



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 20th October 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dear God,

We thank you for all the gifts of ripened fruit and vegetables you give to us at Harvest time.

For the bread and the cereals on our table every day and for all the other good things we have to eat.

Help those who are less fortunate and grant us all your peace this day and for evermore. Amen.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 25th October Parents' Evening (school finishes at 2.15pm)

Friday 27 th October	Leaving Assembly for Mrs Pattinson School closes for half-term	9.15am 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 School & Parish Christmas Bazaar	1.45pm 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
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 –

Monday 4th September
Monday 22nd July
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Friday 19th February – MAC training day

Bank Holidays –

Friday 29th March 2024
Monday 6th May 2024

St Joseph's Church

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 were sent home on Monday, 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.



After-School Clubs

All clubs will finish next week for half-term. The next round of Afterschool Clubs will start during the first week back after half term and will change over. Tuesday Art Club will now be for Years 5/6 and will run for 6 weeks and Thursday Multi-skills will be for Years 3/4 and will run for 5 weeks. You will need to sign up at the office by next Thursday and pay for the full 5 or 6 week's sessions when booking your child's place.

Places will be given on a first-come, first-served basis and will not be held. Bookings will open on Monday 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 clubs for the half-term is as follows;

Art Club	Y5 & Y6	starts Tuesday 7 th November (6 sessions)	£18.00
Multiskills	Y3 & Y4	starts Thursday 9 th November (5 sessions)	£15.00

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

Goodbye Mrs Pattinson! Leaving Assembly – Friday 27th at 9.15am

Sadly at the end of next week, we shall be saying goodbye to Mrs Pattinson. As you may know, Mrs Pattinson has been with us here at St. Joseph's for over 21 years (having worked with some of our parents even when they were here!). She has always been a wonderful asset to our school family and a much-loved member of staff, and she will be missed very much by staff and children alike. We would like to wish her all the very best in her new exciting venture!



To help us say a big thank you to Mrs Pattinson, we will be having a special assembly on Friday 27th October (next Friday) at 9.15am. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend this and help us to say thank you for all of the kindness and hard work that Mrs Pattinson has given to our school family.

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First Holy Communion Commitment Mass

On **Sunday 3rd December 2023 at 9.45am** the children and their parents are asked to attend a First Holy Communion Commitment Mass at St Joseph's Church, so we can officially start the preparation process. Further meetings will be held throughout the year for parents, so parents can help prepare their children at home to receive these sacraments and we will make you aware of these dates shortly.

The key dates are as follows:-

Sunday 3 rd December 2023	9:45am	First Holy Communion Commitment Mass at St Joseph's Church
Wednesday 21 st February 2024	1:30pm	First Reconciliation for Holy Communion for Children & Parents at St Joseph's School
Sunday 9 th June 2024	12:20pm	Actual Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church

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.

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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 application



Recycling Week



Drawn by Victoria Year 6

Recycle week will take place between 16th - 22nd October 2023. This year's theme – The Big Recycling Hunt - focuses on “missed capture”: the items that can be recycled but are commonly missed in the home.

National recycling week.....**Year 2** have been sorting recycling into the correct recycling bins. We are challenging ourselves to see how much we can recycle at home and in school this week!



Events at the POD

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

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.



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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.

Online safety for families and children with SEND

We have put below a website address for you to find information about online safety for families and children with SEND.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/?utm_campaign=2672173_NAHT%20News%20-%2018%20October%202023&utm_medium=email&utm_source=National%20Association%20of%20Head%20Teachers&dm_i=30T7,1L9V1,1GAY2F,5ZZX7,1

Supporting the wellbeing of children

SSS Learning Ltd would like to assist parents and carers with the wellbeing of their children which has never been so important. To assist you in doing this, they have produced two fantastic free parental resources both informative and supportive, please see the links below.

- [Child Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)
[Parents' Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)

This Week's News

Year One started this week with the daily mile.



Year One also enjoyed the fire service coming into school on Thursday and showing them the fire engine and all of their special safety equipment.



Year 2 have been busy with a sports coach from KESSP this week, working on core skills as a team. They had so much fun!



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What a great way to start the day. Years 3 and 4 really enjoyed their morning Joe Wick session to get their brains ready for the day. Well done superstar!

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 20th October 2023

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

Reception:	100%	Year One:	91%	Year Two:	99%	Year Three:	98%
Year Four:	96%	Year Five:	98%	Year Six:	97%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 97.1%



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

Reception	Henok	Trying very hard with his reading.
Year 1	N'Zaria	For always trying her best in everything she does 😊
Year 2	Zemira	For fabulous Maths work this week!
Year 3	Mary	For her excellent story in Exciting Writing this week!
Year 4	Kezia	For always being helpful and supportive in class.
Year 5	Lincoln	For having a lovely attitude and trying really hard in Maths! Well done!
Year 6	Victoria	For her brilliant attitude to learning!

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