



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school	8.55am
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion Mass at St. Joseph's Church	12.00pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day INSPIRE (time tbc)	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	BALANCE OF WESTON TRIP MONEY TO BE PAID	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Production/assembly	2.00pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Mass	2.00pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of school year – school closes at 1.00pm	1.00pm

## A Family Prayer by Lidya Y4

Lord, we thank you for the wonderful life you've given us and our family. We pray that there'll be continued progress and development in our family. We ask for grace and wisdom, to know and to do what is right for home, according to your good intent. 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.

## School Term Dates 2023 -2024

Attached to your newsletter today is a copy of our school term dates for NEXT academic year (from September). Please read these carefully and be aware that **our Easter holiday is different to those of other Birmingham schools**. Please bear this in mind when booking any holidays, and remember that we are LEGALLY UNABLE to authorise any absence except for illness (evidence of this may be required). Unauthorised leave in term time is fined by Birmingham City Council, and if your child has high levels of unauthorised absence, can be subject to prosecution.

## Weston-Super-Mare Trip

Thank you to all families that have paid deposits for the visit to Weston on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Sadly, as so many people who initially requested seats did not pay deposits or said they no longer required seats, we have had to cancel two coaches. There are a very limited number of places available on the remaining coaches and these will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the coach is full no more places will be made available. If you would still like to book seats, please come into school as soon as possible.



Also, just a reminder that final balances for your seats must be paid by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. You can pay in installment. Just come into school at any time and pay off as much as you wish. A receipt will be given and you will be notified of how much you still have left to pay.

## Breakfast Club entrance

Just a reminder to please use the pedestrian gate and **not the car park gates** when bringing your children into breakfast club. This is for the health and safety of your families. The car park is very busy in the morning with lots of cars and delivery vans coming in and out of the school and the view is partially obstructed by the trees and hedges around the perimeter of the school. Also, please remember that your child must be accompanied to the door and signed into Breakfast Club each day by the adult that is bringing them to school.

## News from Eco Club

Our Eco Committee have been working on our school Eco-Code about how we care for the planet at St. Joseph's and have been posting and sharing this around school this week;

**E**very class nurtures a plant.

**C**ontainers for our food and drink are reusable.

**O**utdoor lessons whenever possible.

**S**ave paper by printing double sided and only using worksheets when absolutely necessary.

**C**ampaign to reduce litter and encourage recycling.

**H**omes for wildlife maintained.

**O**utside planting for birds and butterflies.

**O**ff! That's what screens, laptops and lights should be when not in use.

**L**aminate only for long-term use.

## Online Application - Grammar School Entry September 2024 (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/>

## 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

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 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

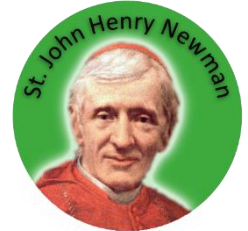
Well done to **Year Four** who had the best attendance this week with a fabulous 99%!! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	93%	Year One	96%	Year Two	95%	Year Three	94%
Year Four	99%	Year Five	97%	Year Six	97%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%

## House Champions

Well done to St John Henry Newman who were our House point Champions this week!



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

Reception	Aron	Fantastic work in Maths this week :)
Year 1	Oluwadamilola	Some lovely writing about our chicks
Year 2	Jin	Excellent effort this week and being a lovely member of Y2!
Year 3	Sayat	Excellent effort all week, Well done!
Year 4	Lincoln	Excellent work telling the time.
Year 5	Faiza	Incredible progress in her reading this week.
Year 6	Daniel	Always trying his best in everything he does!

## School Term Dates 2022 -2023

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

<b>Teacher Days –</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July
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*This half-terms 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*