



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

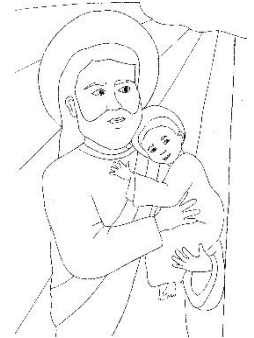
## A Prayer

Dear God,

We pray for dads around the world this Father's Day. We think particularly of fathers living in poverty. Give strength to those who work long hours or struggle to find employment as they try and care for their families.

God our Father, please guide those of us who are fathers to care for our families with your wisdom. Strengthen us in the daily challenges of parenting. Give us the fruits of your spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Amen.



## Dates for your Diary

Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church	12:30pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Sports Day <b>at School</b>	<b>am</b>
	KS2 Sports Day <b>at Nechells Wellbeing Centre</b>	<b>pm</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 Transition Day/moving up day New Intake Reception Open day	1.45pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED for Teacher Training Day</b>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3, Y4 & Y5 trip to Warwick Castle	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>School closes at 1:00pm</b> Summer Fair	1:30pm – 3:30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 End of Year trip to Star City	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception, Y1 & Y2 trip to Attwell Farm Park	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Mass/Production	2:00pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Production/Assembly	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer 6-week Holidays	1:00pm

## 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



*This half-term virtues are: Grateful and Generous*

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## School Mass

The next School Mass will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm led by Year 5. 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.

## Healthy Packed Lunches – Parent Information

We were delighted to recently welcome a representative from School Food Matters into school to speak with parents about creating healthy and balanced packed lunches for children. The session provided helpful guidance on making nutritious choices that support children's growth, energy levels, and concentration throughout the school day. To support all families, School Food Matters has kindly provided a selection of healthy recipe cards, which we are pleased to share with you over the coming weeks. Please follow the link to view the [Banana and oat flapjacks recipe card](#).

## Summer Savings for Families

The Government led Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer. The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#). This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at [Cost of Living Help](#).



## St Joseph's Summer Fair

The school will be holding a Summer Fair this year on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 1:30 to 3:30pm, please click the [link](#) to view the poster and more information. Please note that school will close at **1:00pm** on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July to allow for the setup of the fair. Please ensure an adult from your child's contact list is at school on time to collect your child on

this day. Thank you.

## School Trips – Payment Reminder

Please be mindful that each year group has a school trip coming over the next couple of weeks (dates and locations detailed under 'Dates for your Diary'). Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4 & 5) trip payments need to be made to the School Office by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 & 2) trip payments need to be made to the School Office by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Finally, Year 6 trip payments need to be made to the School Office by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026.

## Child Safety over the Summer Period

As we move towards the Summer months, please be mindful of keeping your children safe, particularly around water. Please access the following resources which provide practical safety advice:

- [Child Safety Advice | Practical tips and free resources](#)
- [Child Safety Videos | Child Accident Prevention Trust](#)
- [RNLI launches its Float to Live campaign for 2026 | RNLI](#)
- [The Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](#)

## 2026/27 Term Dates

Please note that the 2026/27 term dates have now been published on the school website and can be viewed by following this link ([Term dates - St Joseph's Catholic Primary School](#)). Please ensure you have looked at these before booking any holidays for next year. It is also worth noting that all of the next academic year's school holidays align with Birmingham City Council dates.

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## Children's Commissioner Year 6 Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England is asking all year six students to reflect on their time at primary school and share their hopes and ideas for the future in their own words via an online survey called 'The Big Future'. This can be accessed by clicking on the following link – [The Big Future](#).



## New Intake - Reception Class 2026

Our Open Day for all families who have been allocated a place for their child to start in school in September 2026 takes place on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. Please remember to bring with you all relevant forms and documentation, as detailed on the letters that have been sent out. This will also confirm arrangements for the day such as times. We are looking forward to meeting you all on the 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 2027). Registration can be made online by visiting the website ([www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk](http://www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk)). The closing date for registering is 4pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The test will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026 between 11:00am to 3:00pm. Please click on the [link](#) to view more information on the Open Day.

## National Book Tokens – Help us win £1,000 for our Library

National Book Tokens are giving schools the chance to be one of five winning schools to **receive £1,000 in National Book Tokens** to fill their library's shelves with new, inspiring books. Please help our chances of winning by nominating St Joseph's! Everyone who votes will also enter a prize draw to win themselves a £100 gift card. Please visit the [Win £1,000 / €1,000 for your school's library! | National Book Tokens](#) link to complete the nomination.

## MyClothing Uniform Discount Code

Parents and carers can enjoy 10% off school uniform at [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com). Simply use code **SSPEND10** at checkout. Valid until 31 July 2026.

## School Disabled Toilet

Please be aware that **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.

## Water Safety

Did you know that an average of 82 UK citizens drown each year whilst abroad? Whether holidaying abroad, or at home in the UK and Ireland, the link below has advice and information from the NHS to help you to ensure that your family stays safe whilst having fun in, on or around water.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/safety-on-holiday>

## 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](#)) where you can 'drag and drop' the newsletter and this will automatically translate the content into the language you choose.

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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.

## 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:

Lucas – Year One      Sebastiao – Year Two      Kebba – Year Three      Elnathan – Year Five

## Attendance – week ending 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 100%	Year One: 97.9%	Year Two: 99.1%	Year Three: 96.4%
Year Four: 97.9%	Year Five: 96.1%	Year Six: 99%	

This gives a whole school attendance of 98%

## This Week's Menu

Please [click here](#) to see details of the school's three-week rotating dinner menu, week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 children will be offered the Week 3 menu.



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

Reception	Leo	Excellent knowledge in RE this week 😊
Year One	Sherice	Excellent effort in science this week
Year 2	Haad	For showing super map skills in Geography. 😊
Year 3	Naod K	For his fantastic knowledge about the equator and hemispheres.
Year 4	Sarah	For always challenging herself in lessons!
Year 5	Mary	Beautiful presentation in all of her books. 😊
Year 6	Deon	For trying his hardest with his Exciting Writing 😊
LFR	Adriel	Good listening and working hard

## This Week's News



Catching up from last week a huge WELL DONE to our Year 3 and 4 children who competed in the King Edward School Sports Partnership athletics competition. They competed in middle distance, relay, standing long jump and howler throw and came 4<sup>th</sup> overall! What a great achievement!

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