



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

## Prayer for my Family

Almighty Father, may You protect my family against harm and misfortune.  
Please let them live under Your Grace.

I am more than thankful for the blessing of letting us live together and enjoy each other's company.

I thank You for letting us belong in a place we can call our very own.

We are more than happy to receive each other, please keep us safe at all times.

Thank you for my family. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.

## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term	3.20pm
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – MAC TRAINING DAY</b>	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens	8.40am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	First Holy Communion Parents' meeting	3.00pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day dressing up day	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	First Holy Communion commitment mass	9.45am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 2.30pm – 5.30pm	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair arrives in school	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 & Y4 Maundy Thursday Liturgy (pm)	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 & Y6 Stations of the cross Liturgy (pm)	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for <b>ONE WEEK</b> Easter holiday	<b>1.00pm</b>

## School Term Dates 2024 -2025

Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 to Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
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
<b>END OF TERM</b>	<b>END OF YEAR</b>

<b>Teacher Days –</b> 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.

## School Mass – every Wednesday

Our next School Mass will take place on Wednesday 26th February at 2pm and will be led by Year 6. The children lead the Liturgy and they work hard to prepare their readings each week. If you have never been to one of our Masses why not come along? You are all welcome to attend and you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.



## SCHOOL FINISHES FOR HALF TERM TODAY

Just a reminder that school finishes for half term TODAY (Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February) as Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February is a MAC Teacher Training Day. The children return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8.40am

## Different Upcoming School Holidays

Just a reminder that we have different holidays to other Birmingham schools this year. We will be having a ONE week holiday at Easter and a TWO WEEK holiday in May. Please bear this in mind when making any travel arrangements for the holidays. Dates are on the first page of this newsletter and have been on since September.

**Medical absences either side of school holidays will require evidence of illness for them to be authorised. Once you have had 5 unauthorised days absence you can be fined. These days do not have to be all at the same time/ consecutively and can be over a period of different terms.**

Any days of absences that are unauthorised (this also includes 'late after registration' marks where a child arrives after 9.15am) 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).

## Childs Name on School Uniform

Just a reminder, please ensure that you put your child's name on all their uniform (including coats) so that if it gets lost we can easily identify it. **If your child has no name on their uniform and it gets lost unfortunately there is nothing we can do.** Most children within the class will have the same size clothes and it is impossible to tell them apart without them being labelled. Please be aware that we are unable to replace lost uniform.

## 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.



## Birmingham Children's Trust – Baby Group

Birmingham Children's Trust are pleased to be offering a 'Triple P for Baby' group for new and expectant parents, the group is open to parents citywide. Triple P for Baby is 8 sessions - four group sessions and then a weekly individual telephone call for the following four weeks to support parents.

*This half-terms virtues are: Grateful & Generous*

*If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team; Mrs Gowen, Mrs Ashley, Mr Caffrey, Mrs Boxwell and Mrs West.*

The group will take place at Ladywood Children’s Centre, 9 Plough and Harrow Rd, Birmingham B16 8UR 12.30-2.30pm from 24/02/2025. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please scan the QR code above.

## February Half Term Week Free Sessions

Please see below for details of free sessions taking place during February half term at King Edwards School of Grammar, Aston, B6 6DJ. Places can be booked by scanning the QR code below.





**Foundation**

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM WEEK FREE SESSIONS**  
King Edwards School of Grammar, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6DJ



DAY	TIME	TITLE & SESSION
<b>MONDAY</b> 17th Feb	10 am - 3pm	<b>Wellbeing &amp; Sport for Females (8 - 14)</b> Affirmation & Wellbeing Sessions Flag Football
<b>TUESDAY</b> 18th Feb	10 am - 3pm	<b>Wellbeing &amp; Sport for Adults &amp; Young People (12 - 15)</b> Healthy Cooking & Environmental Action Workshop Physical Activity & Football Sessions
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 19th Feb	10 am - 3pm	<b>Multi Sport Activities for Young People (8 - 11)</b> PE Sessions & Multi Sport Activities Badminton & Dynamo Cricket Sessions
<b>THURSDAY</b> 20th Feb	10 am - 2pm	<b>Interactive Play for Young People with SEND (8 - 14)</b> Play Interactive Session

FREE Lunch provided by Kerbside Cobs








SCAN TO BOOK  
YOUR PLACE



## Family Crafts at Nechells POD

There are family crafts which take place every Tuesday (term time only) at Nechells POD from 3:45 to 4:45pm. Please contact the POD on 0121 681 2173 to register as limited spaces are available.






Every Tuesday  
3:45-4:45pm

For the whole family!  
**Term Time Only**  
Limited spaces available

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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:

Tashunoa - Reception

Ruth – Y1

Isaiah – Y3

Janelle – Y4

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Well done to **Year 3** class who had the best attendance this week with an incredible **99.5%!**

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception:	85.8%	Year One:	90.9%	Year Two:	92%	Year Three:	99.5%
Year Four:	98.7%	Year Five:	95.7%	Year Six:	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95.4%



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

Reception	Melody	Very good at remembering the names of birds we have learnt about.
Year 1	Lulya	Excellent work in Phonics 😊
Year 2	Noade B	For super effort with his Prayers
Year 3	Eshaal	For her excellent work in English and improved handwriting. 😊
Year 4	Bsrat	For being friendly and helpful to teachers and her classmates.
Year 5	Nahom	For his improved attitude towards his learning.
Year 6	Eldana M	For always trying her best in everything!

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## This Week's News



Reception have been working collaboratively to paint a beautiful garden scene and learning about 3D shapes, choosing the best shapes to create rockets, houses, castles and churches.



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