



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 12th July 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

“Human greatness does not lie in wealth or power,
but in character and goodness.”

Anne Frank

Dates for your Diary

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 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

End of School Year

We break up for the summer holidays at 1.00pm NEXT Friday 19th July. Please ensure that a responsible adult is here on time to collect your child on this day.

After-School Clubs

All after-school clubs have now finished. **There will be no clubs next week**

St Joseph's Parish

Mass at St Joseph's Church takes place every Sunday morning at 9.45am. Please do try to attend Mass as often as you can.

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

St. Joseph's Church Summer Fete

St. Joseph's church will be holding a parish Summer Fete on Saturday 20th July 2024 from 12pm to 2pm. **Everyone is welcome** to attend and there will be lots of fun going on! Attractions will include;

- Kitchenware Sale
- Tabletop Sale
- Toys
- Raffle
- Eritrean Tea
- Refreshments
- Intercultural Music
- Face painting for children



Parental Control Booklet

Internet safety continues to be of great importance in our world today. With the children about to begin their summer holidays next week, I am sure many of our children will be trying to spend more time on their devices. With this in mind, I know parents will want to ensure their children are safe while accessing the Internet. Please find a link below to our updated Parent Online Safety booklet, which includes an overview of key parental controls.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Parental-Controls-booklet-2024.pdf>

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Bloomsbury Library at Nechells POD will be delivering the Summer Reading Challenge 2024. Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am - 5:00pm, starting Monday 8th July. Go to your library this summer to sign up and get your Marvellous Makers collector's foldout poster. Read books and collect stickers and other rewards for your reading. Add the stickers to your poster to complete the challenge. Remember you can read ANYTHING you like. It could be a book, comic or magazine, eBook or audiobook - they all count. For more information go to www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Children's School Reports

School reports have been sent home today. Once you have read the report, if you wish to speak to your child's class teacher regarding it please contact the school office and they will arrange a telephone call with the teacher for you. Your child's report will inform you about the progress your child has made across this academic year and what their attendance has been like this school year.



Y6 Leavers' Assembly/ Mass

On Tuesday 16th July is our Y6 Leavers' Assembly starting at 2.15pm. Parents, carers and family are very welcome and encouraged to come along for these special events. **Please note that the time given is the time that it will start at, so please arrive by 2.00pm for the assembly so that we can get everyone in and seated.** Due to the way that the hall will be set up, **if you arrive late we will not be able to allow you to come in**, so please ensure that you are here on time to avoid disappointment.

Leavers' Mass - Wednesday 17th July Our Leavers' Mass takes place on Wednesday 17th July at 2.00pm. All are welcome to attend!

This half-term's virtues are: Learned and Wise

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Teachers for September

Reception –	Mrs Holmes & Mrs Peplow
Year 1 –	Miss Young & Miss Dalziel
Year 2 –	Mrs Emmott & Miss Crane
Year 3 –	Mrs Aldridge
Year 4 –	Mr Tobias
Year 5 –	Mr Dempsey
Year 6 –	Miss Teague & Mrs Koumi



Mrs Dalziel and Ms Bailey will be working between Y3-Y5 as support staff.
Mrs Badhan will also be supporting in classes



Goodbye!

Sadly, at the end of this term, we shall be saying goodbye to Miss Jordan and Mrs Scarrott. Miss Jordan has been our Year 2 Class Teacher over the last year and has done a wonderful job supporting our children. Mrs Scarrott has been with us for a year and has done an amazing job teaching our Year 5 children. We will be saying goodbye to them during our **Leavers' Mass on Wednesday 17th July**. We will miss them all very much and wish them all the best in their new ventures!

Hello!

In September we will be welcoming Mr Dempsey to St. Joseph's, who will be teaching our Y5 class. We hope that he will be very happy here with us!

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.

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

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

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.**

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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 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 Two have enjoyed learning about how to stay safe around the railway thanks to network rail!

Reception are having fun, designing boats for our DT project. In our next lesson we will make the designs and float them. Watch this space!



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:

Ali – Y1 Michael – Y3

Taliyah – Y5 Nahor – Y4



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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 12th July 2024

Well done to **Year Three** who had the best attendance this week with 98.7%

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 94.7% Year One: 93.9% Year Two 97% Year Three: 98.7%
Year Four: 92.7% Year Five: 96.7% Year Six: 93.7%

This gives a whole school attendance of **95.4%**



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

Reception	Yukang	Trying hard with all his work.
Year 1	Skyla-Rose	Always being a great friend!
Year 2	Adonay	Excellent reading.
Year 3	Didan	Excellent effort all year!
Year 4	Suren	Hard work and determination in maths.
Year 5	Huda	Working really hard in Maths this week and making sure she is always engaging in lessons - well done!
Year 6	Anayah	Settling in so well to Y6! 😊

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