



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Thursday 22nd May 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

A Prayer

Help us to love and care, to be gentle and fair.
Help us to work and play together,
Help us to live and grow together,
To be always glad to help each other,
Happy in your loving care. Amen



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 22nd May	School closes for TWO WEEKS holiday	3.20pm
Friday 23rd May	School closed for Teacher Day	
Monday 9th June	School reopens	8.40am
Sunday 22 nd June	Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church	12:00pm
Tuesday 24 th June	KS1 Sports Day at School KS2 Sports Day at Nechells Wellbeing Centre	
Tuesday 1 st July	Y6 Trip to London	
Wednesday 2 nd July	Y6 Transition Day & new Reception starters open day	
Thursday 3 rd July	Y3, 4 & Y5 trip to West Midlands Safari Park	
Tuesday 8 th July	Reception, Y1 & Y2 trip to Hatton Adventure world	

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



Half-Term

We break up for our May half-term holiday TODAY!

The children return to school on Monday 9th June at 8.40am.

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.

Please scan the QR code to view St Joseph's Instagram page.

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.



School Mass – every Wednesday

The next School Mass will be on Wednesday 11th June 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.

Warm Weather Reminders!

- Please ensure that your child has their water bottle in school with them **every day**. It is very warm at the moment, especially in the school building, and we do not have cups in the classrooms for them to use. Also, can I please remind you that **ONLY** plain water is allowed in bottles. Your child should not have any squash or flavoured water in school.
- You may send your child with a sun hat to wear outside (no sun glasses please!) while it is warm and you should apply sun cream to them before they come to school. **Please do not send them with bottles of sun cream or sun glasses for health and safety reasons.**
- Please could you check that your child's jumpers and cardigans **are all clearly labelled with their names**. In the warm weather, children often take off their jumpers, particularly in the playground, and forget where they have left them. If they do not have names in, we will not be able to find them amongst others. Please remind your children (especially KS2) that they should be putting jumpers and cardigans in their tray to avoid them being lost.
- If your child suffers with Hayfever, please give them medication in the morning before they come to school, as we have noticed a lot of children have been struggling with symptoms this week.



New Intake - Reception Class 2025

Our Open Day for all families who have been allocated a place for their child to start in school in September 2025 takes place on **Wednesday 2nd July**. Please remember to bring with you all relevant forms and documentation, as detailed on the letter that you will receive shortly. This will also confirm arrangements for the day such as times. We are looking forward to meeting you all on that day.



Grammar School Entrance Test – Year 5 Parents

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham/West Midlands (entry to Year 7 in September 2026). Registration can be made online by visiting the website (www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk). The closing date for registering is 4pm on 27th June 2025. The test will take place on 13th September 2025.

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Football Boots

Please can all parents avoid sending their children into school in studded football boots on non-school uniform days and for PE lessons as these pose a health and safety risk. Thank you.

Child Bereavement UK – Free Event for Families

Child Bereavement UK are inviting families to attend a free event to make crafts to remember someone special who has died, supported by trained and experienced bereavement support practitioners. Creative activities can be a helpful way to support a bereaved child to talk about their feelings, explore strategies to manage their grief, and find ways to remember someone special to them who has died. This session will be held at Oscott Community Centre, Bird Brook Road, Birmingham, B44 9TY on Wednesday 4th June 2025, 4:30pm-6:30pm. If you are interested in attending, please click on the link below:



[Events to remember | Birmingham | Child Bereavement UK](#)

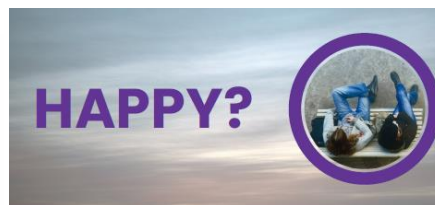


Ward End Fire Station Open Day

Ward End Fire Station (Washwood Heath Road, Ward End, B8 2HF) will be holding a free to attend Station Open Day on Sunday 22nd June 2025 between 11:00am to 3:00pm. The event will include a range of interactive demonstrations, opportunities to meet firefighters, explore the fire engines, and take part in activities designed to both entertain and educate.

Relationship Counselling

Please see the below flyers for information regarding relationship counselling available and scan the QR codes for further details.



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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.

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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:



Gelila – Reception

Milka – Y2

Caden – Y3

Rae'esme – Y4

Attendance – week ending 22nd May 2025

Well done to Reception, Year Two and Year Three, who all had the best attendance this week with an amazing 100%!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 100%	Year One: 97%	Year Two: 100%	Year Three: 100%
Year Four: 98.4%	Year Five: 96.9%	Year Six: 95.5%	

This gives a whole school attendance of 98.2%



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

Reception	Tashunoa	Big improvement in handwriting. 😊
Y1	Ania	For trying her best in her English work this week 😊
Y2	Maidah	For settling well into her new class.
Y3	Ariam	Always focused and ready to learn.
Y4	Rafael	For showing improvement in his behaviour and attitude to learning.
Y5	Yostina & Nahor	For fantastic teamwork resulting in a great stop motion animation
Y6	Arsema	For her great questioning in History this week 😊

This Week's News

Here are some snapshots of what different classes have been up to in their Art and DT classes this week.

Year One have been making fruit smoothies, Reception have been painting clay animals and Year 6 have been creating Islamic geometric patterns.



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We joined together as a whole school this morning to celebrate the children's hard work this term – well done everyone!



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