



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 18th November 2022



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,



God of all, you sent your Son to show us how to live. Help us to listen to the truth and follow Jesus's example in our lives.

Christ our King, help us to be like you, to listen to your truth and to see that all people are important, no matter who they are or where they come from.
Amen.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25 th November	Wear Blue Day	50p per child/ £1 family
Tuesday 29 th November	KS1 Film Night 2.45pm – 4.00pm	£1 per child
Wednesday 30 th November	KS2 Film Night 2.45pm – 4.15pm	£1 per child

🌿 Christmas Dates for your Diary 🌿

Monday 5 th December	Y2/3/4 trip to Millennium Point	£6
Tuesday 6 th December	Y5 / 6 trip to the Old Rep Theatre	£16
Tuesday 6 th December	Reception and Y1 attending Pantomime in school	
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	£1 per child
	School Christmas Dinner	
	Father Christmas' visit to St. Joseph's	
Monday 12 th December	Reception, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Assembly	1.45pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Assembly	1.45pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Assembly	1.45pm
Thursday 15 th December	End of Term Christmas Mass	9.15am
	Christmas Carol Concert	2.00pm
Friday 16th December	School closes for Christmas holiday	1.00pm

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.

Christ the King/Advent

This Sunday is the feast day of Christ the King. Christ the King Sunday celebrates Jesus as King, Lord and Messiah. It reminds us that Jesus is a King, yet a servant to all. The Feast of Christ the King is also celebrated as National Youth Sunday. It is the last Sunday in the church's liturgical year, and the new church year starts on the following Sunday (27th November), with the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is the traditional season of spiritual preparation for Christmas. The Christ the King Mass takes place on Sunday at 9.45am in St. Joseph's Church.



'Wear Blue' Non-uniform Day – NEXT Friday 25th November

Next Friday 25th November is going to be 'Wear Blue' Non-Uniform day in school. Please come to school dressed in blue. The cost of this is 50p per child or £1 per family.

Messages from Year Two

Please can all Year Two children ensure that their homework is back in school by Wednesday of each week. It will be collected in on this day.

Next Monday there will be no after-school dance club for Y2. It will resume the following week.

School Mass – every Thursday

Our next School Mass will take place on Thursday 24th November at 2pm and will be led by Year 5. The children lead the Liturgy and they work hard to prepare their readings each week. If you have never been to one of our Masses why not come along? You are all welcome to attend and you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

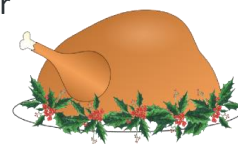


Coffee Morning / Cake and uniform Sale

Thank you for supporting our coffee morning and sale so well this week! We raised over £230 for school fund.

Christmas Dinner

Our School Christmas Dinner will take place on Friday 9th December this year. The dinner will be a traditional Christmas dinner – roast turkey, stuffing, roast potatoes, vegetables etc, with a fish/vegetarian option. If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like your child to have a dinner on this day, please send in the payment of £2.50 in an envelope with your child's name and class on it by Friday 2nd December.



This day will also be our Christmas Jumper day, at a cost of £1 per child.

Stay and Play – free@last

free@last 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.

This half-term's virtues are: Faith-filled & Hopeful

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Christmas Performances

Our Christmas Performances take place on the following dates

Monday 12 th December at 1.45pm	Rec Y1 and Y2
Tuesday 13 th December at 1.45pm	Y3 & Y4
Wednesday 14 th December at 1.45pm	Y5 & Y6



The children are working very hard to prepare for these already and would be delighted to see their parents and carers in school to watch them perform. Please come along; it makes such a difference to the children when their efforts are well supported.

We will not be able to admit latecomers, this is because of the way the hall is set up, as entering the hall will involve you walking through the stage area. For health and safety reasons, once the performance has begun this will not be possible. **Also, there will be no staff in the office area to admit people once the plays have started, so please bear this in mind and allow enough time to get to school.**

Catholic Pupil Profile

The Catholic School Pupil Profile is a list of virtues that we try and incorporate into our lives and the lives of our children. Every half term the children are taught about 2 of the 14 virtues. This half terms virtues are:

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Faith-filled: We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. Faith gives us hope.

Hopeful: We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope – that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.



At St Joseph's we help our children develop these virtues by the breadth and depth of the curriculum; by excellence of teaching, and the creation of opportunities to become more learned and wise.

At the end of each half term, at our Gifts from God Assembly, two children in each class receive a certificate for showing some of these virtues across the half term.

Relationships, Health and Sex Education

This is taught through the catholic Education Service and Archdiocese of Birmingham endorsed scheme called TEN:TEN – Life to the Full. The RHSE curriculum is based on Catholic values and recognises parents as the first educators of their children. The resources used in school are available for parents to view and use with children at home. You can access the resources by visiting <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/> You will find the username and password to log in in the text of the email that you received with this newsletter.

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Help with employment

free@last are also holding a drop in session for anyone who would like help with finding employment. The sessions will run every Tuesday morning, between 9am and 1pm. You can get help and advice with finding jobs, cv writing, interview technique or any aspect of job hunting that you need support with. Please feel free to drop in any Tuesday.

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

This week's news

This week Year 6 have been learning about what soldiers ate in the trenches during WWI. They even went so far as to actually make some of these dishes to try for themselves. Watch out Gordon Ramsay!



As part of anti-bullying week, Year 3 were writing secret, positive messages to each other on their handprint. When we saw what kind things our classmates wrote it made us feel good about ourselves.

Year 2 have been looking at the properties of different materials this week. They went outside for their science lesson, to identify the different materials which have been used in our playground.



Year 4 and 5 created posters and poetry for anti bullying week. They then shared their advice in assembly!

During this Anti-Bullying week Reception have thought about all the good qualities we have in our class, we are proud at how kind, caring and loving we are to everyone, ALL of the time ♥



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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.

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 18th November 2022

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

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	93%	Year One	94%	Year Two	100%	Year Three	100%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	94%	Year Six	95%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%

House Champions

Well done to St Maximilian Kolbe who were our House point Champions this week!



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

Reception	N'Zaria	Always being very helpful!
Year 1	Ashleigh	Super effort in English when ordering sentences correctly
Year 2	Eliana	Always trying her best and working hard
Year 3	Natan	His excellent recount in exciting writing, well done!
Year 4	Eliana T	Displaying a mature approach in her behaviour and school work
Year 5	Malgorzata	Excellent effort in Guided Reading
Year 6	Xi	Amazing progress with her swimming! 😊

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