



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

## A Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Help us to resist temptation to things we like just like Jesus did. Help us to make good choices and follow the right path with Jesus as our example. Amen. **By Abigel Year 6 and Michelle Year 1.**



## Dates for your Diary

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### World Book Day Dressing up Day

Book Fair arrives in school

Y3 & Y4 trip to Cadbury World

### SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 2.15PM

Parents' Evening

Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church

2.15pm

2.30pm – 5.30pm

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>

### Teacher Days –

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February – MAC training day

### Bank Holidays –

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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.

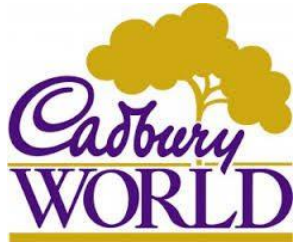
## After-school Clubs – Spring 2 - Art Club & Multiskills

Art club (Y2) and Multiskills (Y3/4) are continuing this half-term for all children who attended before the holiday. Reminders have gone out this week for outstanding payments. **If payments were not received by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March you cannot attend the club next week.**

## Book Week/Dressing Up Day- NEXT Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day is on 7<sup>th</sup> March and to celebrate this next week will be '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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Year Three and Year Four Cadbury World Trip

Year Three and Year Four are going on a visit to Cadbury World on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> March.**

## Collective Worship newsletter / Online Safety newsletter

Attached to the email with your newsletter today is the March 2024 Collective Worship newsletter and our March Online Safety newsletter for your information.

## Parents' Evening - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – school closing at 2.15pm

Our Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2:30-5:30pm. Letters regarding this have been sent out this week. **Please note that school will close at 2.15pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.



## 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.



## 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.

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## 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** have been looking for signs of spring in our school grounds. We found blossom, daffodils, leaf buds and catkins.



**Year 3** had a visit from the RSPCA to talk about the impact that rubbish has on our wildlife. We then went on a litter pick of the local area and collected 3 black bags of rubbish.

**Year 6** would like to say thank you to St Teresa of Calcutta MAC for providing us with brand new Bibles to use during our RE lessons. Year 6 are certainly benefiting from them a great deal!!



Lent is an important time to seek God's forgiveness and say sorry for our wrong doings. **Year 6** were very prayerful during our 'Examination of Conscience'.

**Year 2** have been really enjoying their dance lessons with @KESSPB. They are learning a brand new dance as well as lots of new movements!



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**Year 1** took part in a collective worship about the importance of saying sorry. With the help of the story of Zacchaeus, we realised it is important to say sorry to God when we have sinned. We folded hearts and placed them on water. They opened and sent our prayers to God.



## 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:

Fatima - Reception                      Benjamin - Year Three  
 Rahma - Year 2                              Saffire - 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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Well done to **Reception** who had the best attendance this week with a fabulous **100%**! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 100%    Year One: 95.1%    Year Two: 95%    Year Three: 96.4%  
 Year Four: 96.6%    Year Five: 98%    Year Six: 98.3%

This gives a whole school attendance of **96.9%**



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

Reception	Henok	Super sentence writing.
Year 1	Skyla Rose	Excellent answers to help us prepare for our class Collective Worship.
Year 2	Sarah	Excellent effort in all lessons this week!
Year 3	Khakalaiia	His amazing effort this week in all his lessons!
Year 4	Dina	Working hard to improve her handwriting and presentation.
Year 5	Eliana D	Showing initiative in her learning and being a good leader! Well done!
Year 6	Sammy and Abigel	Both showing excellent sportsmanship when participating in extra-curricular competitions for school this week!

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