



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are  
left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years  
condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in  
the morning  
We will remember them."*

*Laurence  
Binyon*



LEST WE FORGET  
REMEMBRANCE DAY  
11 NOVEMBER

## Dates for your Diary

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	School Mass led by Y6 – all welcome	2.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception walk to Bloomsbury Park	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Wear Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying - NO CHARGE	
	Y2 trip to the Lickey Hills	
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Whitmore Lakes residential trip	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Wear Green Non-Uniform day - 50p per child or £1 per family	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 2.15PM</b>	
	Parents' Evening	2.30 - 5.00pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Wear Blue Non-Uniform day - 50p per child or £1 per family	

## Christmas Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	KS2 film night - £2 per child	3 - 4.30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Rec & KS1 film night - £2 per child	2.30 - 4.00pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 & Y6 visit to the Crescent Theatre	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 & Y5 visit to the Crescent Theatre	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 per child	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Assembly	2.30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Rec, Y1 & Y2 North Pole Adventure trip	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 & Y4 Parents – KS2 Christmas Assembly	2.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 & Y6 Parents – KS2 Christmas Assembly	2.20pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Concert for Parents	2.30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>School closes at 1pm for Christmas holidays</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school	8.40am

## School Term Dates 2024 -2025

Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 to Thursday 24 <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
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
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
END OF TERM	END OF TERM	END OF YEAR

<b>Teacher Days –</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 - MAC Teacher Day Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025
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<b>Bank Holidays –</b> Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
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## 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](mailto:pastoral@stjosb7.bham.sch.uk)

## Remembrance Day

This Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Sunday. We remember at this time all who have suffered or lost their lives as a result of war and all who gave their lives for their country.



*Father of all, look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold for ever all who have suffered during wars, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned and those who mourned. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Poppies are currently on sale in school. They are available to the children during the day. The suggested donation is 20p per poppy. Please send your child with the correct change. Thank you!

## 'Odd Socks' Day – NEXT Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, our Wellbeing Champions have arranged a 'Wear Odd Socks' day in school as part of our Anti-Bullying week. **Please come to school dressed in your usual uniform but wear odd socks for the day!** This will be free.



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## Wellbeing for school parents - new online resources

Please see the wellbeing news update from the Solihull Approach, the NHS team behind [inourplace.co.uk](https://www.inourplace.co.uk). Inourplace is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships. As part of our sponsorship of inourplace, all of the courses and content is free to local parents. Here's a quick round up of what we think is great on [Inourplace](https://www.inourplace.co.uk) this month.

## Starting School - Reception 2025 – apply now!

If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2020 and 31-08-2021, online application is now open 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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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



## Defibrillator in school

Just to make you all aware that we now have a Defibrillator in school that can be used easily in the event of an emergency that requires CPR. Defibrillators are devices that apply an electric charge or current to the heart to restore a normal heartbeat. If the heart rhythm stops due to cardiac arrest, also known as sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), a defibrillator may help it start beating again. A sudden cardiac arrest is fatal unless treated right away with CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and a defibrillator.

## Collective Worship

Please find attached the Collective Worship Parents Newsletter - November 2024 and the Online Safety Newsletter 2024 for your information.

## Parents Evening

Our Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2.30-5.00pm. Letters will be sent home next week for you to request times so please check your child's bag. **Please note that school will close at 2.15pm on Wednesday 27th.**

**All children must be collected at this time by an adult.**

During the time that you are in your appointment, your child can go into our Creche facility (**only for children who attend our school**) but please only bring children along if they cannot stay at home with another adult.



## 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:

Camari - Year 1      Zemira - Year 3      Didan - Year 4      Mekseb - 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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Well done to **Year Four and Year 6** who both had the best attendance this week with a **fabulous 100%**!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 98.8%	Year One: 94.3%	Year Two: 94.6%	Year Three: 95%
Year Four: 100%	Year Five: 94%	Year Six: 100%	

This gives a whole school attendance of **96.7%**



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

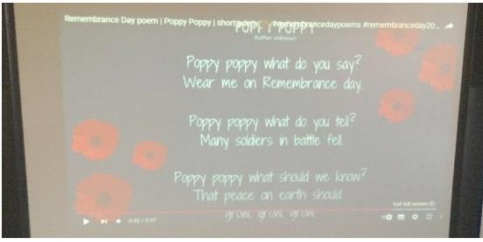
Reception	Gelila	Made a super junk model and then helped other children to do theirs.
Year 1	Ruth	Fantastic effort in all her work this week :)
Year 2	Mariam	For excellent effort in all her work this week
Year 3	Esmae	For her excellent work in maths this week.
Year 4	Eldana	For her excellent behaviour inside and outside the classroom.
Year 5	Yoliya	Helpfulness, respect and resilience
Year 6	Natan	For his brilliant Maths work this week!

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## This Week's News



**Year One** were starting Poetry week by learning their remembrance poem.



**Reception** have been learning about Remembrance Day. They made a poppy wreath, using their handprints and they have been practising a special poem to recite in Friday's assembly.



**Year One** have learnt about Firework safety E - "only adults are allowed to touch fireworks" A - "pets should be kept inside".



**Year Two** have been busy learning about firework safety and creating interesting effects using chalk on black paper and blending!



**Reception** have been learning the story of the Gingerbread Man. Let's hope these ones don't run away!

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