



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 8th March 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

A Prayer by Jannah Y6 & Dagmawit Y2

Merciful Father,

We turn to you to confess our most grievous sins, for we have greatly sinned in our thoughts and in our words. Help us to be more like you Lord.

Amen



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 14 th March	Book Fair arrives in school	
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
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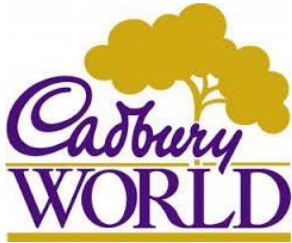
Bank Holidays –
Friday 29th March 2024
Monday 6th May 2024

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.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school from next Thursday 14th March until Tuesday 19th March. It will be open from 3.20pm until 3.40pm for parents each day.



Year Three and Year Four Cadbury World Trip

Year Three and Year Four are literally counting down the days in their classrooms for their visit to Cadbury World on Tuesday 19th March! The children are so excited!!

Many thanks to all who have already paid for this. **Just a reminder that the trip needs to be paid for by NEXT Tuesday 11th March.**

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

Our Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 20th 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 20th. 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.



Communication and Autism - Parent Workshop 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 neurodevelopmental 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 the this email - CATLeadershipTeam@birmingham.gov.uk . *Please note: there are no childcare facilities at the venue.*

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!



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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 on sale from MONDAY. 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.

Mother's Day

We would like to wish you all a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday and a happy day with your families. We especially think of all expectant mothers and pray that they and their unborn child are kept safe from all harm. We also remember at this time mothers who have lost children, mothers who are no longer with us and those who have lost their mothers, as Mother's Day is also a time of celebrating the happy memories that we have shared. You are very much in our thoughts and prayers at this time.



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



Year 2 have been using different resources in their Maths lesson this morning to show making 10's and ones.

Year 2 have started to look at mass in maths lessons this week. They started by comparing different classroom objects to see which was heavier and which was lighter.



Thanks to Severn Trent for leading our **Year 4** workshop about saving water and how to prevent our sewers from being blocked. It was very fun and educational.

Well done to our **Year 5 and 6** basketball team for achieving bronze medals in @KESSPB annual basketball tournament.



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Well done to the **Year 6** pupils who led a beautiful prayer and liturgy about temptation, you did a great job and were fabulous prayer leaders for Year 6.



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:

Taylor – Reception Mercy – Y1
Mekseb – Y5 Samuel – Y6



100% Attendance

On Wednesday we achieved 100% attendance across the whole school! Well done to everyone!

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 8th March 2024

Well done to **Year Three** who had the best attendance this week with a fabulous **98.6%**! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 96.3% Year One: 97.1% Year Two 97.0% Year Three: 98.6%
Year Four: 94.7% Year Five: 96.4% Year Six: 97.7%

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



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

Reception	Nahom M	Trying hard with his writing.
Year 1	Eliana T	Joining in with class prayers
Year 2	Adila	Always being kind to everyone!
Year 3	Yeabsera	Excellent effort in all her lessons.
Year 4	Nahor	Being mature and respectful in the classroom.
Year 5	Lidya	Being kind and working hard
Year 6	Dircia	Always trying her best!

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