



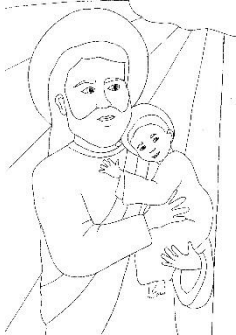
Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,



Dear God,

We pray for dads around the world this Father's Day. We think particularly of fathers living in poverty. Give strength to those who work long hours or struggle to find employment as they try and care for their families.

God our Father, please guide those of us who are fathers to care for our families with your wisdom. Strengthen us in the daily challenges of parenting. Give us the fruits of your spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Amen.

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	KS1 Sports morning (in school) KS2 Sports afternoon at Nechells Wellbeing Centre	9.10am (gates locked at 9.20am) 12.00pm – 2.45pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Transition Day Reception new intake parents' meeting	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Production/assembly	2.15pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Mass	2.00pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer holidays	<b>1.00pm</b>

## School Term Dates 2023 -2024

<b>Summer Term 2024</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
<b>END OF YEAR</b>

## 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. If any parents or carers would like to discuss any issues, please contact us at [pastoral@stjosb7.bham.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@stjosb7.bham.sch.uk)

## Sports Day - KS1 & KS2 NEXT Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.



**KS1 (Rec, Y1 and Y2)** sports will be held at the school in the morning. Parents are welcome to attend but must be in school by **9:15am**. **Please note the school gate will be closed at 9:20am and we will not be able to admit any parents after this time.**

The **KS2** Sports will take place at Nechells Wellbeing Centre, please could parents get there for **12pm**.

## Father's Day

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday and a happy day with your families. We also remember at this time fathers who are no longer with us, and those who have lost their fathers, as Father'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.



## Changes to the School Day

As you will remember, recently we sent out a letter regarding changes to the school day and times. Having considered the majority votes on these two options by both staff and parents the governors have chosen to add 5 minutes to either end of the school day starting from September 2024.

This means **from September our school day will run from 8:50am-3:20pm** - this means **the gate will be open from 08:40-08:50am** and again from 3:15-3:25pm.



## ECO Schools Project

As part of our Eco Schools project, we would like to encourage families to recycle more. Please could you bring any old batteries to school for recycling. Give them to Mrs Holmes in Reception class and she will arrange for them to be recycled.



## Library Consultation Event

The council is proposing to make a significant change to the library service and there is a public consultation that is currently underway. There will be an in-person meeting at **Bloomsbury Library at Nechells POD, 28 Oliver Street, B7 4NX** on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00-4.30pm**. There is no need to book, just 'drop in'.

## New Intake - Reception Class 2024

Our Open Day for all families who have been allocated a place for their child to start in school in September 2024 takes place on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Please remember to bring with you all relevant forms and documentation, as detailed on the letter that you will receive shortly. This will also confirm arrangements for the day such as times. We are looking forward to meeting you all on that day.



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# Online Application - Grammar School Entry September 2025

## (Current Y5 children)

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham (for entry to Year 7 in September 2025). Registration can be made online by visiting [www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk](http://www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk)

**The closing date for registering is 4pm on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

**The test will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

## Penalty Notice Fines for Holidays / Attendance are changing

Please note that the rules for attendance will be changing from September 2024. Any days of absences that are unauthorised (this also includes 'late after registration' marks where a child arrives after 9.15am) will now count towards number of absences. **Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, or less days if you have had previous unauthorised absence in the 10 weeks prior to the holiday.**

Penalty Notice Fines will also be considered when there have **been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period**. You do not have to be on holiday to be fined. You can have sessions of other unauthorised absence, for example keeping a child off school as you thought it was a teacher day and it wasn't, going shopping, birthdays, waiting in for people to attend your property – these are not authorised reasons to miss school.

Similarly, if we do not hear from you when your child is absent or you do not answer a call from us, and we have a reason for their absence, it will be marked as unauthorised. School does not have to authorise medical absence. If a child is repeatedly absent for minor 'medical issues' we will require you to bring in evidence of illness such as an appointment card from a doctor.

**From September, penalty notice fines are issued to each parent of £160 (reduced to £80 if paid within 28 days) for each child that was absent. For example, if you have 3 children absent for term time leave, this would result in each parent receiving a fine of £480 (reduced to £240 if paid within 28 days).**

**Please bear this in mind when you are booking travel arrangements for the summer holidays. Any children who are not back in school on time will be fined if they fit into the categories above.**

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# This Week's News

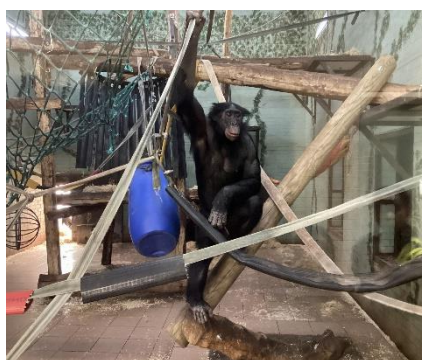
**Reception** class have been learning about the Sacrament of Baptism.



We all thought about how we can put all our trust in God and he will always guide us.



**Year 2** enjoyed planting some seeds ready to start our experiment looking at different things plants need to grow. Some will get sunlight and water and some will get none!



We have now concluded our series of trips to Twycross Zoo! Every child in school has loved their visit and learnt so much about the wide range of animals available to see there and the importance of protecting our environment

**KS2** had a fantastic day out, they had a fabulous time looking at the different animals.

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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:

Shumyla - Year 1  
Aryam - Year 3

Taliyah - Year 5  
Deon - Year 4

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Well done to **Year Four** and **Year Six** who both had the best attendance this week with a fabulous **100%!!**

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 96.7%	Year One: 93.9%	Year Two 98 %	Year Three: 97.3%
Year Four: 100%	Year Five: 98.1%	Year Six: 100%	

This gives a whole school attendance of **97.9%**



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

Reception	Tyler	Positive attitude to all his work.
Year 1	Kimi	Excellent work in phonics!
Year 2	Isaiah	Excellent jumping in PE!
Year 3	Vania	For her excellent work in English this week.
Year 4	Nahor, Yostina & Nathan	For representing the school at the Colour Run Festival and displaying excellent behaviour.
Year 5	Mekseb	For having a very positive week and shining in our Maths lessons on converting units of measurement! Well done!
Year 6	Seim	For your hard work and effort during our writing lessons this week!

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