



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

## A Prayer based on the words of John Henry Newman

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life.  
Until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
and the busy world shushed,  
the fever of life is done,  
and our work over.  
Through your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest,  
and peace at last.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Dates for your Diary

|                                    |   |                        |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July       | Reception, Y1 & Y2 trip to Hatton Adventure world |                        |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>School Closes at 1pm</b>                       | <b>1:00pm</b>          |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July       | Summer Fayre                                      | <b>1:30pm – 3:30pm</b> |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July      | Y6 Leavers' Production/assembly                   | <b>2.00pm</b>          |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July    | Y6 Leavers' Mass                                  | <b>2:00pm</b>          |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July       | School closes for summer holidays                 | <b>1:00pm</b>          |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September  | Return to school for Y1 – Y6                      | 8.40am                 |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September | Reception start school                            | 8.40am                 |

## School Term Dates 2024 -2025

School closes for the summer holidays on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm.

## School Term Dates 2025 -2026

| Autumn Term 2025  | Spring Term 2026   | Summer Term 2026   | <b>Teacher Days</b><br>Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025<br>TBC<br>TBC<br>Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026<br>Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026<br><br>Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February<br>(MAC teacher day) |
|---|--|--|--|
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025<br>to<br>Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026<br>to<br>Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026<br>to<br>Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026 |  |
| <b>HALF TERM - one week holiday</b>   | <b>HALF TERM - one week holiday</b>  | <b>HALF TERM - two weeks holiday</b>   |  |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025<br>to<br>Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026<br>to<br>Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026 | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026<br>to<br>Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026 |  |
| <b>END OF TERM – two week holiday</b>   | <b>END OF TERM – one week holiday</b>  | <b>END OF YEAR – 6 weeks holiday</b>   | <b>Bank Holidays</b><br>Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026<br>Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026   |

## End of School Year

**We break up for the summer holidays at 1.00pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Please ensure that a responsible adult from your child's contact list is here on time to collect your child on this day.**

### School Mass – every Wednesday

The next School Mass will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 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.

### Summer Fayre – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

A Summer Fayre will be taking place at school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. In order for this to take place, **school will be closing at 1:00pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July.** This will be an exciting event for the children with plans for a variety of stalls including; Sponge the Teacher, Darts, Hook a Duck, Temporary Tattoos, Refreshments, Sports Activities, Lucky Dip, Raffle, Book and Uniform Sale and a visit from some very special guests... alpacas! We hope to see all the children and their families there to enjoy this great afternoon! Miss Dalziel and Miss Crane will be selling raffle tickets at the end of the school day in the playground running up to the event.



### Children's School Reports

Next Friday, we will be sending out your child's school report. Once you have read the report, if you wish to speak to your child's class teacher regarding it, please contact the school office and they will arrange a telephone call with the teacher for you. Your child's report will inform you about the progress your child has made across this academic year and what their attendance has been like this school year.

### 'Life to the Full' Programme

A letter has been sent home with Year Four, Five and Six pupils regarding the 'Life to the Full' programme. If any parents/carers wish to view the resources please let the School Office know and the login details will be shared with you.

### Goodbye!

Sadly, at the end of this term, we shall be saying goodbye to Mrs Aldridge, who has been with us for four years as our Year Three teacher. We will miss her very much and wish her all the best in her new school! We will say goodbye and a very big thank you to her during our Leavers' Mass on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.



### Y6 Leavers' Events

As Y6 come to the end of their time here at St. Joseph's, there will be a number of Leavers' events during the last week of term.

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July we will have a Leavers' Assembly starting at 2.00pm, followed by our Leavers' Mass on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm. Parents, carers and family are very welcome and encouraged to come along for these special events. Please note that the times given are the times that they will start at, so please arrive by 1.50pm for both events so that we can get everyone in and seated. Due to the way that the hall will be set up, **if you arrive late we will not be able to allow you to come in**, so please ensure that you are here on time to avoid disappointment.

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## 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.



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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.

## Bulls in the City

Please see the information below regarding the art trail which will be in Birmingham from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025. You can find out more about the trail here: <https://bullsinthecity.co.uk>.



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## Nechells POD Updates

During the Summer holidays Nechells POD will be running a Holiday Activities and Food programme for five weeks. Those who are eligible can sign their children up through the Bring It on Brum link. All information regarding signing up through Bring it on Brum was emailed out to eligible parents/carers last week.

POD Fest will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 from 12 midday until 3pm. There is a carnival theme and activities include; games, live music, crafts, food, performances, face painting and tattoos. Everyone is welcome.

Please see the flyers below regarding the Nechells POD Welfare Service and a QR code to join their WhatsApp channel. The POD uses their WhatsApp channel alongside Facebook and Instagram to post about upcoming events.



**Do you need any Help...**  
...we can support you

**Nechells POD**  
Bringing The Community Together

# WELFARE SERVICE

**IF YOU REQUIRE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE WITH**

- HOUSING QUERIES 
- DEBT MANAGEMENT 
- BENEFIT ADVICE 

**Monday and Friday, Drop in service 9-30 am - 4-30 pm**  
**Tuesday and Wednesday, Appointment only 10 am - 4 pm**  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US

0121 681 2173 | [contact@nechellspod.co.uk](mailto:contact@nechellspod.co.uk) | [www.nechellspod.co.uk](https://www.nechellspod.co.uk) | @NechellsPOD



## Nechells POD WhatsApp Channel





- ✓ Community events
- ✓ Food Pantry updates
- ✓ After school activities and sessions
- ✓ And much more!!!

**0121 681 2173**  
**28 Oliver st, Nechells B7 4NX**

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## School Uniform Discount Code

MyClothing have a 10% off uniform code 'INTAKE10'. Please visit [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com), the code is valid until 31<sup>st</sup> July.

## Ofcom Guide for Parents

Ofcom have produced a guide for parents on how they are helping children to be safer online. To view this guide please visit:

[https://www.ofcom.org.uk/parents?es\\_c=35722C6646650848B38B1C3C35CA4012&es\\_cl=CD786B09908AE974B857D821B3390925&es\\_id=ph7%c2%a3o1](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/parents?es_c=35722C6646650848B38B1C3C35CA4012&es_cl=CD786B09908AE974B857D821B3390925&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1)

## Parental Controls Online

Attached with this newsletter is a copy of a guide produced by Knowsley CLCs regarding setting up parental controls online.

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## Online Safety newsletter July 2025

Attached with this newsletter is a copy of the latest Online Safety Newsletter for July 2025.

## Collective Worship July 2025

Also attached is a copy of the latest Collective Worship Newsletter for July 2025.

## 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:

Melody – Reception

Ania – Y1

Jasmine – Y3

Bsrat – Y4



## Attendance – week ending 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 100%

Year One: 96%

Year Two: 96.9%

Year Three: 95%

Year Four: 98.4%

Year Five: 99.2%

Year Six: 96.8%

This gives a whole school attendance of 97.4%



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

|           |         |   |
|-----------|---------|---|
| Reception | Mana    | For having a fantastically positive attitude to all her work 😊  |
| Year 1    | Yosan   | Excellent knowledge about Baptism in RE this week               |
| Year 2    | N'Zaria | For being super helpful!  |
| Year 3    | Eyole   | For his super effort in maths this week.                        |
| Year 4    | Rae     | For supporting and helping her classmate this week.             |
| Year 5    | Dawit   | For good effort with his Maths work about decimal numbers.      |
| Year 6    | Agape   | For her brilliant effort with her Geography project this week 😊 |

## This Week's News



Reception had an exciting surprise when they came into school on Monday morning, the butterflies had hatched!

Here are Year One mixing primary colours and discovering which secondary colours they make during their Art lesson.



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Key Stage 2 have had a very enjoyable week with their end of year trips – Year Six visited the Tower of London and the London Eye whilst Years Three, Four and Five got to see all that West Midlands Safari Park had to offer.



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