



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 23rd February 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

A Prayer

God of peace, you care for all people in our world. Move us to do the same and to do all that we can to help others, no matter where in the world they are.
Amen.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 29 th February	Home Start workshop	9.15am
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Dressing up Day	
Tuesday 19 th March	Y3 & Y4 trip to Cadbury World	
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents' Evening	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Sunday 9 th June 2024	Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church	12:20pm

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	Tuesday 20 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

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

Operation EnCompass School

We are making you aware that we are part of Operation EnCompass in our school. This means that the Police will contact our school when they have attended an incident at the home of a child in our school, usually by the next day. This sharing of information is a legal requirement and enables appropriate support to children and supports child wellbeing and safeguarding.

Home Start workshop – NEXT Thursday

We will be holding a 'Home Start' workshop in school NEXT Thursday 29th February at 9.15am. Home Start is a charity organisation who can help with mental health concerns, money and finance issues, creating new friendship groups and families who have children with disabilities. They are also looking to recruit new volunteers. Please come along and find out what Home Start can offer you.

After-school Clubs – Spring 2

Art club (Y2) and Multiskills (y3/4) are continuing this half-term for all children who attended before the holiday. If you have not yet paid for this terms Art/ Multiskills clubs, this must be paid for before next week's sessions. Any child who has not paid before the session will not be allowed to stay. The cost for both clubs this term is £15 per child. Many thanks.

Book Week/Dressing Up Day- Thursday 7th March

World Book Day takes place in school on 7th March and to celebrate this we are holding a 'Book Week' in school. Children will be encouraged to talk about their favourite authors and books (and maybe bring them into school to share) and will take part in activities and lessons based around books. It is going to be a very exciting week in school, which we are all looking forward to.

Thursday 7th March will also be 'Book Character' dressing up day, where children (and staff!) can come into school dressed as their favourite book character. You will receive a letter about this after the holiday, but remember costumes don't have to cost a lot of money. Why not think about making your own costume? Or using items of clothing you may already have to make a costume.



The Dream Team Project

Birmingham City Council (BCC) has partnered with Birmingham Voluntary Service Council (BVSC) supported by Barnardo's to use some of the Household Support Fund money to provide support to families.

For families eligible the project will provide a complete bedding bundle for the family consisting of:

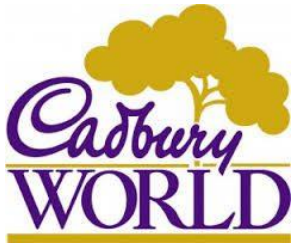
- Suitable Bed configuration to enable every child in the household to have their own bed (double bunks, single beds, trundle beds, double beds etc – as required)
- Mattress
- Fully waterproof Mattress Protector (supplied on all mattresses to enable longevity)
- 4 Season Duvet – to enable a suitable warmth level all year round and to enable easier washing/drying in a household washing machine or laundrette.
- Complete Bedding Set- consisting of fitted sheet, duvet cover & pillowcases – including a choice of character themed bedding
- Pair of Pyjamas (including character themed)
- Age/Gender appropriate Hygiene kit

To be eligible to place an order there is a criteria that you must fit. If you either have a Parent sleeping on a chair, sofa or floor to give up the bed for their child, child(ren) sharing bed with parents or siblings, child(ren) sleeping on something other than a bed – floor, chair, sofa, bath, car seat etc, child's bed broken and family have been unable to repair or replace in the last 6-12 months, child's bed and/or bedding mouldy or damp or child sleeping in a bed which is inappropriate for their age range – such as still sleeping in a cot or toddler bed due to inability to purchase a single bed. **Home visits will be conducted to confirm eligibility!!**

If this is a situation that you find yourself in, please come to the school office on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and speak to Mrs West.

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

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Year Three and Year Four Cadbury World Trip

Year Three and Year Four are going on a visit to Cadbury World on Tuesday 19th March. Letters went out about this a few weeks ago – many thanks to all who have already paid for this. **Just a reminder that the trip needs to be paid for by Tuesday 11th March.**

Summer Term trips

We are currently in the process of arranging some end of year trips to take place for **all children** in the second half of the summer term. At present we are looking at Twycross Zoo, and trips are likely to take place during the first two weeks of June. The cost will be around £18 per child - this is being substantially subsidised by school. Letters will go out about this and bookings will open after Easter, however, we wanted to give you as much notice as possible so that you can budget for this. You will be able to pay towards this weekly if you would like to.

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.



FOOD PANTRY
FRIDAY'S
10AM - 11:30AM

Nechells
POD
Bringing Our Community Together

£3 for up to £20 worth of shopping

Open to all residents of B7 and regular participants of Nechells POD (I.D is required on your first visit)

Accessible twice a month per household

The POD Food Pantry

The POD now have a 'Food Pantry' up and running. You can join the Food Pantry scheme and visit twice monthly, where you will be able to purchase £20 worth of food for £3 per visit. It is open to all who live within the B7 postcode or use the POD currently, and you will need to bring ID with you on your first visit. You must register to attend. For more information contact the POD on 0121 681 2173.

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 Gowen, Mrs West, Mrs Koumi, and Miss Crane.

This Week's News



Reception did so well with their half term holiday challenge, which was to make an animal habitat. We have woodlands, Polar regions and jungles.

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To begin our maths topic on conversion this week, **Year 6** had to categorise items according to whether they could be used to measure length, or capacity. Good discussion throughout to explain their thinking



Lunch-time Award

Mrs Gowen has started a new weekly lunchtime reward system in school. The award is open to all children, to earn a reward certificate for good behaviour during lunchtimes. Children will be chosen each week and will receive their certificate in assembly and be mentioned in the newsletter.

Our lunchtime award winners for this week are:

Flourish – Reception
Matthias – Year One

Sofoniyas - Year Five
Esther – Year Five



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 23rd February 2024

Well done to **Year Six** who had the best attendance once again this week with a fabulous **99.4%**! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 97.1% Year One: 91.7% Year Two 97.2% Year Three: 98.4%
Year Four: 90.2% Year Five: 98.4% Year Six: 99.4%



This gives a whole school attendance of **99.4%**



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

Reception	Elizabeth	Excellent independent writing.
Year 1	Zephaniah	Excellent answers in RE lessons.
Year 2	Ariam	Excellent effort in her reading
Year 3	Mikaeel	Trying his best in everything he does.
Year 4	Jahid	Trying his best to write a setting description.
Year 5	Eldana B	Having a positive week and doing well in lessons – well done!
Year 6	Zachius	His kindness towards others in class this week.

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