



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,



This Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> December) is the Second Sunday of Advent, the theme of this Sunday is "Peace". This verse tells us that Jesus came to be the Prince of Peace.

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Mass – led by the Spiritual Council

2.10pm

## Christmas Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Y3 & Y6 visit to the Crescent Theatre – **children must be in school for 8.20am**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Y4 & Y5 visit to the Crescent Theatre - **children must be in school for 8.20am**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day - NO CHARGE!

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

**School closes at 1pm for Christmas holidays**

**1.00pm**

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

### Teacher Days –

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

### Bank Holidays –

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pastoral@stjosb7.bham.sch.uk)

## Change of Class Teacher in Year 5 starting January 2025

Just to inform parents of Year 5 children, there will be a change of their class teacher when they return in January 2025. Further details will be sent in a letter today to all Year 5 parents.

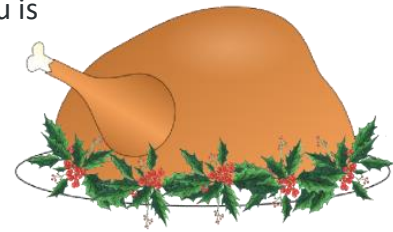
## St Joseph's Church Christmas Fair – TOMORROW 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – 11am

St Joseph's Church will be having a Christmas Fair at 182 Thimble Mill Lane, B7 5HT on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 11am. Please see poster below. They have lots of new toys available to buy so please go along and have a look.

## Christmas Dinner – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Our School Christmas Dinner will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The menu is

- ★ Roast Turkey/ Chicken / Quorn/ Tempura Fish
- ★ Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing balls & Gravy
- ★ Creamed Potatoes / Seasoned Roast potatoes
- ★ Sprouts / Carrot / Sweetcorn
- ★ Christmas Ice Cream Tub / Christmas Cherry Cracknell / Mince Pie & Cream



Children who have dinners normally in school will get Christmas dinner anyway, but

**if your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like your child to have a dinner on this day, please send in the payment of £2.70 in an envelope with your child's name and class on it by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day – Next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December is 'Wear Your Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day' in school. There will be no charge for this, and you should come to school dressed in your *craziest* Christmas jumpers!!!



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## Christmas Performances

Our Christmas Performances take place on the following dates: -

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm	Rec Y1 and Y2 Christmas Assembly	2.30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm	KS2 Christmas Assembly for Y3 & Y4 Parents	2:30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December at 2:20pm	KS2 Christmas Assembly for Y5 & Y6 Parents	2:20pm



The children are working very hard to prepare for these already and would be delighted to see their parents and carers in school to watch them perform. Please come along; it makes such a difference to the children when their efforts are well supported.

**We will not be able to admit latecomers**, this is because of the way the hall is set up, as entering the hall will involve you walking through the stage area. For health and safety reasons, once the performance has begun this will not be possible. **Also, there will be no staff in the office area to admit people once the plays have started, so please bear this in mind and allow enough time to get to school.**

## 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



## Penalty Notice fines for holidays / poor attendance

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.**

## 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:

Fatiha - Year 1   Shumyla - Year 2   Caden - Year 3   Bethel - Year 4



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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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Well done to **Year 5** class who had the best attendance this week with **96.3%**!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 84.1%	Year One: 92.7%	Year Two: 92.3%	Year Three: 92.3%
Year Four: 90.6%	Year Five: 96.3%	Year Six: 93.7%	

This gives a whole school attendance of **92.2%**



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

Reception	Eyoal	For being very helpful, especially at tidy up time!
Year 1	Nahom M	For trying his best in all his work this week.
Year 2	Michelle	Always taking great care with her work
Year 3	Esmæe	For her excellent acting skills during nativity rehearsals. 😊
Year 4	Matthew	For his excellent manners and respect.
Year 5	Liliana	Improved confidence. Self-belief and persistence.
Year 6	Eldana B	For your super answers and knowledge in Geography this week 😊

### This Week's News



What a wonderful Elf week we have had in **Reception!!** The elf has brought us an Advent Calendar! We think our elf would like us to write our letters to Santa today! Reception thought elves were usually naughty, but this one must be nice because he has put up our tree overnight!



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# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

182 THIMBLE MILL LANE, B7 5HT



**7<sup>TH</sup>** DEC  
2024

STARTS  
**AT 11AM**

**RAFFLE  
TICKETS**

- ✓ MINCE PIES
- ✓ HOT CHOCOLATE
- ✓ TOMBOLA
- ✓ BRIC A BRAC
- ✓ KITCHENWARE & MUCH MORE
- ✓ SURPRISES
- ✓ PRIZES
- ✓ TABLE TOP SALE
- ✓ TOYS

**Welcome! ALL ARE Welcome!**

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