



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 12th May 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dates for your Diary

Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th May	Y2 SATs week	
Monday 22 nd May	SEND Coffee Morning	10-11am
Tuesday 23 rd May	First Holy Communion meeting	3.30pm
Friday 26 th May	School closes for ONE WEEK half-term holiday	3.15pm
Sunday 11 th June	First Holy Communion Mass at St. Joseph's Church	12.00pm
Friday 16 th June	Father's Day INSPIRE (time tbc)	
Tuesday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Production/assembly	2.00pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass	2.00pm
Friday 21 st July	End of school year – school closes at 1.00pm	1.00pm

A Prayer by Jay Y3

Dear Lord,
 Please help me to help others and to be kind.
 Thank you for giving your life for me.
 Amen



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.

Year 2 SATs Week

Year Two SATS will take place during the NEXT 2 WEEKS (15th – 19th May and 22nd – 26th May). It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child is at school every day during these two weeks, and also that they are in on time each day.

Year 6 SATs

Well done to all of the children in Year Six, who have been working extremely hard and given their best to their assessments this week. I would like to thank parents for their support in ensuring that their children were in school on time every day this week - keep it up!

Anti-Bullying and Wellbeing workshops

Our 'Wellbeing and Anti-bullying' for Y5 & Y6 is on Monday next week (15th). Please ensure that you arrive at 1.50pm at the latest. **The workshop will start at 2pm and nobody will be admitted once the workshop has started.**



First Holy Communion Parents' and Carers Meeting

There will be a meeting for all parents and carers of First Holy Communion children in school on Tuesday 23rd May from 3.30pm until 4.00pm to discuss arrangements for the day.

SEND Coffee Morning

Do you have concerns or worries about your child? Are you a parent of a child with already identified special educational needs? On 22nd May we will be holding a Coffee Morning in school from 10am – 11am. Join us for a hot drink and a chance to socialise with other parents in the hall (younger non-school age siblings are welcome too!). Sophie Lewis from the NHS Occupational Therapy Team will also be here to answer any questions you may have. Please let Mrs West or Mrs Pattinson know if you plan to attend.



Mr Webster

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Webster, who has been our acting caretaker over the last few months, but will be leaving us on Wednesday. Mr Webster has been a friendly face at the gate every morning and has worked really hard taking care of our school to ensure that everywhere has been looking its best. The staff and children will miss him very much!

We will have a new caretaker starting with us on Monday. We would like to welcome Mr Reynolds and hope that he will be really happy here at St Joseph's.

Uniform Reminders

Just a few reminders about school uniform rules....

Jewellery / Necklaces

NECKLACES OF ANY KIND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE WORN IN SCHOOL. If your child comes to school wearing a necklace we will contact you to come in and remove it.

No jewellery is allowed in school apart from one pair of stud earrings which must be removed for PE. Your child may wear a simple, inexpensive wristwatch, however, smart watches and watches which feature games/camera etc are not permitted in school.

Leggings

We have noticed a number of girls coming into school wearing leggings. These are not appropriate for school wear and must not be worn. This also includes for PE days. If your child is coming into school in PE kit, they should be wearing either their shorts or black jogging bottoms.

Leggings should also not be worn under dresses or skirts. If your child is not comfortable wearing a skirt or dress they do have the option to wear trousers instead.

Shoes/Footwear

Shoes should be formal school shoes. Trainers and boots are not permitted as part of uniform.

Online Application - Grammar School Entry September 2024 (current Y5 children)

Applications are now open online for those children wishing to apply for Grammar School Entry in September 2024. In order to apply for a place at a Grammar School, your child must sit an exam. It is one test which covers all 8 Grammar Schools in Birmingham (For Boys: Bishop Vesey, King Edward VI Aston, King Edward VI Camp Hill, King Edward VI Five Ways and Handsworth Grammar. For Girls: King Edward VI Camp Hill, King Edward VI Five Ways, King Edward VI Handsworth and Sutton Coldfield Grammar). If you are interested in applying for your child to take the test, you must register online by 4pm on Friday 30th June 2023. The test will take place on Saturday 16th September 2023. You can get more information and apply online at <http://www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk/>

Place2Be Mental Health Support

Place2Be have launched a 'Parenting Smart' site, filled with a number of resources for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds. Their latest articles on supporting healthy gaming habits, developing a child's talent and safe social media for younger children can all be read or watched in under ten minutes. Visit <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/> for more information.

Nechells Employment Day

*For Nechells residents only

Are you unemployed, living in Nechells and struggling to find work? If so, come along and visit the big Nechells employment day! It takes place on Wednesday 17th May at free@last between 10am-3pm (pop-in event). Free refreshments will be available on the day too!

Support includes help with your CV, a live job vacancies board (variety of jobs and training), 1-2-1 support to search and apply for jobs, a chance to speak to local employers from different sectors, 1-2-1 sessions to discuss your job search, skills and aspirations, information on access to FREE travel and FREE interview clothing/ work clothing to support on your journey to employment.

You can register to attend by scanning the QR code opposite, calling 0121 236 7770, Whatsapp to 07380 609669 or sending an email to: info@suitedforsuccess.co.uk with your name and telephone number.

Scan to register

#localjobs
#localpeople
#jobsforNechells



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.

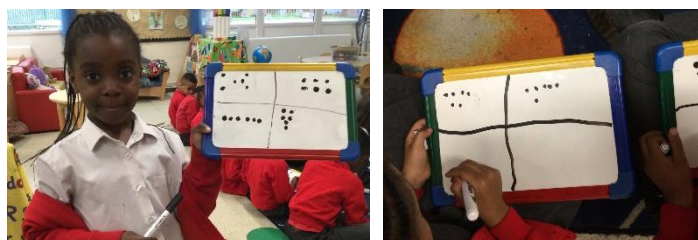
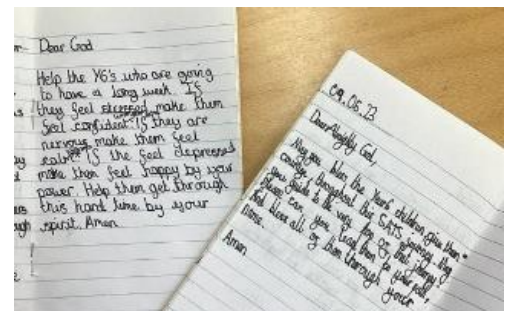
This Week's News

Year 5 have written some beautiful prayers for their friends in Year 6, who have been taking their SATs tests this week;

Dear God,

Help the Y6's who are going to have a long week. If they feel stressed, make them feel confident. If they are nervous make them feel calm. If they feel depressed, make them feel happy by your power. Help them get through this hard time by your Spirit. Amen.

Dear Almighty God, may you bless the Y6 children; give them courage throughout this SATs journey. May you guide them to the very top of that journey. Please can you lead them to your path, and bless all of them through your name. Amen.



In Maths this week, Reception have been thinking about different ways of showing 6 🙌👉

This half-term's virtues are: Curious and Active

*If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team;
Mrs Ashley, Mrs Pattinson, Mr Caffrey and Mrs West*

A big thank you to all our parents in Y1,2,3 and 4 who attended our Anti-Bullying and Wellbeing workshops this week.



Class Attendance – weekly attendance treats

Every week, the class with the highest attendance are 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 12th May 2023

Well done to **Year Six** who had the best attendance this week with an amazing **100%!!** The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	99%	Year One	98%	Year Two	99%	Year Three	97%
Year Four	98%	Year Five	97%	Year Six	100%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 98%



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

Reception	Matthias	Excellent independent writing
Year 1	Mazin	Getting a place at Birmingham Royal Ballet School after our ballet workshop
Year 2	Eldana	Always being a fantastic role model
Year 3	Adolina	Excellent effort in maths this week, well done!
Year 4	Saffire	Her positive attitude towards her learning.
Year 5	Abigell	Excellent research this week.
Year 6	Whole Class	Fantastic hard work and effort in their SATs this week 😊

School Term Dates 2022 -2023

Summer Term 2023
Monday 24 th April 2023 to Friday 26 th May 2023
HALF TERM
Monday 5 th June 2023 to Friday 21 st July 2023
END OF YEAR

Teacher Days – Monday 24 th July Tuesday 25 th July
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