

Starting School - Reception 2023

If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2018 and 31-08-2019, online application is now open on the Birmingham City Council website for Reception school places for September 2023. Please note that paper applications are no longer available and applications must be submitted via the website. Preferences for school places must be submitted to the city council by **15th January 2023**. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice

Pastoral Team

In school we have a team of safeguarding DSLs, Wellbeing staff and we also have a Pastoral Team. Our Pastoral Team is made up of myself (Mrs Ashley), Mr Caffrey, Miss Teague, Mrs Pattinson, Mrs West, Mrs Koumi, and Miss Crane.

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Class Attendance – weekly attendance treats

As you know, it is very important that children attend school every day, both for their wellbeing and academic achievement and also to encourage good habits of their future working life.



Every week, the class with the highest attendance will be rewarded with a certificate and an extra day during the week to attend our lunchtime 'Board Games' club. At the end of each half term, the class with the most certificates will be given a treat!

Attendance – week ending 14th September 2022

Well done to **Year Three** who had the best attendance again this week with an amazing **100%!!**

This is fabulous – well done!!! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	90%	Year One	93%	Year Two	98%	Year Three	100%
Year Four	98%	Year Five	92%	Year Six	97%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%



Congratulations to the following children who have shone in school over the last week;

Reception	Shumyla	Brilliant progress in reading
Year 1	Nova	Lovely work and working really hard all week
Year 2	Eliana	Being helpful with her friends
Year 3	Daejarn	Always trying his best and being ready to learn
Year 4	Eldana B	Always being polite to the teachers and her classmates
Year 5	Samuel	Beautiful handwriting!
Year 6	Dejanae	Being an excellent participant and role model in this week's English debate lesson

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