



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Thursday 18th April 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

A Reflection for Easter

You are the resurrection! How wonderful, Lord Jesus, you came back.
 You suffered death but conquered it.
 You laid in the tomb but on the third day You rose again.
 O joyful day, Lord Jesus, when you returned!
 You are the resurrection, our hope and our life.
 O glorious and victorious Redeemer help us not to be afraid of death,
 For we must pass through it to see you face to face
 And on the last day we will rise again, for you said so.
 Let us rejoice and praise you, our Blessed and triumphant Lord,
 On this happy, joyful feast. Amen.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 19th April	INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS EXCEPT Y6	
Tuesday 23 rd April	Asthma assembly for parents	9.10am
Thursday 25 th April	Meeting for parents of Year 5 - Residential next year	3:30pm
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 19th April - TOMORROW

School is closed tomorrow for all children EXCEPT Y6, who must attend as normal at 8.45am until 3.15pm. Y6 children do not have to wear uniform tomorrow and lunch arrangements are 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.

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

Asthma Assembly - Tuesday 23rd April

We will be holding an Asthma Assembly in our School on Tuesday 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.

After School Clubs

- **Art Club** - The first two weeks of term the Art Club is free due to two cancellations before Easter and the Year 2 children whom this relates to would have received a note before Easter; the last free club will be on Tuesday 23rd April.

A new club will be starting on Tuesday 30th April for 4 weeks at a cost of £12 for Year 2 children only. Payment must be paid before your child can attend the club. This will commence as normal at 3:15pm and finish at 4:15pm.

- **Multi-Skills** - We will let you know shortly when the multi-skills clubs will commence and for which year groups.



1950s Dress Up day – Y1

Year One children will be having a 1950s dressing up day next Friday 26th April as part of their topic work. Your child can come to school in 1950s style clothing. Please do not buy outfits for this – use things that you have at home

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. There is a poster advertising this at the end of the newsletter today.

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Residential for Year 5 when in Year 6 to Whitemoor Lakes

All children in Year 5 would have received a letter before the Easter holiday 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.

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 next week.

This Week's News



Reception class were exploring their new train station role play area.

They were also learning about different countries and cultures. They came to school wearing clothes that represented their home countries.



Year One have been learning all about Autism for Autism Acceptance Week. God made everyone and we're not all the same, they just see things differently.



They have also really enjoyed listening to Stephanie and Cedric from 'Stories of Hope and Home' about refugees and the country Cameroon.

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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:

Naode Year 1 Taliyah Year 5
Michael Year 3 Khant Year 5



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!

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.

Attendance – week ending 18th April 2024

Well done to **Year Six** who had the best attendance this week with an amazing **99%**! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 96%	Year One: 90%	Year Two 97%	Year Three: 96%
Year Four: 97%	Year Five: 95%	Year Six: 99%	

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%



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

Reception	Ayra	A wonderful first week at St Joseph's!
Year 1	Milka	Being kind to others and helping her friends in PE.
Year 2	Eshaal	Excellent English work
Year 3	Xios	Amazing and thoughtful questions for our visitors.
Year 4	Hewan	Writing a beautiful setting description about Narnia.
Year 5	Tian	Always participating well and setting a wonderful example
Year 6	Natanem	Excellent written responses in English lessons this week 😊

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Starting
Wednesday 1st May

Fencing at The POD

LEARN A NEW SPORT!



***Please contact The POD on 0121 681 2173
to book you child(ren) in as space is limited.***

Sessions will be 4:30pm-5:30pm

£3 per child per week

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