



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

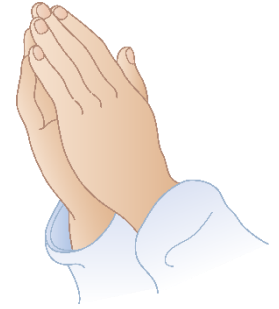
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

### A Prayer for Holy Week

Almighty Father, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin,  
 show me how I can honour you and bring glory to your name,  
 by walking in the way of Jesus.  
 Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail,  
 guidance when I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things.  
 For your love brings light and life to all who seek it.  
 May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond.  
 Amen.



### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 & Y4 Holy Week Service - The Last Supper <i>(parents and carers welcome)</i>	2.30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 & Y6 Holy Week Service – Stations of the Cross <i>(parents and carers welcome)</i>	2.15pm
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS AT 1PM 1.00pm</b> <i>(PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE DIFFERENT TO OTHER BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS)</i>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school	8.45am
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS EXCEPT Y6</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED – May Day bank holiday	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for one week – half term holiday	3.15pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Return to school	8.45am
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS</b>	
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>

**Teacher Days –**  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Bank Holidays –**  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## School closes for Easter – NEXT Thursday at 1pm

School closes for the Easter holidays NEXT **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## INSET DAY – Friday 19th April

The first Friday back after Easter will be in INSET day for all children **except Y6**.

School will be closed for all children from Reception to Y5, but Y6 must come in as normal.

## INSET DAY – Friday 7th June

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June will be an INSET day for ALL children. School will be closed on this day.

## Holy Week Services

Next week is Holy week, the children will be preparing and presenting some special services in school.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March Y3/4 will be leading the Last Supper at 2.30pm. Please be here by 2.25pm

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Y5/6 will be leading a Stations of the Cross service at 2.15pm. Please be here by 2.10pm

Parents and carers are warmly invited and encouraged to come into school for these services and share this very special time of year with us.



## Holy Week Services

These are times of the Holy Week services for St. Joseph's and St. Vincent's parish this year, led by Fr Solomon.

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	9.45am	Palm Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Church
	11.00am	Palm Sunday Mass at St. Vincent's Church
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7.00pm	Mass of the Last Supper at St. Vincent's Church.
<b>Good Friday</b>	10.00am	Good Friday Walk of witness beginning at St Joseph's Church
	12.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy at St. Joseph's Church
	3.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy at St. Vincent's Church
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	7.30pm	The Easter Vigil at St. Vincent's Church
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	9.45am	Easter Day Mass at St. Joseph's Church
	11.30am	Easter Sunday Mass at St. Vincent's Church



## The POD - Events and Music sessions

The POD have some wonderful events planned for the Easter break. On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1-3pm they are holding events to celebrate countries of the commonwealth. There will be activities food and lots of fun to be had! This is open to everyone and you can just turn up.

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**On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April there are 45 minute music sessions** which are for children only and require booking due to limited space. They take place at 10am, 11am and 12pm. Further details and posters can be seen at the bottom of this newsletter.



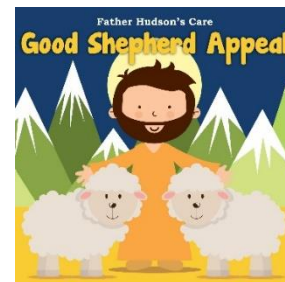
## Easter Egg Raffle

**The last day to buy Raffle tickets is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.** 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.

## Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

**Please make sure that your small collection bags for Father Hudson's Society are returned by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.** Thank you to everyone who has returned their collection bags with change to the school. Once we have received the collection money it will be counted and sent to Father Hudson's.

Thank you!



## Measles (MMR) Vaccine Reminder for Parents and Carers

Please find attached a letter regarding measles (MMR) vaccine reminder for your child/children.

## 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 exploring frogspawn. They are learning about spring and new life.

Year 3 and 4 had an amazing time visiting Cadbury World this week. We learnt all about the history of Cadbury's and even got to do some tasting



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**Year Six** have been practising their team work skills in football and rounders during their PE lesson.



Well done to the KS2 athletics teams who competed in the County Finals this week.

## Lunch-time Award

Our weekly lunchtime reward system 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:

N'Zaria - Year One  
Praise - Year One

Penelope - Year Three  
Suren - Year Four



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Well done to **Year Three** who had the best attendance this week with an amazing **100%**! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 88.3%	Year One: 95.2%	Year Two 98.3%	<b>Year Three: 100%</b>
Year Four: 94.7%	Year Five: 98.4%	Year Six: 97.2%	

This gives a whole school attendance of **96.6%**

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

Reception	Lulya	Super effort in Maths
Year 1	Michelle	Excellent number line work in Maths this week.
Year 2	Inaaya	Excellent effort in her phonics sessions!
Year 3	Khasim	Excellent work in Maths, counting in 10's. Well done!
Year 4	Nahor	Always trying his best to improve in his behaviour and learning.
Year 5	Esrom	Always giving 100%
Year 6	Amera	Brilliant progress in your reading comprehension this half term.

COME AND JOIN US AND CELEBRATE

## CARIBBEAN AND AMERICAN COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2024  
1-3 PM

FUN FOR ALL  
CRAFTS, STREET GAMES,  
AUTHENTIC FOOD,  
MUSIC AND MORE.....

**Nechells POD**  
*come and celebrate the european countries of the commonwealth*

CELEBRATING CYPRUS, MALTA & THE UK  
WITH MUSIC, FUN ACTIVITIES AND  
TRADITIONAL FOOD

**TUESDAY 2ND APRIL**  
**1 - 3 PM**

**EVERYONES WELCOME... NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

## Easter Holiday Events at the POD

**FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2024**

# Music Sessions

**EACH SESSION IS 45 MINUTES**  
**10AM, 11AM OR 12PM**

**CHILDREN ONLY**  
**BOOKING IS REQUIRED DUE TO LIMITED SPACE**

**0121 681 2173**

**Nechells POD**  
Bringing The Community Together

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