



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 20th September 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Prayer for our World

God of all,

Open our eyes to see the needs of our brothers and sisters.

Open our ears to hear your words of hope and compassion.

Open our mouths to speak up when people are suffering.

Open our hearts, to reach out in love.

Amen.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 23 rd September	Reception Curriculum workshop	2.30pm
Tuesday 24 th September	Y3 Curriculum workshop	2.15pm
Friday 27 th September	Y6 Curriculum workshop	2.30pm
Monday 30 th September	Y5 Curriculum workshop	2.15pm
Friday 4 th October	Harvest festival Non-uniform	
	Reception Welcome Service (details to follow)	2.30pm
Wednesday 9 th October	Reception Sept 2025 entry Open Day	9.15am – 10.15am
Monday 14 th October	Reception Sept 2025 entry Open Day	2.00pm – 3.00pm
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 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

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, 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

Parents Workshops

Thank you to everyone who came to our workshops this week. The remaining workshops take place next week. They 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.

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Harvest Festival – non uniform day – Friday 4th October

in the coming weeks, children will be learning about harvest and the importance of this. On Friday 4th October we will be holding our annual Harvest collection day, where we ask families to bring in some items that we can donate to our local foodbank. The Aston and Nechells foodbank have asked if we could especially collect:

- FRUIT JUICE OR SQUASH
- MEAT SOUPS
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED FISH – tuna, salmon etc
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- UHT (LONGLIFE) MILK (not fresh milk!)
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- PASTA
- BAKED BEANS
- DEODORANTS
- SHAMPOOS



Children may come in wearing their own clothes in return for a donation towards our harvest collection. Thank you for your generosity with this.

Starting School - Reception 2025

If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2020 and 31-08-2021, online application will open on 1st October on the Birmingham City Council website for Reception school places for September 2025. Preferences for school places must be submitted to the city council by **15th January 2025**. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice



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Reception 2025 Open Session

We are holding an Open Session on Wednesday 9th October from 9.15am to 10.15am and on Monday 14th October from 2.00pm to 3.00pm for those parents/carers whose children are due to start school in September 2025. If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2020 and 31-08-2021, please come along. If you know anyone who has children in Nursery and is considering sending their child to St. Joseph's, please send them along too! We will be proud to show you around our school. A image file of our Open day poster is attached with your email today. Please feel free to share this with friends and family who may be interested.

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.

Holy Trinity Catholic School - Open Mornings

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

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.

211 Scout Group

The 211 Scout Group currently have availability in their sessions held on a Monday evening at St Matthews' Church. There are different sessions held for different age groups. Scouts is a fabulous initiative for children to be involved in and gives them many learning and life experiences. You can find out more information in the poster at the end of the newsletter.

Wraparound Childcare Parent Survey

The Local Authority is rolling out a parent survey using the BEHEARD platform requesting feedback on its current and future requirements for wraparound childcare. The survey is targeting those parents and carers specifically with primary school age children.

The expectation is that the survey results will help shape and support wraparound childcare for primary school age children in Birmingham to meet the needs of children, parents, carers and families. The survey is open now and will close on Sunday 20th October 2024. You can access the survey by scanning this QR code.



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Penalty Notice fines for holidays / poor attendance



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.

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:

Flourish - Year 1 Michelle - Year 2
Bsrat - Year 4 Daejarn - Year 5



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 20th September 2024

Well done to **Year Four** who had the best attendance this week of **98.1%**!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 97.5%	Year One: 93.2%	Year Two: 93.5%	Year Three: 93.4%
Year Four: 98.1%	Year Five: 96.6%	Year Six: 97.7%	

This gives a whole school attendance of **95.8%**

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

Reception	Kali	Always being cheerful and trying her best.
Year 1	Ferida	A fabulous first week in school
Year 2	Milka	Fantastic number work this week.
Year 3	Amina	Settling in so quickly and trying her best in all lessons.
Year 4	Michael	Being a great helper to our new classmate this week
Year 5	Kezia	Selflessness and caring for others
Year 6	Rosie	For her excellent effort!

This Week's News

Year Three celebrated Super Science Day. We made a volcano out of an old bottle, ripped up newspaper and glue. Once it had dried we painted it and added coloured paper to look like lava. We had a Super day and learnt lots.

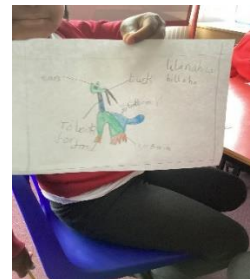


Year One also enjoyed Super Science Day, they learnt about their 5 senses. They enjoyed trying slices of lemon, salt & vinegar crisps and chocolate.

Reception enjoyed a story in the beautiful sunshine one afternoon.



Year Two had a great time investigating how animals are adapted to their environment during Super Science Day.






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Year Six thoroughly enjoyed creating models to demonstrate how night and day come to be. These models were made as part of our school Super Science Day, which was based on the book of Genesis and creation. Well done guys, you smashed it!!



211TH SCOUT GROUP


AT ST MATTHEWS
CENTRE, DUDDESTON MANOR RD



MONDAY NIGHTS

BEAVERS START AT 6PM TO 7PM FOR AGES 5 3/4 -8 YEARS OLD
CUBS START AT 7PM TO 8PM FOR AGES 8-10.5 YEARS OLD
SCOUTS START AT 7PM TO 8PM FOR AGES 10.5-14 YEARS OLD

SKILLS FOR LIFE | MAKE FRIENDS | HAVE ADVENTURES



WE OFFER FUN, ADVENTUROUS
AND CHALLENGING ACTIVITIES TO PERPEL
YOUNGER GENERATION

MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT 07888 540069

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