



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 28th June 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

A Child's Prayer

God in Heaven, hear my prayer.
Keep me in thy loving care.
Be my guide in all I do.
Bless all those who love me too.
Amen.



Dates for your Diary

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

School closes for the summer holidays on Friday 19th July at 1pm

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 rd 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
END OF TERM	END OF TERM	END OF YEAR

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

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

No Mass on 3rd July 2024

There will be no Mass next Wednesday 3rd July because of Transition Day.



Eco-Schools Green Flag Award

We are very happy to announce that the school has achieved the Green Flag Award for the 2nd year running, this time achieving a distinction award! We have received a lovely plaque to display. Huge thanks to all of our eco-committee and especially Mrs Holmes, who have worked very hard to achieve this. Well done to you all!

School Pedestrian & Vehicle Gates

May we remind parents and carers when taking their children to the Breakfast Club to please walk through the Pedestrian Gate and along the path to the breakfast club entrance, and not walk through the large vehicle Gate. The vehicle gate is for use of cars and delivery vans and so is very dangerous to walk through, particularly when it is continually in use in the mornings.

Online Safety newsletter July 2024

Attached with this newsletter is a copy of the latest Online Safety Newsletter for July 2024.

Collective Worship July 2024

Also attached is a copy of the latest Collective Worship Newsletter for July 2024.

Uniform

My Clothing.com is currently offering a discount on some of their uniform items: - £5 off when you buy 3 of their Jersey Cardigans and £5 off when you buy 3 Sweatshirts. Please go to the website the link is given below for more details.

<https://myclothing.com/collections/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-pupil-28658>



Changes to the School Day

As you will remember, 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 8:40 - 8:50am** and again from **3:15-3:25pm**.



Warm Weather Reminders!

- Please ensure that your child has their water bottle in school with them every day. It is very warm at the moment, especially in the school building, and we do not have cups in the classrooms for them to use. Also can I please remind you that **ONLY** plain water is allowed in bottles. Your child should not have any squash or flavoured water in school.
- You may send your child with a sun hat to wear outside (no sun glasses please!) while it is warm and you should apply sun cream to them before they come to school. **Please do not send them with bottles of sun cream or sun glasses for health and safety reasons.**



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- Please could you check that your child's jumpers and cardigans **are all clearly labelled with their names**. In the warm weather, children often take off their jumpers, particularly in the playground, and forget where they have left them. If they do not have names in, we will not be able to find them amongst others. Please remind your children (especially KS2) that they should be putting jumpers and cardigans in their tray to avoid them being lost.
- If your child suffers with Hay fever, please give them medication in the morning before they come to school, as we have noticed a lot of children have been struggling with symptoms.

New Intake – Reception Class 2024 – NEXT Wednesday 3rd July

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



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.

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.

The fine for unauthorised holiday is currently £60 per child, per parent. 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

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holidays. Any children who are not back in school on time will be fined if they fit into the categories above. Likewise, **any child finishing school earlier than the summer holidays (19th July) will also receive a fine.**

This Week's News



Year One have enjoyed learning about trees in their community.

Year Two have also been learning about trees in our local area and learning to identify different species. We then made little leaf identifying books to take with us when out and about.



Year Four have thoroughly enjoyed learning how to play archery in the lovely sunshine.

Year Two's Design Technology class was interesting ... the children thoroughly enjoyed making linkages for our moving monsters!



On 1950's day in **Year Two** the children took part in a strict day of learning timetables, handwriting, standing when a grown up enters, music and movement and writing. It was a very educational experience for the children!

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Year Six have been working very hard in Art to create their own Mayan calendar names using 'Chiaroscuro'. This drawing technique uses light and dark to create 3-D form.



Reception Class have seen how their bean plants they planted have yielded a wonderful crop!



KS1 and Early Years really enjoyed their Sports Day. They took part in bean bag target throw, sprints, relays and much more. Well done all!



We would like to convey a huge thank you to the Nechells Wellbeing Centre for hosting our KS2 Sports Day. The atmosphere was electric and so was the weather.



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:

Lulya - Reception
Elora - Year 1

Jack - Year 4
Cassidy - 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 28th June 2024

Well done to **Reception** who had the best attendance this week with a fantastic **100%**!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

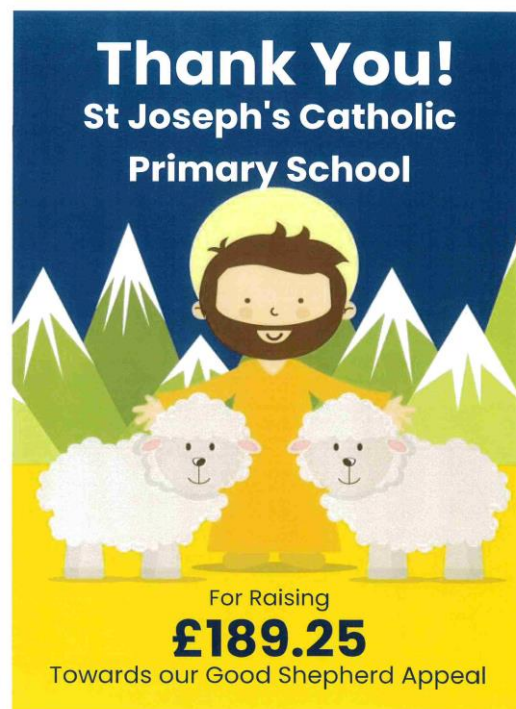
Reception: 100% Year One: 93.9% Year Two 98% Year Three: 98%
Year Four: 99.3% Year Five: 92.3% Year Six: 95.9%

This gives a whole school attendance of **96.5%**



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

Reception	Ruth	Excellent progress in reading.
Year 1	Naode	Fantastic Maths work this week!
Year 2	Trai'von	Excellent archery skills!
Year 3	Aryam	Excellent effort in English this week
Year 4	Daniel	Showing his understanding of plural possessive nouns.
Year 5	Mekseb	Taking part in lessons, asking excellent questions, and being a fabulous role model - well done!
Year 6	Victoria	Super participation in lessons and fabulous attitude to learning 😊



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