



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 2nd May 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

A Reflection for Easter

You are the resurrection! How wonderful, Lord Jesus, you came back.
You suffered death but conquered it.
You laid in the tomb but on the third day You rose again.
O joyful day, Lord Jesus, when you returned!
You are the resurrection, our hope and our life.
O glorious and victorious Redeemer help us not to be afraid of death,
For we must pass through it to see you face to face
And on the last day we will rise again, for you said so.
Let us rejoice and praise you, our Blessed and triumphant Lord,
On this happy, joyful feast. Amen.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th May

Thursday 8th May

Mon 12th – Fri 16th May

Thursday 22nd May

Monday 9th June

Sunday 22nd June

Tuesday 24th June

Tuesday 1st July

Thursday 3rd July

Tuesday 8th July

Wednesday 2nd July

SCHOOL CLOSED for May bank holiday

VE Day 80th Celebration & Street Party Lunch

SATs week for Y6

School closes for TWO WEEKS holiday

3.20pm

School reopens

8.40am

Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church

12:00pm

KS1 Sports Day at School

KS2 Sports Day at Nechells Wellbeing Centre

Y6 Trip to London

Y3, 4 & Y5 trip to West Midlands Safari Park – details to follow

Reception, Y1 & Y2 trip to Hatton Adventure world – details to follow

Y6 Transition Day

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 23rd May
Monday 21st July 2025

Bank Holidays –

Friday 18th April 2025
Monday 5th May 2025

BANK HOLIDAY – Monday 5th May – SCHOOL CLOSED

Please note that this coming Monday 5th May is a bank holiday and school will be closed on this day. School will reopen on Tuesday 6th May, as normal, at 08:40am.

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.

Age Concern are also starting a Friendship Group for people ages 55+. This will take place every Thursday at 11.00am starting from Thursday 8th May. If you know anyone who may be interested, please let them know. It will take place in the Community room at St Joseph's Church.

INSET DAY – Friday 23rd May

Friday 23rd May will be an INSET day for all children. School will be closed on this day.

VE Day 80th Celebration & Street Party Lunch – Thursday 8th May

NEXT Thursday 8th May Britain will celebrate 80 years since Victory in Europe Day and honour those who put their lives on the line to overcome German forces during the Second World War. To celebrate in school this will be a **non-school uniform day** and children are invited to wear colours of the Union Jack flag – red, white and blue.

There will also be a street party lunch where children will receive a special treat lunch box which will include – ham/cheese/chicken/jam roll, bag of crisps, carrot/cucumber sticks, muffin and a carton of juice. If your child currently brings sandwiches but would like a school dinner on this day only, please contact the School Office and pay £2.70 **by Wednesday 7th May**.

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! A letter has been sent to Y6 families regarding this after the Easter break.



Internet Safety Coffee Morning

Mrs Gowen previously sent a letter home regarding the importance of internet/online safety for your children. A coffee morning will be taking place in school on **Thursday 8th May at 09:10am** which you are most welcome to attend to discuss online safety further.

MyClothing - 10% discount on uniform

Our uniform supplier MyClothing have issued a 10% discount code to save you money on uniform costs please see below code and details of the expiry date.

Code = **MYCSS10%**

Expires 31/05/2025

Uniform can be purchased by clicking this link - [My Clothing](#)

St Clare's Caretaker Vacancy

St Clare's Catholic Primary School currently has a vacancy for a caretaker. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this position, please see the link for further details – [St Clare's Caretaker Vacancy](#).

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Public Health Advice

Due to the ongoing waste and recycling service industrial action, rubbish has continued to accumulate across Birmingham. Residents may be impacted by the industrial action in different ways, however the public health risk associated with household waste can be reduced by taking the following precautions:

- Good hygiene is important to reduce risk of becoming ill from bugs, in particular regular hand washing with soap and water.
- Keep food preparation areas clean using a disinfectant, don't leave food on surfaces at home unwrapped, including pet food and use bin lids as accumulated waste can attract flies.
- Use two bin bags, especially when preparing waste for taking outside as this reduces the risk of vermin breaking into bin bags.
- In particular, ensure waste products such as nappies, sanitary towels and condoms are 'double bagged' for example put in a smaller bag first before placing in the household rubbish bin.
- Use gloves if you pick up rubbish that has spilled into your driveway or street.
- Take extra precaution with children who may be playing in areas near where rubbish has accumulated and especially if you notice exposed waste.
- Where possible, keep wheelie bins / outside bins out of direct sunlight to reduce smells and in a place that minimises obstruction to others.
- If you or your child cuts themselves on waste in the street, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and apply a sterile adhesive dressing, such as a plaster. Visit the [NHS website information about how to deal with cuts](#). If there is a risk the wound could become infected or you think it is already infected call NHS 111 or visit your local walk-in centre, minor injuries unit or GP surgery - or download the free 'Ask NHS' app for advice if you begin to feel unwell.

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.



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:

Betselot – Reception

N'Zaria – Y2

Ashleigh-Grace – Y3

Cassidy – Y6

Attendance – week ending 2nd May 2025

Well done to **Reception & Year 1** who had the best attendance this week with a fabulous **100%**!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 100%	Year One: 100%	Year Two: 95%	Year Three: 97.9%
Year Four: 97.2%	Year Five: 95%	Year Six: 98.9%	

This gives a whole school attendance of 97.5%

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

Reception	Evie	Super effort with independent writing.
Y1	Ayra	Trying her best with her handwriting this week 😊
Y2	Zayan	Excellent answers in maths.
Y3	Salem	For her excellent work on fractions this week! 😊
Y4	N'Taya	For always being sensible and helpful in class.
Y5	Nahor	For his excellent attitude to learning and always trying hard!
Y6	Nicola	For her super responses in RE this week 😊

This Week's News

Key Stage One have been creative and green fingered this week with Year Two exploring clay and Reception planting sunflower seeds.



Year One have been very excited to start their new text of the term – 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear.

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