



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 4th April 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

A Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days

Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth

Thank you that things are coming awake in the world.

We hope in your gift of Spring.

Amen



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9 nd April	School Mass – led by Year 2	2.00pm
Thursday 10 th April	Sponsored walk in school	
Tuesday 15 th April	Y3 & Y4 Maundy Thursday Liturgy	2.30pm
Wednesday 16 th April	Y5 & Y6 Stations of the cross Liturgy (pm)	2.30pm
Thursday 17 th April	School closes for ONE WEEK Easter holiday	1.00pm
Monday 28 th April	School reopens	8.40am
Monday 5 th May	School closed for May bank holiday	
Thursday 8 th May	VE Day 80 th Celebration & Street Party Lunch (details to follow)	
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th May	SATs week for Y6	
Thursday 22 nd May	School closes for TWO WEEKS holiday	3.20pm
Monday 9 th June	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. A coffee morning also takes place **every Friday morning at 10.30am** at St Joseph's Church, all are welcome.

School Mass – every Wednesday

The next School Mass will be on Wednesday 9th April at 2pm, led by Year 2. 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.

ADVANCE WARNING – School closes on 17th April at 1.00pm

School will close on **Thursday 17th April at 1:00 pm** for ONE WEEK 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 28th April.



Sponsored Walk for Lent

NEXT Thursday 10th April, we will be holding a sponsored walk to raise money for our Lenten charity CAFOD. Your child has received a sponsor form this week. Please collect as many sponsors as you can and help us to raise as much as possible for CAFOD. Thank you for your support with this.

Holy Week Church Services

Please see the flyer from Father Solomon at the end of the newsletter which provides details of the upcoming Holy Week Services.

School Holy Week Services



During Holy week, the children will be preparing and presenting some special services in school.

On Tuesday 15th April Y3/4 will be leading a Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service at 2.30pm

On Wednesday 16th April Y5/6 will be leading a Stations of the Cross service at 2.30pm.

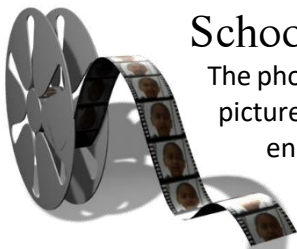
Parents and carers are warmly invited and encouraged to come into school for these services and share this very special time of year with us. Please note that due to the nature of these services and the way the children will be seated, we are unable to admit anyone after 2.30pm. Please ensure you arrive on time to avoid disappointment.

Chicken Pox

We have had a few cases of Chickenpox in school recently. Please can you check for any rash or spots that your child may develop and if they have any spots, please do not send them into school! **Chickenpox is very contagious** and can be dangerous for people who have lowered immunity or are pregnant. Chickenpox spots are very itchy. They look like small blisters and may be quite red in appearance. They may also be filled with a liquid that looks like milky water. It is a very common childhood illness that most children will get. **It is not an illness that the NHS vaccinates children against routinely, and is not included in childhood immunisations, so all children are vulnerable to it unless they have already had it.**



The incubation period for chickenpox is generally around 3 weeks. This means that your child can have the virus in their bodies for 3 weeks before any spots appear. Just before spots come out, they may have a temperature, feel especially tired, have a headache or stomach ache that lasts for one or two days. If your child has any symptoms like this, please be extra vigilant. Some children only get one or two spots. If your child shows signs of a chickenpox rash (or any undiagnosed rash) it is school policy to contact you to collect them and get the rash diagnosed by a GP. Thank you for your support with this.



School Photographs – Class Groups & Y6 Leavers - Wednesday

The photographer will be in school this coming **Wednesday 9th April** to photograph each class for group pictures. Year Six children will also be photographed individually for their graduation pictures. Please ensure that your child is in their full school uniform, and that hair is appropriate for school. **Please note that class photos will be available for purchase – if you do not wish to have your child included, please let us know in advance.**

This half-term virtues are: Attentive & Discerning

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Mrs West's Maternity Leave

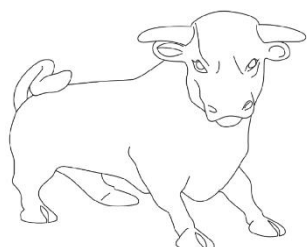
Mrs West is taking a break from school for a little while to deal with the urgent matter of maternity leave! We wish Mrs West and her family all the best and will keep her in our thoughts and prayers whilst she awaits the imminent arrival of her baby. Whilst Mrs West is away from school Miss Young will be covering the position of SENCO.

Year 6 SATs Week

Year Six SATs will take place during the week of 12th – 16th May. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child is in school for the whole of this week, and also that they are in on time each day. To help with this, we will provide a free breakfast club for all Y6 children for the duration of the week. Research has shown that a good, healthy breakfast improves brain function and helps children to function better in their lessons! We will send out a letter to Y6 families regarding this after the Easter break.

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.



Nechells POD – Bull Decorating

Nechells POD will be taking part in the 'Bulls in the City' art trail based on the famous bronze Bullring bull. The trail will come to Birmingham in summer 2025 and the POD are looking for children within the local community to help them design their bull 'Frank'. If your child would like to be involved, blank templates are available from the School Office for the children to complete an entry and create a design for Frank. Completed designs will then need to be returned to Nechells POD **before Friday 25th April**. Bull decorating sessions will take place at the POD on Tuesday 7th and Tuesday 14th May at 3.30pm. All those who have submitted a design are welcome to attend.

Easter 2025 Soccer Schools

Please see the flyer for more information on Week 2 of the Easter Soccer Schools offered by the Aston Villa Foundation. Please note that the children will still be in school on the dates offered for Week 1. Bookings can be made by scanning the QR code.



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:

Kimorah – Y1

Mercy – Y2

Jin – Y4

Jessica – Y6

Attendance – week ending 4th April 2025

Well done to Reception (who just slightly beat Y4 this week) who had the best attendance this week with 96.5%!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 96.5%	Year One: 92.8%	Year Two: 90.8%	Year Three: 91%
Year Four: 96.3%	Year Five: 92.8%	Year Six: 90.4%	

This gives a whole school attendance of 92.8%

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

Reception	Sherice	Super effort in maths
Year 1	Ania	Excellent effort in all her work this week
Year 2	Kebba	For excellent answers in English.
Year 3	Rahma	For her amazing answers in maths this week!
Year 4	Khasim	For his participation in hot seating!
Year 5	Ahmed	For his good effort and work in Science.
Year 6	Amanuel	For his super effort in writing this week 😊

This Week's News



After successfully germinating their beans, Reception have enjoyed potting them and watching them grow well.

Reception have also been learning to program Beebots and making their own maps for Beebots to travel round.



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HE IS
Risen





HAPPY
Easter

May the resurrection power resurrect every single dead thing in our lives and may we be victorious in every thing we set our eyes on, in Jesus's name, Amen.

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 Rev. Fr. Solomon Ghebray








**HOLY WEEK
SERVICES**

With **REV. FATHER
SOLOMON GHEBRAY**

13TH APRIL - PALM SUNDAY MASS 9.45AM AT ST JOSEPHS- 11.30AM AT ST VINCENTS
 17TH APRIL - HOLY THURSDAY DAY MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER 07:30 PM AT ST VINCENTS
 18TH APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS AT 09:15 AM
 CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 12.00 NOON ST JOSEPHS, 3:00 PM AT ST VINCENTS
 19TH APRIL - HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL AT 04:30 PM AT ST VINCENTS
 20TH APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY MASS AT 9.45AM ST JOSEPHS - 11.30 AM AT ST VINCENTS

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