



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 26th April 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Loving God, help us to look after our school and one another. Help us to always respect others, to do our best, and to make the most of every opportunity to learn and grow.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 30 th April	Y6 Parents' SATs meeting	2.45pm
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
Thursday 6 th June	Rec & KS1 trip to Twycross Zoo – cost £18	
Friday 7th June	INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS	
Sunday 9 th June 2024	Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church	12:20pm
Tuesday 11 th June	KS2 trip to Twycross Zoo – cost £18	
Friday 21 st June	KS1 Sports morning (in school) KS2 Sports afternoon at Nechells Wellbeing Centre 1.00pm – 2.45pm	
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y6 Transition Day Reception new intake parents' meeting (pm)	

INSET DAY – Friday 7th June

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

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 7th June
Monday 22nd July

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

After School Clubs

Year Two art club is now FINISHED!

There will be a new after school club starting on Tuesdays until 4.15pm for **Year Four** children – this will be Drama club and letters have been sent out today for this. It is free of charge and will take place from NEXT Tuesday 30th April and run until the end of the school year.

Birmingham Tree People

Our Eco-Committee are proud to be working alongside Birmingham Tree People over the next few weeks. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to enter their poster competition - creating posters to promote care of the new trees which have been planted in our local area. Entries can be given to Mrs Holmes. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

Y6 SATs Parent Meeting - Tuesday 30th April

Next **Tuesday 30th April** there is a meeting for all parents and carers of Y6 children regarding the arrangements for SATs week. The meeting will commence in the school hall at 2:45pm. A letter was sent out about this earlier in the week. Please ensure your child returns the information slip so we know which parents and carers are able to attend.

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!

Parent Survey from the MAC

You should have received a Parent Survey by email this week please complete this by **Friday 17th May 2024**. The Parent Survey responses will be analysed by the MAC.

Fencing Classes

The POD will be holding Fencing classes starting from Wednesday 1st May from 4.30 – 5.30pm. The cost is £3 per week. If your child is interested in attending, please contact the POD on 0121 681 2173 as places are limited.

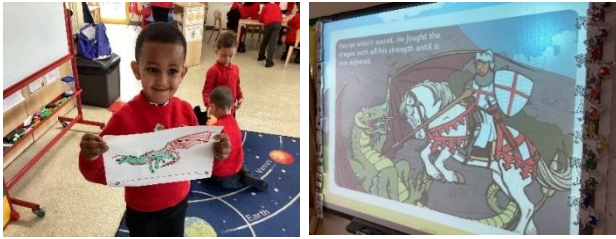
Pastoral Team

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.

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This Week's News



Happy St George's Day! Reception have been learning the story of St George and the Dragon.

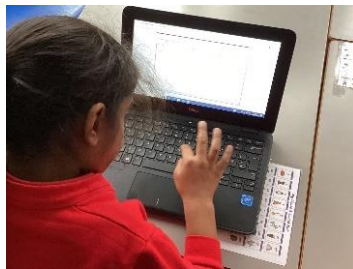


Reception have also enjoyed the story, "Yucky Worms" this week. We have made a wormery, so that we can study earthworms more closely. We are also enjoying making play dough worms.



Year One have been learning about heavier and lighter in Maths. We have also had a lovely week looking after our chicks, which we have hatched from eggs!

Year Two have been practicing lots of short cuts we can use when typing. We learnt how to undo and redo as well as select all and make what we have typed bold or underlined.



Year Two have also been creating pinch pots in Art using score and slip methods.



Our Asthma Awareness assembly was so interesting. We learnt so much about the triggers and what to do if someone has an asthma attack.

In Science, Year Four learned about electric circuits. We also learnt the different symbols in a circuit.



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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:

Abenob	Year 1	Abigail G	Year 2
Agape	Year 5	Natanem	Year 6



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 26th April 2024

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

Reception: 95.9%	Year One: 90.9%	Year Two 94%	Year Three: 95.5%
Year Four: 95.2%	Year Five: 95.2%	Year Six: 98.6%	

This gives a whole school attendance of 95.1%



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

Reception	Alexander	Always being helpful.
Year 1	Kimi	Fantastic work in RE this week!
Year 2	Bitanya T	Excellent writing in English
Year 3	Richard	Amazing knowledge about fractions.
Year 4	Eldana T	Displaying her knowledge and understanding of money.
Year 5	Eldana M	Not giving up when learning how to measure and draw angles – well done!
Year 6	Shukylus	His growing mature and responsible attitude within all aspects of school 😊

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