



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 7th March 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

A Prayer

God our Father, you guide and direct us on our journey through life. Be with us as we begin our Lenten journey of faith and love. Help us grow closer to you during this special holy season. Help us to do your will each day during Lent. Amen.



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 9 th March	First Holy Communion commitment mass	9.45am
Wednesday 12 th March	Parents' Evening 2.30pm – 5.30pm	
Thursday 13 th March	Book Fair arrives in school	
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

There will be no school mass on Wednesday 12th March due to Parents Evening. The next School Mass will take place 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.

Lent

This week we entered the season of Lent. During our Ash Wednesday Mass, Father Solomon reminded us of what we should be doing during the special season in the church's calendar – praying more, fasting and almsgiving (giving to those less fortunate than us).

At school, we are encouraging the children to do something for Lent, not necessarily to give something up, but to think of a way in which they can act more positively, such as trying to be more patient or to help around the house. We will also be doing our usual Lenten fundraising to help those less fortunate than ourselves.



Parents' Evening – NEXT Wednesday 12th March– school closing at 2.15pm

Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 12th March 2:30-5:30pm. Appointment times have been sent out.

Please note that school will close at 2.15pm on Wednesday - all children must be collected at this time by an adult.

Please do not arrive any earlier than then minutes before your appointment time. 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.

Holy Communion Mass of Commitment

A Mass of Commitment takes place for all Holy Communion children and their families on Sunday 9th March at 9.45am. It is important that all children wishing to make their communion this year are at this Mass. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school from NEXT Thursday 13th until Tuesday 18th March. More details to follow.

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.

*This half-term's virtues are: Attentive & Discerning
If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of the safeguarding team;
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Free@Last – Recruitment Day – Tuesday 11th March

Free@Last are holding a recruitment day to help people to get back into work. It takes place next Tuesday 11th March at Free@Last, 49 Nechells Park Road, B7 5PR from 9.30am – 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to drop in. Further details are attached with your newsletter today.

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.

New Anchor Point Community Centre Banquet

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

You are invited..

TO A FREE BANQUET AT THE NEW ANCHOR POINT COMMUNITY CENTRE

MARCH

SATURDAY 15 AT 6:00 PM

Anchor Point Church, 58 Chester Street
Birmingham, B6 4BE

A COMMUNITY MEAL & so much more:
Face Painting | Bouncy Castle | Games Arts & Crafts
Live Music | Dance Performance | Great Food

Need a lift to the banquet? We've got you covered!
Free transportation available call 07858508267

REACH OUT COMMUNITY PROJECT

ANCHOR POINT CHURCH

Nechells POD
Bringing The Community Together

Every Tuesday
3:45-4:45pm

For the whole family!
Term Time Only
Limited spaces available

Contact The POD on
0121 681 2173 to register

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:

Hazim - Reception

Milka – Y2

Ahmed – Y5

Nicola – Y6



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!

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Attendance – week ending 7th March 2025

Well done to Y4 class who had the best attendance this week with an incredible **100%**!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception:	94%	Year One:	99%	Year Two:	95%	Year Three:	95%
Year Four:	100%	Year Five:	93%	Year Six:	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96.5%



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

Reception	Mana	Super attitude to all her learning.
Year 1	Seb	For excellent effort in all his work this week.
Year 2	Mercy	Excellent sentences in English this week!
Year 3	Abigail	For writing a beautiful prayer in R.E
Year 4	Benjamin	For writing a detailed character description.
Year 5	Yostina	For being an excellent role model to her classmates.
Year 6	Jessica	For her super effort in writing this week 😊

This Week's News

Reception celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancake races!

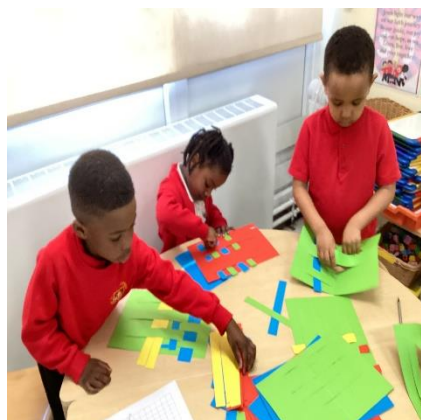


Year One have been preparing for Lent by making their own calendars.



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Other KS1 activities this week have included Reception weaving paper ahead of learning how to sew and Y2 learning about and creating micro habitats.



The school celebrated World Book Day with some fantastic costumes on display!



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