



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 14th March 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

A Prayer

Dear God, during this Lenten season open my heart to the needs of others. May we reflect your love and compassion in our actions, serving those who are suffering or in need.

Amen.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 19 th March	Non-Uniform – St Joseph's Day – FREE	
	First Holy Communion Reconciliation service	1.30pm
	School Mass – led by Y3	2.00pm
Tuesday 15 th April	Y3 & Y4 Maundy Thursday Liturgy (pm)	
Wednesday 16 th April	Y5 & Y6 Stations of the cross Liturgy (pm)	
Thursday 17 th April	School closes for ONE WEEK Easter holiday	1.00pm
Monday 28 th April	School reopens	8.40am

School Term Dates 2024 -2025

Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
Monday 6 th January 2025 to Thursday 13 th February 2025	Monday 28 th April 2025 to Thursday 22 nd May 2025
HALF TERM	HALF TERM
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 YEAR

Teacher Days – Friday 23 rd May 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.

School Mass – every Wednesday

The next School Mass will be a whole school mass on Wednesday 19th March at 2pm, led by Year 3. 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.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school from Thursday 13th until Tuesday 18th March and will be open to parents from 3.30pm. Please can we request that where possible payments are made by card? Many thanks.

Non-School Uniform Day – NEXT Wednesday 19th

To celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day on **Wednesday 19th March** the school will be having a non-school uniform day, children are welcome to come into school in their own clothes and will be given jelly (vegetarian) and ice-cream for a treat in the afternoon. There will be no charge for this.

Medical Appointments

Just a reminder, where possible please ensure that medical appointments are made outside of school hours. If unavoidable, school should be notified in advance of any appointment your child may have in school time and any proof of the appointment brought to the School Office.



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.

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 & Miss Crane.

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.

Slow Cooker Session at Nechells POD

There are slow cooker sessions at Nechells POD which take place every Friday (1-2pm). To register please contact the POD on 0121 681 2173.



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New Anchor Point Community Centre Banquet – tomorrow

A free banquet is taking place at the New Anchor Point Community Centre TOMORROW - Saturday 15th March at 6:00pm. Please see more details on the poster.

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:



Mana – Rec

Bitanya – Y1

Mary – Y4

Jack – Y5

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 14th March 2025

This week we have a first.... **three classes with 100% attendance!!** Well done to Y1, Y3 and Y4 (again!) who all achieved an incredible **100%!**

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception:	98.8%	Year One:	100%	Year Two:	96%	Year Three:	100%
Year Four:	100%	Year Five:	94%	Year Six:	98.6%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 98.2%



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

Reception	Pareesa	Super effort at sewing!
Year 1	Kimorah	Having a fantastic first week in school 😊
Year 2	Mariam	Excellent comprehension work
Year 3	Ashleigh	Great work on fractions
Year 4	Natan	For trying his best to improve his handwriting.
Year 5	Margaret	Writing a great character description in her English work
Year 6	Sofoniyas	For his excellent progress in arithmetic! 😊

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This Week's News

Reception have been enjoying a variety of activities this week including going on a spring walk to Bloomsbury Park with Ranger Penny and learning how to sew.



Year One have been joining together in prayer to think about kind things that they can do during their day and learning all about transparent and opaque.



The Eco Committee have made an exciting discovery this week... frogspawn in the school pond!



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