



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dear God,

Thank you for making our bodies, so that we can dance, sing, jump, hop, run and skip. Help us to keep our bodies safe and well. Please look after all my friends and everyone who is sick. Please heal them so they feel better.

Amen.



## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	School Mass	2.00pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 & Y2 trip to Cosford	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	St Josephine Bakhita house group ONLY own clothes day	
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School finishes for half-term</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School closed – Teacher Training Day</b>	
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>	<b>8.45am</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	First Reconciliation for Holy Communion for Children & Parents at St Joseph's School	1:30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Dressing up Day (more info to follow)	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 & Y4 trip to Cadbury World	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <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	Tuesday 20 <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 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.

## First Holy Communion Reconciliation Mass

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

1:30pm

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12:20pm

Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church

## Half Term Holiday – NEXT FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

We break up for our half term holiday NEXT Friday at 3.15pm. Children return to school on TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY at 8.55am prompt.



## Online Safety Newsletter - February 2024

Please find attached to this newsletter the Online Safety Newsletter for the month of February.

## After-school Clubs – Spring 2

If your child has been attending either Multiskills for Y3/4 or Art for Y2 over this half-term they will continue to attend after half-term holiday. Clubs will run from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February until the week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> March (the week BEFORE we break up). This is a total of 5 weeks/sessions for each club. **Just a reminder you that you will need to pay for the second half term (up until Easter) during the first week back if you have not already done so.** The cost is £15 for both Art and Multiskills. Many thanks!

Also, if your child attends an after-school club you MUST ensure that you are here in time to collect them at **4.15pm**. More than two occasions of a child being collected late will mean that your child will not be allowed to attend any more.

## St Josephine Bakhita feast day

Next Thursday we will be celebrating the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, one of our house saints. All children who are in St Josephine (blue) house group can come to school wearing their own clothes on Thursday. *This is only for children in this house group.*



## Year One & Year Two RAF Cosford Trip



Year One and Year Two are very excited about their trip to Cosford, which takes place this coming Tuesday. Please ensure that your child is in school on time, as the coach will be leaving **at 9.00am**. Please also make sure that they have a warm and waterproof coat with them.

**All remaining consent forms and money must be brought to the school office directly by Monday please. Thank you!**

## Measles Update

The measles outbreak in Birmingham is now getting closer with outbreaks locally. A large proportion of cases are children under the age of 10 and 50% of cases in Birmingham have had to be hospitalised. As we informed you last week **unvaccinated individuals who live in the same household or who come into close contact with a measles case will not be allowed to go to school or work for 21 days**. It is vital that your children are vaccinated for their health, the health of the community and the good of their education.

Follow this link for a description of measles symptoms including pictures

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

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Please note, individuals who have received one of the two MMR injections can go to school or work even if they are a close contact. However, one injection is only effective in 95% of cases, whereas two doses gives immunity for life. If you or your child is unvaccinated or has only had one MMR injection it's important that you contact your GP and book an appointment.

## Chickenpox

We have a case of Chickenpox in our Y5 class this week. Chickenpox is very contagious and can be dangerous for people who have lowered immunity or are pregnant. Chickenpox spots are very itchy. They look like small blisters and may be quite red in appearance. They may also be filled with a liquid that looks like milky water.

The incubation period for chickenpox is generally around 3 weeks. This means that your child can have the virus in their bodies for 3 weeks before any spots appear. Just before spots come out, they may have a temperature, feel especially tired, have a headache or stomach ache that lasts for one or two days. If you child has any symptoms like this, please be extra vigilant. Some children only get one or two spots.

Please can you check for any rash or spots that your child may develop and if they have any spots, please do not send them into school! Please also bear in mind that even if your child has already had chickenpox, they can still carry the virus and so any younger siblings in other classes will also need to be checked.

## 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

**£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**

Nechells POD  
Bringing The Community Together

## 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.

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## This Week's News



**Reception, Year One and Year Six** really enjoyed the WOW assembly, all about dressing appropriately when walking to school during the winter. They discussed the suitable clothing that they need to wear. Wearing their hats and gloves and winter coats.



**Reception** children were shown by School Nurse Ruth how to look after and brush our teeth properly. We helped Dino the dinosaur to polish his lovely big smile.

Reception class were also using collage to create jungle scenes. We have some fabulous artists in our class!



**Year 2** have been creating textures through paints and using different tools, ready for our collages next week.

**Year One** have spent the last few DT lessons planning, designing and making puppets. Now we will need to do our own puppet show to evaluate them



In PSHE this week, we have been learning all about other faiths within our city. We had to work as a team to decide where to put the statements within our venn diagram. We were focusing on the similarities and difference between Judaism, Christianity and Islam.



Well done **Year 5!** You are the holders of this month's trophy with 90% of your trips to school being active, a fantastic achievement!



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## 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:

*Alexander - Reception*

*Victoria – Year 6*

*Tian – Year 5*

*Dircia – Year 6*



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Well done to **Year Six** who had the best attendance once again this week with a fabulous 98.3%! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 95.5%    Year One: 95.5%    Year Two 97.1%    Year Three: 93.5%  
Year Four: 90.5%    Year Five: 94%    Year Six: 98.3%



This gives a whole school attendance of **94.8%**



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

Reception	Nahom	Excellent progress in phonics.
Year 1	Praise	Excellent knowledge in RE this week.
Year 2	Esmee-Grace	Fabulous English and Maths reasoning work this week!
Year 3	Jimmy	His excellent work in maths this week calculating money problems.
Year 4	Rufael	Always being a positive role model to his peers.
Year 5	Cassidy	Trying really hard in all lessons - well done!
Year 6	Yodit	Your super effort and perseverance in Maths!

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