



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 13th September 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Prayer for our World

Creator God, who made our beautiful world,
 appointed us as its guardians
 and gifted us with everything we need,
 forgive us for the times we cause it harm;
 for the times our way of life affects our neighbours.
 Inspire us to care for the environment;
 to help rebuild lives and communities;
 to share in the griefs and anxieties,
 joys and hopes of all your people,
 so that all your creation may flourish.
 Amen.

Stephen Davies/CAFOD



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18 th September	School Mass led by Year 5	2.00pm
Monday 16 th September	Y2 Curriculum workshop	2.30pm
Tuesday 17 th September	Y1 Curriculum workshop	2.30pm
Friday 20 th September	Y4 Curriculum workshop	2.15pm
Monday 23 rd September	Reception Curriculum workshop	2.15pm
Tuesday 24 th September	Y3 Curriculum workshop	2.30pm
Friday 27 th September	Y6 Curriculum workshop	2.30pm
Monday 30 th September	Y5 Curriculum workshop	2.15pm
Friday 4 th October	Reception Welcome Service (details to follow)	2.30pm
Friday 25 th October	School closes for half-term	3.20pm
Monday 4 th November	Return to school	8.50am
Wednesday 27 th November	Parents' Evening (school finishes at 2.15pm)	2.30pm – 5.30pm

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

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

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.

After-School Clubs

This is just a reminder that the same Drama Club from last year will continue every Tuesday from 3:30pm until 4:25pm for **Year 5** children. It is free of charge and will take place from NEXT Tuesday 17th September and run until the end of this term.

Your child must be collected on time at 4:25pm from the gates they are usually dismissed from at the end of the school day.

Parents Workshops

We will be holding Parental Workshops in school in the coming weeks. These are based on the National Curriculum and designed to show you a little of what your children are learning in school, so that you can help them at home. Our first workshop takes place on Monday for Y2.

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Y6 Secondary Transfer Applications for September 2025

All children in Year 6 should have received a letter before the holiday with details on how to apply for a secondary school place for September 2025. Applications for a secondary school place starting September 2025 can be made between 12 September and 31 October 2024. You are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply late.

Secondary Transfer preferences for school places must be submitted to the city council by Tuesday 31st October 2024. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice.

St. Pauls' School for Girls Y6 Open Evening

St Paul's School for Girls are holding a Y6 Open Evening on Thursday 19th September from 5 – 8pm. All prospective new students for September 2025 and parents are encouraged to go along and have a look around the school. You will be able to talk to all the teachers and staff about the different subjects, be able to see all the facilities and classrooms, try out some activities, talk about your secondary school options and listen to the Headteacher's talk.

Holy Trinity Catholic School - Open Mornings 24th & 26th September 9:15-10:30am

Holy Trinity Catholic School is holding a Open Morning for Year 6 pupils on 24th and 26th September 9:15 - 10:30am. Information has been sent out to Year 6 parents this week.

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Interested in Joining BOA Digital in September 2025?

BOA Digital Academy, a new school on Barrack Street, Nechells, is holding two open events for Year 6 parents to see the school. They will take place on Thursday 26th September (5:30pm - 7:30pm) and Wednesday 23rd October (5:30pm - 7:30pm). You can find BOA Digital Academy at 47 Barrack Street, Nechells, B7 4EU.

Uniform

Just a reminder to 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. We have already had lots of lost/missing items of clothing since we have been back! Please also remind your child to put their cardigans or jumpers in their school tray or bag if they take them off. It is their responsibility to look after their own belongings.



Penalty Notice Fines for Holidays / Attendance has changed



Please note that the rules for attendance have changed 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. The fine for unauthorised holiday is now £160 for each parent (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 school holidays. Any children who are not back in school on time will be fined if they fit into the categories above. Medical absences either side of school holidays will require evidence of illness to be produced.

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, Mrs Boxwell, 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

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:

Milka - Year 2

Dina - Year 5

Jasmine - Year 3

Jessica - Year 6



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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 13th September 2024

Well done to **Year Two** who had the best attendance this week of **98.3%**!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 95.8% Year One: 92.2% Year Two 98.3% Year Three: 96.0%
Year Four: 97.4% Year Five: 93.8% Year Six: 97.0%

This gives a whole school attendance of **96%**



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

Reception	Betselot	An excellent attitude to all her learning.
Year One	Fatiha	Being really kind and helping her peers in PE
Year Two	N'Zaria	Excellent effort in all her lessons.
Year Three	Aisha	For her excellent effort in all of her lessons
Year Four	Penelope	Being very sensible and helpful to her classmates.
Year Five	Daejarn	Turning sadness into happiness through perseverance and resilience. Showing and sharing his smile.
Year Six	Christianna	Excellent Science knowledge and enthusiasm during Super Science Day!

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Year One really enjoyed their first PE lesson of the year. They have also been painting their class community.

Year Two have been discussing which pictures are Art and which are maps and sorting them into different categories. They have had lots of interesting discussions about it!



Year Three carried out an experiment to find out whether materials conducted electricity or not. They had great fun and were surprised by some of our answers.

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