



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

## A Prayer

Please fill my heart with courage, just like St. George.  
Help me to be a good friend, to be kind and truthful,  
and to stand up for others when they need help.  
Guide me to be brave in doing good things every day.  
Amen



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED for May bank holiday	
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week for Y6	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closes for TWO WEEKS holiday	3.20pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens	8.40am
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church	12:30pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Sports Day at School KS2 Sports Day at Nechells Wellbeing Centre	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 Transition Day	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	SCHOOL CLOSED for Teacher Training Day	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3, Y4 & Y5 trip to Warwick Castle – details to follow	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 End of Year trip – details to follow	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception, Y1 & Y2 trip to Attwell Farm Park – details to follow	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer 6-week Holidays	1:30pm

## School Term Dates 2025 -2026

### Autumn Term 2025

Term starts: Monday 1 September 2025  
Half-term: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025  
Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025

### Spring Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026  
Half-term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026  
Term ends: Thursday 2 April 2026

### Summer Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026  
Half-term: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 5 June 2026  
Term ends: Tuesday 21 July 2026

### Teacher Days

Monday 1st September  
Monday 13th October  
Friday 13th February  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July



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## School Mass

The next school mass will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm and will be 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.

## MyClothing Uniform Discount Code

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## School Disabled Toilet

Please be aware that the school disabled toilet (by the main entrance) is currently out of order and so we do not have public toilet facilities available at present. **ONLY** toilet paper should be placed down this toilet (or any toilet on the school premises), anything other than toilet paper that is flushed away blocks the system and causes damage with a significant financial impact to the school. The disabled toilet uses a shredding-type mechanism and items such as wipes and sanitary products break this. A bin is provided in the toilet for other items. Please be mindful and also speak to your children about using the toilets at school in the correct way. Thank you for your co-operation.

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## Upcoming Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Please note that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed on this day. School will reopen on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, as normal, at 08:40am.

## Year 6 SATs Week

Year Six SATS will take place during the week of 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child is in school for the whole of this week, and that they are 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! Letters have been sent to Y6 families regarding this.

## After-school Clubs

There are still a couple of spaces available for the football after-school clubs. The sessions for Years 4, 5 and 6 are on a Monday and cost £15.00 for five sessions and the sessions for Years 1, 2 and 3 are on a Tuesday and cost £18.00 for six sessions. If you would like your child to take part, please come to the School Office to complete the consent form and make payment. Places are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Google Translate

If you would like to translate the newsletter into your home language, this can be done through Google Translate. Please follow the link ([Google Translate](https://www.google.com/translate)) where you can 'drag and drop' the newsletter and this will automatically translate the content into the language you choose.

## School's X (formerly Twitter) Page

The school does have an account on X (formerly Twitter) which is regularly updated with what the classes have been doing each week in school. Please visit our page ([St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, B7 \(@stjosb7\) / X](https://twitter.com/stjosb7)) to see what your children have been doing. You will need an account on X to be able to view any updates.

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## 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.

## Different Upcoming School Holidays

Just a reminder that we have different holidays to other Birmingham schools this year. As we had just one week holiday at Easter, we will be having **TWO WEEKS** 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. Medical absences either side of school holidays will require evidence of illness for them to be authorised. Once you have had 5 unauthorised days absence you can be fined. These days do not have to be all at the same time/ consecutively and can be over a period of different terms. Any days of absences that are unauthorised (this also includes 'late after registration' marks where a child arrives after 9.15am) now count towards number of absences. Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, or less days if you have had previous unauthorised absence in the 10 weeks prior to the holiday. The fine for unauthorised holiday is now £160 for each parent (reduced to £80 if paid within 28 days) for each child that was absent. For example, if you have 3 children absent for term time leave, this would result in each parent receiving a fine of £480 (reduced to £240 if paid within 28 days).

## 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:

Henos – Reception      Ayo – Year Two      Adonay – Year Four      Jay – Year Six

## Attendance – week ending 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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: 98.9%	Year Two: 97.0%	Year Three: 96.8%
Year Four: 98.2%	Year Five: 94.4%	Year Six: 95.2%	

This gives a whole school attendance of 97%

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This Week's Menu  
Please see details of the school's three-week rotating dinner menu, week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 children will be offered the Week 3 menu:

CITY SERVE <b>LUNCH MENU</b>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>WEEK 1</b>	Pasta Bolognese Cheese and Onion Pastry (V) Broccoli (V) Carrots (V) New Potatoes (V) Shortbread and Custard	Chicken Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce Vegetable Minestrone (V) Spicy Wedges (V) Carrot and Swede (V) Green Beans (V) Apple Crumble and Custard	Roast Chicken or Quorn Roast Dinner with Trimmings (V) Roast Potatoes (V) Carrots and Cauliflower (V) Fruity Jelly	Chicken and Chickpea Curry Sweet Potato and Spinach Curry (V) Boiled Rice and Naan (V) Broccoli (V) Fruit Sponge and Custard	Homemade Margherita Pizza (V) Crumbed Cod Fish Cake Chunky Chips (V) Spaghetti Hoops (V) Garden Peas (V) Ice Cream Tub
	Fresh Salad Bar and Bread		Jacket Potato and Fillings		Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Crispy Turkey Burger Quorn Burger (V) Green Beans (V) Baked Beans (V) Spicy Wedges (V) Flap Jack and Custard	Cottage Pie Vegetable Lasagne (V) Baby Carrots (V) Broccoli (V) Herby Diced Potato (V) Chocolate Crunch and Custard	Sausages, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy Quorn Sausages (V) Roast Potatoes (V) Carrot & Swede Batons (V) Peas (V) Fruit Jelly	Chilli Con Carne Cheese and Potato Pie Boiled Rice & Garlic Bread Broccoli (V) Marbled Sponge and	Homemade Margherita Pizza (V) Breaded Pollock Chunky Chips (V) Baked Beans (V) Sweetcorn (V) Ice Cream Tub
	Fresh Salad Bar and Bread		Jacket Potato and Fillings		Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Macaroni Cheese (V) Fish Fingers (V) Spicy Wedges (V) Garden Peas (V) Carrots (V) Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard	Hot Dog with Onions Quorn Hot Dog & Onions (V) Herby Diced Potatoes (V) Sweetcorn (V) Broccoli (V) Chocolate Cracknell and Custard	Roast Gammon Dinner with all the Trimmings Cheese and Onion Lattice Finger (V) Roast Potatoes (V) Carrots and Green Beans Fruit Jelly	Cajun Chicken Wrap with Fried Onions and Peppers (V) Italian Pasta Bake Homemade Coleslaw (V) Spicy Wedges (V) Baked Cookie	Homemade Margherita Pizza (V) Bubble Crumb Fish Fillet Chunky Chips (V) Baked Beans (V) Sweetcorn (V) Ice Cream Tub
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Vegetarian options available daily.  
For any allergen or special dietary requirements please speak to a member of the catering team.



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

Reception	Yolyana	For being a positive role model 😊
Year 1	Mana	For amazing answers in RE this week 😊
Year 2	Henok	For fantastic work with fractions in Maths this week 😊
Year 3	N'zaria	For writing a beautiful shape poem about plastic bags.
Year 4	Jasmine	For her improved confidence in all our lessons! 😊
Year 5	Richard	Super responses in Science 😊
Year 6	Hallelujah	For her super responses in RE this week – well done! 😊

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