



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 1st May 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,
A Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you are at the centre of our life.

You give us our mission.

May everything we do begin with the knowledge of your love for us,
and your wish for us to see you in one another.

In our differences, unite us; in our weaknesses, strengthen us; in our disappointments,
console us.

Amen.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th May

SCHOOL CLOSED for May bank holiday

Mon 11th – Fri 15th May

SATs week for Y6

Friday 22nd May

School closes for TWO WEEKS holiday

3.20pm

Monday 8th June

School reopens

8.40am

Sunday 28th June

Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church

12:30pm

Tuesday 30th June

KS1 Sports Day at School

KS2 Sports Day at Nechells Wellbeing Centre

Wednesday 1st July

Y6 Transition Day

Monday 6th July

SCHOOL CLOSED for Teacher Training Day

Thursday 9th July

Y3, Y4 & Y5 trip to Warwick Castle – details to follow

Monday 13th July

Y6 End of Year trip – details to follow

Tuesday 14th July

Reception, Y1 & Y2 trip to Attwell Farm Park – details to follow

Friday 17th 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 6th July

Monday 20th July

Tuesday 21st July



Upcoming Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May – SCHOOL CLOSED

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

This half-term virtues are: Grateful and Generous

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of the safeguarding team;

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School Mass

The next school mass will be on Wednesday 6th May at 2pm and will be led by Year 3. 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

Parents and carers can enjoy 10% off school uniform at www.myclothing.com. Simply use code **INTAKE26** at checkout. Valid until 31 July 2026.

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.

Year 6 SATs Week

Year Six SATS will take place during the week of 11th – 15th 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.

Online Safety video

Our new Online Safety video is now available to view online. The May video has the theme 'Navigating Group Chats' and can be viewed on the ['Online Safety Videos'](#) page of our school website.

Collective Worship / Online Safety newsletters

Attached with your newsletter today are the monthly Online Safety and Collective Worship newsletters for May.

Aston Villa free courses

Please see below some new opportunities / courses that are available



Coaching Academy: The Coaching Academy is a FREE 6 week course that combines obtaining industry-recognised qualifications with opportunities, experiences, and employability skills, allowing local people to start a coaching journey. For more information please [click here](#).

Catering Club: This popular course has entered into its 6th year of delivery. The FREE 10 week course helps unemployed adults gain catering and hospitality qualifications, which real-life experiences and opportunities for entry-level jobs within the sector. For more information please [click here](#).

SEND Reforms: Online Sessions for Parent Carers - 5 and 7 May 2026

Birmingham City Council, in partnership with the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum and SEND Socials, is hosting a series of online discussion sessions for parent carers to share their views on the new SEND Reforms.

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You can find further information <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/SEND-Reforms-Poster.pdf> The link includes full details of the sessions and registration links.

Google Translate

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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](#)) to see what your children have been doing. You will need an account on X to be able to view any updates.

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.

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:

Muaad – Year 1

Adonai – Year 2

Matthias – Year 3

Abigail – Year 6

Attendance – week ending 1st May 2026

Well done to Y2 who had the best attendance this week with an incredible 100%!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 99%

Year One: 96.5%

Year Two: 100%

Year Three: 97.8%

Year Four: 96.8%

Year Five: 99%

Year Six: 95.7%

This gives a whole school attendance of 97.8%

This Week's Menu

Please [click here](#) to see details of the school's three-week rotating dinner menu, week commencing Tuesday 5th May 2026 children will be offered the Week 1 menu.

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

Reception	Alazar	Great answers in Maths this week 😊
Year One	Lucas	Excellent work in maths this week
Year 2	Yukang	A much-improved effort to communicate with adults and children in Y2
Year 3	Skyla	For learning how to tell the time.
Year 4	Amina	For her outstanding shape poem in English!
Year 5	Rae	Super attitude to learning – trying her best in every lesson.
Year 6	Whole class	A great effort during their SATs practice week
Little Flower Room		

This Week's News

Year 3 really enjoyed their workshop about Ancient Greece. We took part in role plays and quizzes.



Y3 have also been learning about 3D sculptures in art this week. They explored different ways to join shapes to create a 3D sculpture.



Year 1 have had fun taking part in a multi-sensory phonics activity this morning



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