



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 13th October 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God” (Luke 18:16).

Dates for your Diary

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| Wednesday 18 th October | Open Day - Reception 2024 | 9:15am – 10:15am |
| Wednesday 25 th October | Parents' Evening (school finishes at 2.15pm) | 2.30pm – 5.30pm |
| Friday 27 th October | Leaving Assembly for Mrs Pattinson | 9.15am |
| | School closes for half-term | 3.15pm |
| Monday 6 th November | Return to school | 8.55am |
| Friday 10 th November | Non-uniform Day – wear red – <i>bring sweets/chocolate for Christmas Bazaar</i> | |
| w/c 13 th November | Anti-bullying Week | |
| Friday 17 th November | Anti-bullying Week Odd Socks Day – <i>bring tins for our Christmas Bazaar</i> | |
| Friday 24 th November | Non-uniform Day – wear green – <i>bring bottles for our Christmas Bazaar</i> | |
| Sunday 3 rd December | First Holy Communion Commitment Mass | 9.45am |
| Friday 8 th December | School closes at 1.45pm | 1.45pm |
| | School & Parish Christmas Bazaar | 2.00pm – 3.30pm |
| Wednesday 13 th December | Sacrament of Reconciliation for Y4, 5 & 6 in school | |
| Friday 22 nd December | School closes at 1pm for Christmas holidays | 1.00pm |

School Term Dates 2023 -2024

| Autumn Term 2023 | Spring Term 2024 | Summer Term 2024 |
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| Monday 4 th September 2023 to Friday 27 th October 2023 | Monday 8 th January 2024 to Friday 9 th February 2024 | Monday 15 th April 2024 to Friday 24 th May 2024 |
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| Monday 6 th November 2023 to Friday 22 nd December 2023 | Monday 19 th February 2024 to Thursday 28 th March 2024 | Monday 3 rd June 2024 to Monday 22 nd July 2024 |
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| <p>Teacher Days – Monday 4th September Monday 22nd July <i>3 tba</i></p> <p>Friday 19th February – MAC training day</p> |
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| <p>Bank Holidays – Friday 29th March 2024 Monday 6th May 2024</p> |
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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.

Parents Evening

Our Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 25th October from 2.30-5.30pm. Appointment times will be organised on Monday and sent home next week so please check your child's bag. **Please note that school will close at 2.15pm on Wednesday 25th. 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. Joseph's School & Parish Christmas Bazaar

We are currently planning a Christmas Bazaar to take place on the afternoon of Friday 8th December with St. Joseph's Church. There will be lots of lovely and exciting things planned for this (including a visit from Father Christmas) and it would be fantastic to see everyone supporting it. There will also be a sale of toys, sweets, books and brand new designer kitchen ware, at fantastic prices! Further details will follow in the weeks to come, but on this day **school will close at 1.45pm** for you to take your children into the hall and the bazaar will run from 2.00pm until 3.30pm. It would be wonderful to see everyone coming along. Bring your friends and family too!



Bazaar Donations

We will be having three non-uniform days during November. Instead of the usual cost of 50p, the cost of taking part in these will be different each week - the first will be donations of packets of sweets or chocolate for our Christmas Bazaar. The second will be donations of tins for our tin stall at the Christmas Bazaar. The third will be donations of bottles for our bottle stall at the Christmas Bazaar (suggested donations could be perfume, shampoo, shower gel, body lotion, pop, wine, spirits, sauce, ketchup etc. Bottles must be sealed and unopened). Further details and reminders will follow closer to the date.

If anyone also has any raffle prizes or good quality unwanted gifts that they would like to donate for the bazaar, please could you send them into school. Also, if you have any good quality toys in good, clean condition, we would be very grateful for donations. Thank you!

Y6 Secondary Transfer Applications for September 2024

All children in Year 6 must now apply for a secondary school place for September 2024. Online application is now open on the Birmingham City Council website at <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php>

Secondary Transfer preferences for school places must be submitted to the City council by **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice.

It has come to our attention from the admissions department that over half of our Y6 children have still not applied for their secondary place! If you require help in doing so, please come into school and ask for an appointment.

This half-term's virtues are: Grateful & Generous

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

Starting School - Reception 2024

If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2019 and 31-08-2020, online application is now open on the Birmingham City Council website for Reception school places for September 2024. Preferences for school places must be submitted to the city council by **15th January 2024**. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice



ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
— NECHELLS —
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OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER
FROM 9.15 AM - 10.15AM

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2024?

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School is a small, caring school where everyone is welcomed; where everyone is loved, respected and cared for; where everyone is helped and encouraged to achieve their very best and where Christ is at the heart of everything we do.

Come along and see what St. Joseph's can offer your child.

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Reception 2024 Open Session

We are holding an Open Session on Wednesday 18th October from 9.15am to 10.15am for those parents/carers whose children are due to start school in September 2024. If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2019 and 31-08-2020, please come along. If you know anyone who has children in Nursery and is considering sending their child to St. Joseph's, please send them along too! We will be proud to show you around our school. A image file of our Open day poster is attached with your email today. Please feel free to share this with friends and family who may be interested.

Events at the POD

The POD have organised some fabulous half-term events for you to share with your families. Coming up are:

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| Mon 30 th Oct | 2pm-3pm | NewsWise workshop (age 10-11 with an adult) |
| Tues 31 st Oct | 10.30-11.30am or 12.30-1pm | Halloween Crafts and Party |
| Wed 1 st Nov | 1pm-3pm | Pacific Countries of the Commonwealth event |
| Thu 2 nd Nov | 1pm-3pm | Tree Walk |
| Fri 3 rd Nov | 1pm-3pm | Asian Countries of the Commonwealth celebration |



Some events need to be booked in advance so please see the flyers that are attached to your newsletter email today for further information. Also attached is a flyer of weekly events and drop in sessions that take place at the POD - why not have a look and see if there is anything for you?

Free@Last Warm Space

Free@Last hold a 'Warm Space' session every week, where you can enjoy the warmth of some friendly company, tea, coffee and toast. It runs on a Friday from 10am until 3pm and you can drop in at any time during the day. There is no need to book. Free@Last can be found at 49 Nechells Park Road.



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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This Week's News



Reception children have been looking for signs of Autumn this week.

Year One enjoyed their maths lesson this morning, using part whole models. We have some fantastic mathematicians.



Year One have also been learning how to carefully hold a pencil and create different lines.



Year Two have been working on singing using an Echo in two groups!



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. At the end of each half term, the class with the most certificates will be given a treat!

Attendance – week ending 13th October 2023

Well done to **Year 3 and Year 6** who had the best attendance this week with an amazing 100%! The full attendance figures are as follows:

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| Reception: | 97% | Year One: | 94% | Year Two: | 97% | Year Three: | 99% |
| Year Four: | 98% | Year Five: | 97% | Year Six: | 99% | | |

This gives a whole school attendance of 97.4%

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

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| Reception | Fatiha | Always doing her best in every subject. |
| Year 1 | Milka | For fantastic effort in her handwriting this week! |
| Year 2 | Salem | For trying hard all week! |
| Year 3 | Penelope | For her super effort in everything she does! |
| Year 4 | Jack | For supporting his classmate during lessons. |
| Year 5 | Nardoss | For having a fabulous week! Well done! |
| Year 6 | Meron | For your super attitude to learning! |

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