



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

## Prayer for the End of the School Year

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school and at home this year,  
For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced;  
For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed;  
For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.  
For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles,  
For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days  
And for the love that has kept us going.



We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord –  
Bless our children as they are out of school this summer, keep them safe and prepare them for their return to school in September.

Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish. Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**                      **School Finishes for summer**                      **1pm**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**      **Children return to school**                      **8.50 am**

## School Term Dates 2024 -2025

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

**Teacher Days –**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

**Bank Holidays –**  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## School Finishes at 1pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

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

# End of School Year

We would like to wish you all a safe, happy and fun filled holiday with your families. Enjoy your break together and stay safe! We return to school at 8.50am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Our new Reception class will start school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

## 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](mailto:pastoral@stjosb7.bham.sch.uk)

## Non-Uniform Day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

This is a reminder that tomorrow is non-uniform day and is FREE!

## Year 6 Leavers



Today our Year 6 children will be finishing their Primary School Career with us and moving onto Secondary school. On behalf of the governors and all the staff and pupils of St. Joseph's, I would like to say goodbye to Year 6 and wish them all the best in their new schools. I hope that you will enjoy your new schools and do your very best to achieve your dreams and that you will take with you very happy memories of your time at St. Joseph's. We pray that God may bless you and keep you safe. Please do keep our Year 6 children in your prayers over the summer holidays.

## St. Joseph's Church Summer Fete

St. Joseph's church will be holding a parish Summer Fete on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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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](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

## Free 6-week Parenting Group

Please see poster below for more details.

### 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

### 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!



### 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.

### Breakfast Club

All children who have attended Breakfast Club regularly this term will need to complete new registration forms at the beginning of September. Please note that the cost of Breakfast Club is £1.50 per day. All places are allocated and must be applied for. **Please note, there will be no Breakfast Club during the first week back in September.**

### After School Clubs

There will be no After School Clubs during the first week back. Details of how to apply for places will be in the first newsletter when we come back.

### 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.

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# Uniform

I would just like to remind you of a few of our policies regarding uniform in school ahead of the children coming back in September. We understand that as we have come to the end of the school year clothes have been grown out of and shoes split, however, please ensure that the correct uniform is worn when returning in September.

- Shoes should be black formal school shoes, **NOT trainers** or pumps.
- PE kit is a white or red t-shirt with black plain shorts or black jogging bottoms when cold.
- Please ensure that your child's name is clearly written or sewn into each item of uniform as this will make it much easier to find it if it gets lost.
- Also as it clearly states in our prospectus; "The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' hairstyles that could serve as a distraction to others. Shaved patterns, lines and colours are not allowed. Hair should be all one length and not 'stepped' or shaved at different levels." Please ensure that any hairstyles your child has over the summer that are not appropriate for school are grown out/corrected ready for the start of term in September.



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 see full details for attendance charging from 2024 below, the school will enforce this from September 2024.

## Attendance – whole school year

Well done to **Year Six** who had the best attendance this school year with 97.6%!! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	95.4%	Year One	94.5%	Year Two	96.7%	Year Three	96.8%
Year Four	96.2%	Year Five	96.9%	Year Six	97.6%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96.5%

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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 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 (19<sup>th</sup> July) will also receive a fine.**

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## Solihull Approach - Understanding Your Child

**DATES: 10TH OCTOBER- 21ST NOVEMBER**

**TIME: 9:30-12:00**

**VENUE: ST THOMAS CHILDREN'S CENTRE, BELL BARN RD, B15 2AF**

- **Improve communication and relationship with you child/ teen**
- **understand what your child/ teen is communicating through their behaviour and learn how to respond to them**



**SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN  
UP FOR THE  
COURSE**



**OR SIGN UP AT RECEPTION**