



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 15th September 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Prayer for our World

Creator God, who made our beautiful world,
appointed us as its guardians
and gifted us with everything we need,
forgive us for the times we cause it harm;
for the times our way of life affects our neighbours.
Inspire us to care for the environment;
to help rebuild lives and communities;
to share in the griefs and anxieties,
joys and hopes of all your people,
so that all your creation may flourish.

Amen.

Stephen Davies/CAFOD



Dates for your Diary

Monday 18 th September	Y2 Curriculum workshop	2.00pm
Tuesday 19 th September	Y1 Curriculum workshop	2.00pm
Wednesday 20 th September	School Mass led by Y5	2.00pm
Friday 22 nd September	Y3 Curriculum workshop	2.00pm
Monday 25 th September	Reception Curriculum workshop	2.00pm
Tuesday 26 th September	Y4 Curriculum workshop	2.00pm
Thursday 28 th September	Y5 Curriculum workshop	2.00pm
Friday 29 th September	Y6 Curriculum workshop	2.00pm
Friday 6 th October	Reception Welcome Service (details to follow)	2.30pm
Wednesday 25 th October	Parents' Evening (school finishes at 2.15pm)	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 27 th October	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 6 th November	Return to school	8.55am

School Term Dates 2023 -2024

Autumn Term 2023	Spring Term 2024	Summer Term 2024
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
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
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
END OF TERM	END OF TERM	END OF YEAR

Teacher Days –

Tuesday 25th July
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Friday 19th February – MAC training day

Bank Holidays –

Friday 29th March 2024
Monday 6th May 2024

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.

Thank you!

Mrs Watchorn would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents and children who came to her assembly and made her retirement so very special with their kind words, gifts and cards. She was very touched by all of your kindness and has sent a little card to express her thanks.



Parents Workshops

We will be holding Parental Workshops in school in the coming weeks. These are based on the National Curriculum and designed to show you a little of what your children are learning in school, so that you can help them at home. Our first workshop takes place on Monday for Y2.

Monday 18 th September	2.00pm	Y2 workshop
Tuesday 19 th September	2.00pm	Y1 workshop
Friday 22 nd September	2.00pm	Y3 workshop
Monday 25 th September	2.00pm	Reception workshop
Tuesday 26 th September	2.00pm	Y4 workshop
Thursday 28 th September	2.00pm	Y5 workshop
Friday 29 th September	2.00pm	Y6 workshop

After-School Clubs

We still have a few places left for our two after-school clubs that are running this half-term, Art Club for Y3 and 4 on a Tuesday and Multiskills for Y5 and 6 on a Thursday. Bookings can be made at the office and the **half-term must be paid in full to reserve your place**. In the event of your child being absent from school on the day of the club, the credit will be rolled over to the next term. No refunds will be given for missing clubs for any other reason, as there were children regularly not attending last year when others were waiting for places.

The cost for the half-term is as follows;

Multiskills	Y5 & Y6	starts Thursday 14 th (7 sessions)	£21.00
Art Club	Y3 & Y4	starts Tuesday 19 th (6 sessions)	£18.00

All clubs will finish at 4.15pm and children must be picked up on time by a responsible adult.

School Dinners / Sandwiches – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that due to the way dinners are ordered it is not possible for you to change your child's meal type on a day-to-day basis. Recently we have had a number of children coming in with sandwiches on certain days, or coming with money for dinners when they usually have sandwiches. The kitchen produces almost 200 meals a day and has to account for various allergies and dietary conditions, and it is not possible for them to keep track of who is having different meals on different days. If a meal has not been pre-ordered for your child, we may not have enough food available to provide them with a meal. Meal types can be changed at the end of each half-term if you wish to, but this must be pre-arranged through the school office.

This half-term's virtues are: Compassionate & Loving

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Y6 Secondary Transfer Applications for September 2024

All children in Year 6 should have received a letter with details on how to 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> 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 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.

St. Pauls' School for Girls Y6 Open Evening

St Paul's School for Girls are holding a Y6 Open Evening on Thursday 21st September from 5 – 8pm. All prospective new students for September 2024 and parents are encouraged to go along and have a look around the school. You will be able to talk to all the teachers and staff about the different subjects, be able to see all the facilities and classrooms, try out some activities, talk about your secondary school options and listen to the Headteacher's talk.

BOA Digital Academy Open Sessions

BOA Digital Academy, a new school on Barrack Street, Nechells, is holding two open events for Year 6 parents to see the school. They will take place on Saturday 23rd September, from 10.00am to 1pm and Wednesday 18th October from 4.30pm to 7pm. You can find BOA Digital Academy at 47 Barrack Street, Nechells, B7 4EU. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.boa-digital.co.uk/open-days>

Uniform

Just a reminder to please ensure that your child's name is clearly written or sewn into each item of uniform as this will make it much easier to find it if it gets lost. We have already had lots of lost/missing items of clothing since we have been back! Please also remind your child to put their cardigans or jumpers in their school tray or bag if they take them off. It is their responsibility to look after their own belongings.



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.

Is my child too ill for school?

We have received some information from the NHS this week that is really useful in deciding when your child should be kept off school due to illness. You can find out when it's best to keep your sick child at home and when it's OK to send them to school or nursery by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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

We are so proud of our new Reception children, who are settling in so well.



There was a surprise for Y1 in the KS1 playground on Monday morning.....a spaceship or rocket had crash landed and we needed to work together as a team to piece it back together

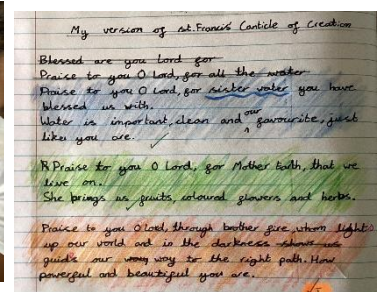
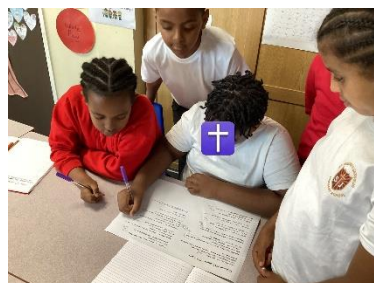


What a start to our new academic year. Year 4 learnt all about algorithms from a RAF STEM workshop. We built our our Lego robot and used an Ipad to program them. Thank you @RAFBBMF



Year 5 also really enjoyed our RAF STEM workshop. We have learnt how to build our own robots and use algorithms for programming. It was very educational and fun.

In RE, Year 6 spent time exploring St. Francis' Canticle of Creation in groups. The children then wrote their own versions of the Canticle using ideas from what they discussed! Excellent work Y6



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!



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Attendance – week ending 15th September 2023

Well done to **Year Six** who had the best attendance this week with an amazing 99%!! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	82%	Year One	98%	Year Two	93%	Year Three	96%
Year Four	98%	Year Five	96%	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%



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

Reception	Whole Class	A great first week in school!
Year 1	Zekari	Excellent reading & writing this week!
Year 2	Daniella	Settling into Year 2 so well
Year 3	Didan	Excellent effort this week. Well done!
Year 4	Emanuele	Trying his best to improve his handwriting and presentation
Year 5	Eliana T	Always being considerate and getting on with her work sensibly
Year 6	Jannat	Always trying her best in all subjects!

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