



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Thursday 28th March 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

A Reflection for Holy Week

Jesus, You were the one who freed us, but You were arrested.
 You were sad and afraid, so we could have comfort and joy forever.
 You were thirsty, so we could have Living Water.
 You died in sudden darkness, so we could live in constant light.
 You were rejected, so we could be accepted by God.
 You were shamed and despised, so we could be honoured and loved.
 You were wounded and pierced, so we could be healed and whole.
 You were defeated, so we could win over death and sin.
 You died, so we could live.
 Thank you, Jesus.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th April	RETURN TO SCHOOL	8.45am
Friday 19th April	INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS EXCEPT Y6	
Thursday 25 th April	Meeting for parents of Year 5 - Residential next year	3:30pm
Monday 6 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED – May Day bank holiday	
13 th May to 17 th May	Year 6 SATS Week	
Friday 24 th May	School closes for one week – half term holiday	3.15pm
Monday 3 rd June	Return to school	8.45am
Friday 7th June	INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS	
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 –
 Friday 19th April
 Friday 7th June

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

End of Term

School finishes today for our two week Easter holiday. We return to school on Monday 15th April at 8.45am

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 7th June will be an INSET day for ALL children. School will be closed on this day.

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.

Maunder Thursday	7.00pm	Mass of the Last Supper at St. Vincent's Church.
Good Friday	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
Holy Saturday	7.30pm	The Easter Vigil at St. Vincent's Church
Easter Sunday	9.45am	Easter Day Mass at St. Joseph's Church
	11.30am	Easter Sunday Mass at St. Vincent's Church



Feedback from RE Parent Questionnaire March 2024

Here are the responses from the five questions....

- **Q1: The school enables my child to behave respectfully** - 97% of respondents feel that the school enables their child to behave respectfully.
- **Q2: Staff at this school are positive role models for my child** - 93% of respondents feel that the staff are a positive role model.
- **Q3: I understand the school's Catholic mission and I am supportive of it.** - 95% of respondents understand the schools Catholic mission and are supportive of it.
- **Q4: My child enjoys learning in RE lessons.** - 90% of respondents stated that their child enjoys learning RE.
- **Q5: I would like to be more involved in the prayer life of the school.** - 65% of respondents stated that they would like to be more involved in the prayer in school.

Asthma Assembly - Tuesday 23rd April

We will be holding an Asthma Assembly in our School on the 23rd of April 2024. This assembly will be led by trained nurses and staff from the NHS. The main aim is to raise awareness of asthma in schools and how to recognise symptoms and triggers. We would highly encourage parents/carers to attend the assembly, as asthma can come on at any age. The assembly will start at 9.10am followed by a 10-minute question & answer session with the nurses, for parents. Let's work together to become an Asthma Friendly School! We look forward to seeing you.

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

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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.

The POD - Events and Music sessions

The POD have some wonderful events planned for the Easter break. On Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th 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.

On Friday 5th 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.

Residential for Year 5 when in Year 6 to Whitemoor Lakes

All children in Year 5 would have received a letter this week about a residential taking place next academic year when they will be in Year 6 to Whitemoor Lakes. This is an amazing opportunity to go to an activity centre in Lichfield for a 2-day residential. The residential is booked to take place from Monday 18th November to Wednesday 20th November 2024. St Teresa of Calcutta Mac, which St Joseph's School is part of have agreed to pay for this trip. There will be a meeting for parents and Year 5 children on Thursday 25th April at 3:30pm to give some details of the residential. At this meeting you will be given the chance to ask any questions you may have regarding this trip.

Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to all of the families who supported our Easter Egg Raffle so brilliantly. We raised a total of £235.30 which is amazing! Congratulations to all of the children who won an egg today.

Online Safety Newsletter April 2024

Please find attached to this newsletter the Online Safety Newsletter April 2024 for your information.

Year 6 SATS Week

Year Six SATS will take place during the week of 13th - 17th May. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child is in school for the whole week, and also that they are in on time each day. To help with this, we will provide a free breakfast club for all Y6 children for the duration of the week. Research has shown that a good, healthy breakfast improves brain function and helps children to function better in their lessons! We will send out a letter to Y6 families regarding this after the Easter break.

Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

Thank you to everyone who returned their Good Shepherd appeal envelopes this week. We raised a total of £189.25 which is fabulous and will go towards funding the wonderful work that Father Hudson's do in the community.

This Week's News

This week, the whole school have been gathering together to revisit the events of Holy Week.

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On Monday Reception and KS1 reminded us of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The children made palms to wave, sang a song about and led us in a Palm Sunday procession around school. It was a joyous occasion!

On Tuesday, Years 3 and 4 reminded us of the events that took place at the Last Supper. The children re-enacted the story, read out readings and sang relevant hymns.

On Wednesday, Years 5 and 6 reminded us of the events of Jesus' passion and death. They led us through the Stations of the Cross, by reading scripture, re-enacting some of the scenes and singing relevant hymns. This was a very sombre and moving occasion.

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:

Janelle - Year Three

Rosie-Mae - Year Five

Dina - Year Four

Esrom - 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 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 28th March 2024

Well done to **Year Five** who had the best attendance this week with an amazing **96.3!** The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 88.9%	Year One: 93.8%	Year Two 96.2%	Year Three: 95.4%
Year Four: 93.7%	Year Five: 96.3%	Year Six: 92.2%	

This gives a whole school attendance of **94.1%**

Attendance from Autumn to Spring Term

Well done to **Year Six** who had the best overall attendance from Autumn to Spring Term with **97.6%**.

Reception: 95.9%	Year One: 94.7%	Year Two 96.2%	Year Three: 97.1%
Year Four: 96.1%	Year Five: 96.9%	Year Six: 97.6%	

This gives a whole school attendance over Autumn and Spring **96.5%**

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COME AND JOIN US AND CELEBRATE

CARIBBEAN AND AMERICAN COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2024

1-3 PM

FUN FOR ALL

GRAFFITI, STREET GAMES

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



Easter Holiday Events at the POD



FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2024

MUSIC SESSIONS

EACH SESSION IS 45 MINUTES

10AM, 11AM OR 12PM

Nechells
POD
Bringing The Community Together

CHILDREN ONLY

**BOOKING IS REQUIRED DUE TO LIMITED
SPACE**

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