



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 21st June 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dear God,

Bless the week ahead.

May its challenges not overwhelm us,

Circumstances not discourage us,

and in all things may we remember you are with us in our journeying,

your love our fuel, your word our guide, today and always.

Amen



Dates for your Diary

Friday 28 th June	Non-uniform day – 50p per child or £1 per family	
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y6 Transition Day	
	Reception new intake parents' meeting	
Tuesday 16 th July	Y6 Leavers' Production/assembly	2.15pm
Wednesday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass	2.00pm
Friday 19 th July	School closes for summer holidays	1.00pm

School Term Dates 2023 -2024

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

School Term Dates 2024 -2025

Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
Monday 2 nd September 2024 to Friday 25 th October 2024	Monday 6 th January 2025 to Friday 14 th February 2025	Monday 28 th April 2025 to Friday 23 st May 2025
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Monday 4 th November 2024 to Friday 20 th December 2024	Monday 24 th February 2025 to Thursday 17 th April 2025	Monday 9 th June 2025 to Monday 21 st July 2025

Teacher Days –
Monday 2 nd September 2024
Friday 25 th October 2024
Monday 21 st July 2025

Bank Holidays –
Friday 18 th April 2025
Monday 5 th May 2025

END OF TERM	END OF TERM	END OF YEAR
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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. If any parents or carers would like to discuss any issues, please contact us at pastoral@stjosb7.bham.sch.uk



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 26th 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 3rd 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.



CAKE SALE



Cake Sale Thursday 27th June

We will be having a cake sale in school **JUST FOR THE CHILDREN** next Thursday. This is to raise money to buy new games for games club and before school. If your child would like to buy a cake please send them with 50p in the morning, marked clearly in an envelope.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 28th June

We will also be having a non-uniform day in school next Friday. This is again to raise money to buy new games for games club and before school. The cost will be 50p per child or £1 per family.

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Mobile Phones

Please note that the use of mobile phones on school premise by parents and carers is not permitted for reasons of health and safety and the safeguarding of your children. This includes **all use of phones**. From September this will also be enforced in the school grounds, and in the playground. Thank you for your understanding and compliance with this.

Birmingham Tree People Poster competition

Huge congratulations to Yostina from Y4, whose poster was chosen as the winning design from St Joseph's – the judges loved how informative it was and how much care was put into it! Yostina's poster will be printed onto waterproof, ecofriendly board and displayed around Nechells so keep an eye out for it!

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

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 28th June 2024.

The test will take place on 14th 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.

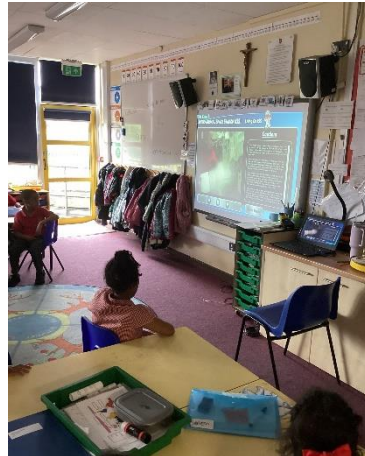
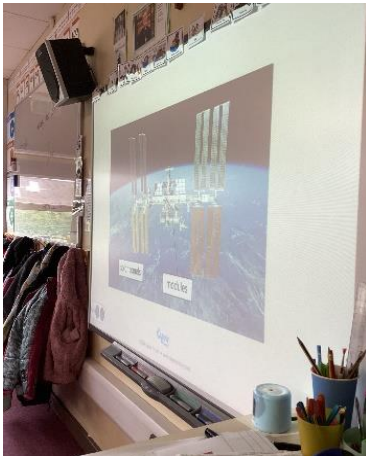
From September, penalty notice fines are issued to each parent of £160 (reduced to £80 if paid within 28 days) for each child that was absent. For example, if you have 3 children absent for term time leave, this would result in each parent receiving a fine of £480 (reduced to £240 if paid within 28 days).

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



We have been incredibly fortunate this week at St Joseph's to have the 'Stringcredibles' quintet band come in as part of National Refugee week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about many different cultures!

Year Two have enjoyed learning about life aboard the International Space Station in computing ahead of their unit learning about it. They found it really interesting that everything floats!



The Eco Committee have grown some lambs lettuce for our school lunches.



Reception class had a lovely prayer service. We gave thanks to God for his beautiful creation, especially our caterpillars!

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:

Miriam - Year 1
Jasmine - Year 2

Hewan - Year 4
Christianna - Year 5

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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 21st June 2024

Well done to **Year Four** who had the best attendance this week with 97.6%

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 95.8% Year One: 92.2% Year Two 96.3 % Year Three: 95.3%
Year Four: 97.6% Year Five: 95.5% Year Six: 96.2%

This gives a whole school attendance of **95.7%**



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

Reception	Ayra	Super effort in writing.
Year 1	Mariam	Excellent knowledge of homophones
Year 2	Rafael	Excellent effort in Maths- especially during the tests!
Year 3	Elnathan	Excellent work in English this week
Year 4	Jay	Scoring maximum marks on his science assessment. Well done.
Year 5	Lincoln	Doing especially well in maths this week when converting between metres and millimetres – well done!
Year 6	Amir	Great participation and effort in PE this week!

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ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

SERVICES

Sunday Mass 9:45AM

Friday Mass 12:00 NOON

Prayer Meeting Friday 1:00PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 11:30AM
AA Meeting

Wednesday 1:00PM
Journey in Faith

Friday 10:00AM
Coffee Morning

Tuesday 7:00PM
Intercultural music sharing

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St. Joseph's Church
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Fr.Solomon

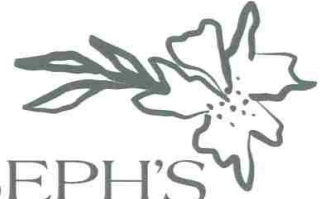
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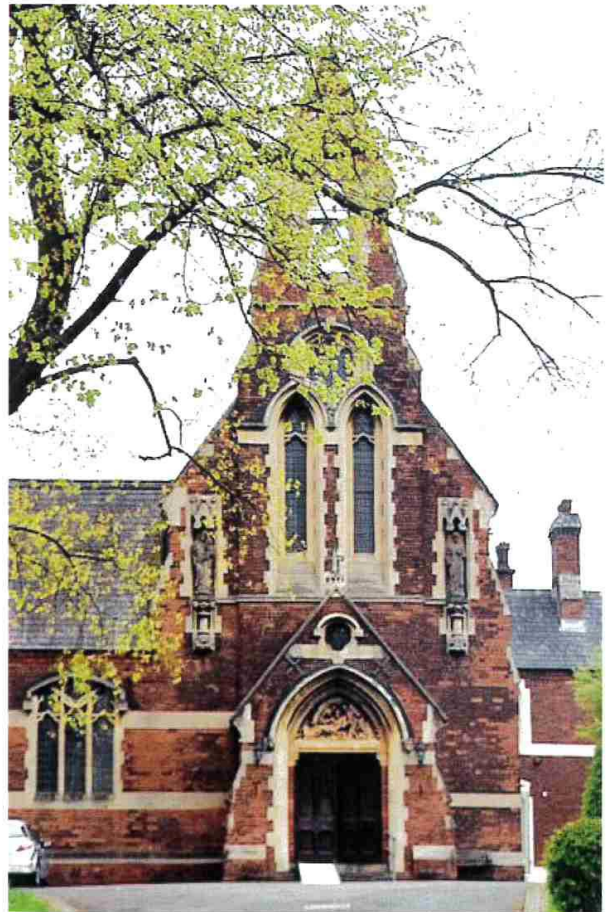
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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I come before you,
just as I am.

I am sorry for my sins. I repent of my
sins, please forgive me.
I forgive others for what they have done
against me. I renounce sin and evil.

I invite you into my life, Jesus.
I accept you as my Lord and Saviour.

Heal me, change me and fill my heart
with love and compassion for all.



Jesus said

"Come to me all you are laboured and heavy
burdened and I will give you rest"

Matthew 11:28

Bring all to Jesus every Sunday when you
come to Church

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