



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Thursday 6th June 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,



Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th June

Sunday 9th June 2024

Tuesday 11th June

Friday 21st June

Wednesday 3rd July

INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS

First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church

12:20pm

KS2 trip to Twycross Zoo – cost £18

KS1 Sports morning (in school)

KS2 Sports afternoon at Nechells Wellbeing Centre 1.00pm – 2.45pm

Y6 Transition Day

Reception new intake parents' meeting (pm)

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

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 want to discuss any issues, please contact us at pastoral@stjosb7.bham.sch.uk

First Holy Communion Mass – 12.20pm Sunday 9th June

As you may already know, some of our pupils are making their First Holy Communion on Sunday in St. Joseph's Church. First Holy Communion is a very special event in the Catholic faith, and marks the third major step on the children's journey of faith. At First Holy Communion, the children will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

First Holy Communion is a very happy and joyful event. Just like for any celebration, the children share their special day with their family and friends. The children have been preparing to receive their First Holy Communion for a long time, and have been learning all about the Catholic faith and teachings of Jesus, so that they may be ready to become full members of the church. The Celebration Mass for our children's First Holy Communion takes place at 12.20pm on Sunday. Everybody is more than welcome and encouraged to attend and it would be lovely to see lots of people to welcome the children into our faith community.



Please keep the children in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Changes to the School Day

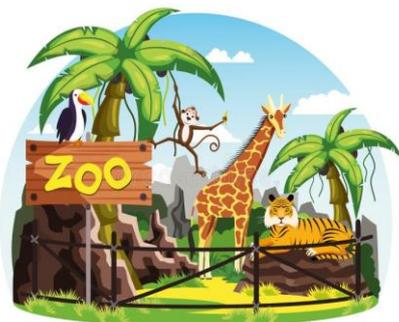
As you will remember, recently we sent out a letter regarding changes to the school day and times. Having considered the majority votes on these two options by both staff and parents the governors have chosen to add 5 minutes to either end of the school day starting from September 2024.

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.



Reminder - Trip to Twycross Zoo

Our second trip to Twycross Zoo, takes place for KS2 on Tuesday 11th June. Please ensure that consent forms and payments are in school on Monday 10th June at the latest. Parents who have made part payments towards the trip, please could you bring in the balance, thank you.

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'.



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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.



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.

Father's Day Event - Saturday 8th June

Please see attached a poster regarding a Father's Day Event taking place at Ladywood Children's Centre on Saturday 8th June from 11am to 1pm. Further details are given below.

Collective Worship June 2024

Attached with this newsletter is a copy of the latest Collective Worship Newsletter for June 2024.

Online Safety Newsletter

Also attached to your newsletter today is our monthly Online Safety newsletter.

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.

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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.

This Week's News

Reception were looking forward to seeing the Jungle Book performed by a theatre company on the last day of term. They all dressed up in their jungle themed outfits.



Small in number, but mighty in voice! Always a pleasure to join the other schools from St Teresa Calcutta MAC and the Diocese for the Good Shepherd Mass at St Chad's Cathedral.



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 6th June 2024

Well done to **Year Five and Year Six** who both had the best attendance this week with 99.2%!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 88.1%	Year One: 93.2%	Year Two: 99%	Year Three: 96.7%
Year Four: 97.4%	Year Five: 99.2%	Year Six: 99.2%	

This gives a whole school attendance of **96.9%**

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

Reception	Whole Class	For your excellent behaviour at Twycross Zoo!
Year 1	Whole Class	For your excellent behaviour at Twycross Zoo!
Year 2	Whole Class	For your excellent behaviour at Twycross Zoo!
Year 3	Rae, Eliana, Xios	For their amazing written work this week, Well done!
Year 4	Kayla	For showing confidence in the classroom
Year 5	Whole Class	For good work this week!
Year 6	Fiona	For always being a great role model!

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FATHER'S DAY EVENT



**SATURDAY
8TH
JUNE**

**FROM 11.00AM -
1:00PM**



PLEASE CONTACT BELOW TO BOOK A PLACE:

**LADYWOOD CHILDREN'S CENTRE
9 PLOUGH & HARROW ROAD
LADYWOOD**

B16 8UR

↑ 0121 454 6633



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Changing lives.**

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