



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

*A School Prayer for Children and the things they are grateful for:*

Thank you for my family, for hugs and kisses and special times together.

Thank you for my friends, for laughter and chatting and sharing.

Thank you for my home, for rest times, bath times and bedtimes.

Thank you for food, for breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks and treats.

Thank you for playtimes, for toys and games and books.

Thank you for fun, for giggles and for silly happy times.

Thank you for making all these lovely things

And for helping me to enjoy them all.

Amen.



## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day - Reception 2024	9:15am – 10:15am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening <b>(school finishes at 2.15pm)</b>	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Return to school	8.55am
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform Day – wear red - 50p / £1 per family	
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week Odd Socks Day – 50p / £1 per family	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform Day – wear green – 50p / £1 per family	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	First Holy Communion Commitment Mass	9.45am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Sacrament of Reconciliation for Y4, 5 & 6 in school	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes for Christmas holidays	1.00pm

## School Term Dates 2023 -2024

Autumn Term 2023	Spring Term 2024	Summer Term 2024
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 to Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
<b>END OF TERM</b>	<b>END OF TERM</b>	<b>END OF YEAR</b>

<p><b>Teacher Days –</b> Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 3 tba  Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February – MAC training day</p>
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<p><b>Bank Holidays –</b> Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Backpacks

Please ensure that your child only brings a book bag to school (no more backpacks), which will be more than adequate enough to carry their reading book(s) and homework diary. Any lunch boxes can be carried separately, as these are put into a storage box as soon as the children enter school.

## Flu Vaccination

**Please return all outstanding forms even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated.** It is important that we hold a completed form for each child. Those who do not return forms may be contacted by the NHS regarding their preferences.

## Parents Evening

Our Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2.30-5.30pm. Letters will be sent home next week for you to request times 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.



## Starting School - Reception 2024

If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2019 and 31-08-2020, online application opens on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October on the Birmingham City Council website for Reception school places for September 2024. 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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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



An open day poster for St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. The poster features the school's name and logo at the top, followed by the text 'OPEN DAY WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER FROM 9.15 AM - 10.15AM'. Below this, there is a question 'Is your child due to start Reception in September 2024?' and a description of the school as a caring community. The poster also includes the school's address and contact information. The background of the poster shows various photos of children and staff in school settings.

## Reception 2024 Open Session

We are holding an Open Session on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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*If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team;  
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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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## FREE Coffee Morning

There is a free Coffee and Cake morning on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at St Matthews Community Hall (10.30am to 12pm). You can find out what is proposed for the renovation of St Matthew's Hall and see photos from a private collection showing what the area was like before the 1950 and 60s redevelopment. For more information click this link <http://www.astonnechellscofe.org.uk/news> The location is St Matthews Community Hall, 63 Wardle Road, Duddeston B7 4JH.

## Free@Last Warm Space

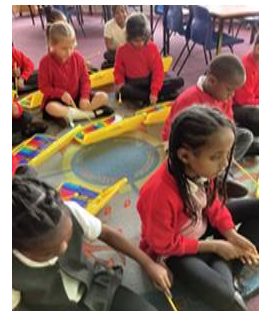
Free@Last hold a 'Warm Space' session every week, where you can enjoy the warmth of some friendly company, tea, coffee and toast. It runs on a Friday from 10am until 3pm and you can drop in at any time during the day. There is no need to book. Free@Last can be found at 49 Nechells Park Road.

## 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.

## This Week's News

**Year Two** have been practicing the glockenspiel during their music lessons this week!



We have some fabulous artists in **Year One**. They have been using continuous lines to draw the different objects on our tables.

**Year Three** carried out their own baptism ceremony as part of our belonging to God's family unit.



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## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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:

Reception:	98%	Year One:	98%	Year Two:	97%	Year Three:	<b>100%</b>
Year Four:	99%	Year Five:	99%	Year Six:	<b>100%</b>		

This gives a whole school attendance of 99% This is amazing! Keep it up!!



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

Reception	Camari	For being really cheerful and helpful
Year 1	Naobe B	Fantastic answers RE 😊
Year 2	Yididiya	For excellent work all week!
Year 3	Eldana	For trying her best in everything she does.
Year 4	Suren	For trying his best in all lessons this week. Keep it up Suren!
Year 5	Fiyin	She has had a brilliant attitude to learning this week and has wowed me and Mrs Govani! Well done Fiyin!
Year 6	Pone Pone	For his brilliant attitude to learning and for always being a great role model to our class. Well done!

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