



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 15th March 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

Tuesday 19 th March	Y3 & Y4 trip to Cadbury World	
Wednesday 20th March	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.15PM	2.15pm
	Parents' Evening	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Y3 & Y4 Holy Week Service - The Last Supper <i>(parents and carers welcome)</i>	2.30pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Y5 & Y6 Holy Week Service – Stations of the Cross <i>(parents and carers welcome)</i>	2.15pm
Thursday 28th March	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS AT 1PM	1.00pm
	<i>(PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE DIFFERENT TO OTHER BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS)</i>	
Monday 15 th April	Return to school	8.45am
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

Teacher Days –
Monday 22nd July
3 tba

Bank Holidays –
Friday 29th March 2024
Monday 6th May 2024

ADVANCE WARNING – school closes for Easter – Thurs 28th March 1pm
School closes for the Easter holidays on **Thursday 28th March at 1.00pm**. As you are aware, this is different to other Birmingham schools. Please ensure that an adult is here to collect your child at 12.55pm. Please note that even though it is a half-day, it is a **LEGAL SCHOOL DAY** and your child **MUST** be in school. **Any absences on this day without evidence of illness will be marked as unauthorised.**

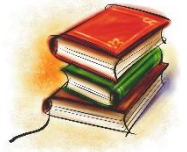
Mass at St Joseph's Church takes place every **Sunday morning at 9.45am**. Please do try to attend Mass as often as you can.

CSI Inspection

As you know, we have had our CSI Inspection this week. This is an inspection undertaken by the Archdiocese of Birmingham to look at all aspects of Catholic Life and RE within school. As always the children were a credit to themselves. Well done children – you have really represented our school well! A full report will follow in the coming weeks.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school today (Friday) and also on Monday and Tuesday of next week. It will be open from 3.20pm until 3.40pm for parents each day.



Parents' Evening - Wednesday 20th March – school closing at 2.15pm

Appointment times for Parents' Evening have been sent home today – PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BAG!

Just a reminder that **school closes at 2.15pm this coming Wednesday. All children must be collected at this time by an adult, even if you have an early appointment time.** 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.

DLP Project Website Launch

The Aston and Nechells Developing Local Provision Project is excited to announce the launch of a dedicated project website. The website will support Aston and Nechells schools with access to resources, SEND related updates, and training, as well as providing parents and guardians valuable information to better understand what is available to support young people. As part of the project, we have also been able to provide devices to support young people in school.

Visit the website here: <https://www.astonandnechells.co.uk/>

Communication and Autism - Parent Workshop – NEXT Tuesday 19th March

Come along and meet Viv and Katie from the Communication and Autism Team (CAT). Just turn up on the day - there is no need to book. This is an opportunity for you to:-

- Meet other parent carers with autistic children, or children who are on the pathway for assessment
- For parent carers of children / young people of all ages
- Find out a bit more about autism
- Ask questions
- Have some time to reflect and share ideas and experiences

The Spring Workshop Theme is: Sensory Differences. The session will be delivered face to face at: **Wyndcliffe Primary School, Little Green Lane, Small Heath, B9 5BG on Tuesday 19th March, 9:30-11:30.** If you have any questions, please contact this email - CATLeadershipTeam@birmingham.gov.uk . *Please note: there are no childcare facilities at the venue.*

Pastoral Team

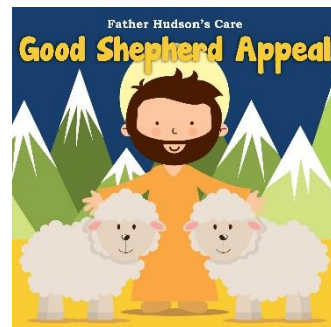
In school we have a team of safeguarding DSLs, Wellbeing staff and we also have a Pastoral Team. Our Pastoral Team is made up of myself (Mrs Ashley), Mr Caffrey, Miss Teague, Mrs Gowen, Mrs West, Mrs Koumi, and Miss Crane.

This half-term's virtues are: Faith-filled and Hopeful

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Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

As part of our Lenten fundraising, your child has received a small collecting bag for Father Hudson's Society, in which they can collect spare change. Father Hudson's Society is a local charity, which works with families and children to ensure their welfare. In particular, it covers fostering and adoptions, family support, care for older people and care for adults with disabilities. The boxes should be kept through Lent, and any odd change can be collected in them. They can then be brought back into school at the end of Lent, when the money will be counted and sent to Father Hudson's. Thank you!



Easter Egg Raffle

There will be an Easter Egg Raffle taking place in school over the next few weeks. Each member of staff has donated Easter Eggs and I would like to thank them for that. Tickets are priced at 20p each and are on sale NOW! If your child would like to buy some, please send the correct money in an envelope, clearly marked. All money raised will go to our Lenten Charities. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

This Week's News



Children and staff enjoyed dressing up in their favourite book character costumes for World Book Day!



Reception have been designing their own maps and using the Beebots to travel around them.



Year 1 have been using paper skills to make sculptures in art. Today we did our own 3d sculpture of the tree of life. We really enjoyed it.



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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:

Aisha – Y2 Jin – Y3
Fiona – Y4 Shifaa – Y5



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 for 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 15th March 2024

Well done to **Year Six** who had the best attendance this week with **97.7%**! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 96.7% Year One: 94.7% Year Two 96.1% Year Three: 97.0%
Year Four: 96.3% Year Five: 96.8% Year Six: 97.7%

This gives a whole school attendance of **96.5%**



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

Reception	Flourish	Giving an excellent example of making the right choice in RE.
Year 1	Vida	Excellent Biblical knowledge in RE this week!
Year 2	Dagmawit	Excellent responses during RE this week!
Year 3	Matthew	Excellent research and answers in RE this week!
Year 4	Abigail	Engaging well during lessons and trying hard in her assessments
Year 5	Taliyah	Brilliant input in our RE lessons this week – well done!
Year 6	Jannah	Excellent responses in RE this week!

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