



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

## A Prayer

Dear God, may my Lenten sacrifice of today remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy.

Amen.



## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	School Mass – led by Y4	2.00pm
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>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens	<b>8.40am</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 Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025
HALF TERM	HALF TERM
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 YEAR

<b>Teacher Days –</b> Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 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

The next School Mass will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm, led by Year 4. 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.

## 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. The school will close on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 1:00 pm** for the Easter holiday. Please ensure that a responsible adult from your child's contact list is here on time to collect your children. School will reopen at 8:40am on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

## 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.



## 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:

Pareesa – Reception

Camari – Y1

Rahma – Y3

Lincoln – Y6



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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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Well done to Y1 who had the best attendance this week with 100%! **Two weeks in a row Y1 – well done!**

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 94.7%	Year One: <b>100%</b>	Year Two: 97.6%	Year Three: 96.6%
Year Four: 97.2%	Year Five: 92.6%	Year Six: 96.1%	

This gives a whole school attendance of 96.4%



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

Reception	Noah	Excellent progress in writing.
Year 1	Flourish	For excellent knowledge in her RE lessons
Year 2	Skyla-Rose	For excellent writing this week
Year 3	Inaaya	For her improved handwriting and effort in maths this week! 😊
Year 4	Aryam	For trying her best to improve her handwriting
Year 5	Natan	For very good effort in swimming
Year 6	Mekseb	For his brilliant effort in Maths this week! 😊

### This Week's News

Reception have been germinating beans in their garden centre and Year One had fun celebrating St Joseph's feast day.



Year Two enjoyed their assembly on water safety with the Canal and River Trust, learning how to keep safe around rivers and canals and have also been creative, busy making wheels on axles.



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Year Three took part in a special celebration Mass to honour the children who took their sacrament of reconciliation in preparation for their first Holy Communion. Year Three have also been learning how to fence during their PE lessons.



Well done to some of the Key Stage 2 children for taking part in a Boccia tournament hosted by King Edward School Sports Partnership.



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