



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 27th 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

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| 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 | 2.30pm – 5.30pm |
| | (School finishes at 2.15pm) | |

School Term Dates 2024 -2025

| Autumn Term 2024 | Spring Term 2025 | Summer Term 2025 |
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| 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.

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 workshop takes place next week for Y5. 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.

Monday 30th September

Y5 Curriculum workshop

2.15pm

School Photographs – NEXT Thursday 3rd October

The school Photographer will be in school on Thursday 3rd October to take the annual school photographs. Please note that photographs are only taken on this day, and no repeat sessions will be available for children who are absent, so please ensure that your child is in school on time, as photographs will commence at 9:00am.



Your child will be photographed individually and with their siblings (if they have any in school). Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform, and also may I remind you at this time of the school policy regarding hair cuts. Thank you for your support with this.

Harvest Festival – non uniform day – NEXT Friday 4th October

in the coming weeks, children will be learning about harvest and the importance of this. NEXT 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.

Flu Vaccination

You should have received a form to complete for your child to have a nasal spray flu vaccination in school.

Please return this form even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated. It is important that we hold a completed form for each child. These must be returned by 8th October.

This half-term's virtues are: Curious and Active

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ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
— NECHELLS —
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OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER
FROM 9.15 AM - 10.15AM
MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER
FROM 2.00PM - 3.00PM

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2025?
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School is a small, caring school where everyone is welcomed; where everyone is loved, respected and cared for; where everyone is helped and encouraged to achieve their very best and where Christ is at the heart of everything we do.

Come along and see what St. Joseph's can offer your child.
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ROCKY LANE, NECHELLS, B7 5HA
0121 464 8140



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

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.

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 for them to be authorised.

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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:

Abenob - Year 2 Amina - Year 3
Didan - Year 4 Lincoln - Year 6



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 27th September 2024

Well done to **Year Six** who had the best attendance this week of a fabulous **100%**!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

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| Reception: 97% | Year One: 93.5% | Year Two 97.5% | Year Three: 95.9% |
| Year Four: 99.4% | Year Five: 97% | Year Six: 100% | |

This gives a whole school attendance of **97.4%**



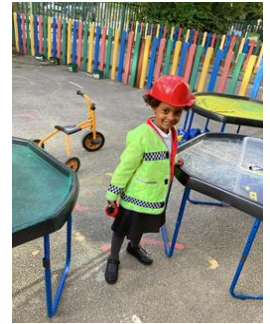
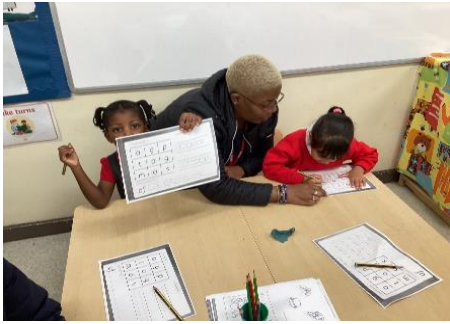
Congratulations to the following children who have shone in school over the last week;

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| Reception | Aiden | Trying very hard with his phonics and writing. |
| Year 1 | Elihu | Great first week in Year 1. |
| Year 2 | Amen | Settled back into St Joseph's and had a fabulous first week. |
| Year 3 | Ezekai | For his excellent answers in Maths and English this week. |
| Year 4 | Janelle | For being a positive a positive role model to her classmates. |
| Year 5 | Hewan | Reverence and respect. A superb kenning about Our Lord on Viking Day. |
| Year 6 | Lincoln | For your super effort in Maths this week! 😊 |

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This Week's News



Thank you to all the parents who joined us for **Reception's** curriculum workshop. We all learnt lots about learning to read. **Reception** have also been busy thinking about what jobs they would like to do when we grow up.



Year One have been using their maths skills to complete puzzles and have also enjoyed creating models this week.

We also had a lesson from Nurse Ruth reminding us of the importance of hand washing

Science Club did the coke and mentos experiment with great results. We also did the germ experiment with pepper and hand soap! We had a great time.



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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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