



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 28th April 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st May

Friday 5th May

SCHOOL CLOSED – May Day bank holiday

Coronation celebration day – wear red, white and blue

Monday 8th May

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May

Tuesday 9th May

Thursday 11th May

SCHOOL CLOSED – Coronation bank holiday

Y6 SATs tests

Y1 & Y2 Wellbeing and Anti-bullying workshop

2pm – 3pm

Y3 & Y4 Wellbeing and Anti-bullying workshop

2pm – 3pm

Monday 15th May

Y5 & Y6 Wellbeing and Anti-bullying workshop

2pm – 3pm

Monday 22nd May

Friday 26th May

SEND Coffee Morning

10-11am

School closes for ONE WEEK half-term holiday

3.15pm

Sunday 11th June

Friday 16th June

First Holy Communion Mass at St. Joseph's Church

12.00pm

Father's Day INSPIRE (time tbc)

Tuesday 18th July

Wednesday 19th July

Friday 21st July

Y6 Leavers' Production/assembly

2.00pm

Y6 Leavers' Mass

2.00pm

End of school year – school closes at 1.00pm

1.00pm

A Reflection for Easter

You are the resurrection! How wonderful, Lord Jesus, you came back.

You suffered death but conquered it.

You laid in the tomb but on the third day You rose again.

O joyful day, Lord Jesus, when you returned!

You are the resurrection, our hope and our life.

O glorious and victorious Redeemer help us not to be afraid of death,

For we must pass through it to see you face to face

And on the last day we will rise again, for you said so.

Let us rejoice and praise you, our Blessed and triumphant Lord,

On this happy, joyful feast. Amen.



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.

SCHOOL CLOSED ON MONDAY – May Day bank holiday

School is closed on Monday for the first bank holiday of this month. We return to school on Tuesday 2nd May at 8.45am

School will also be closed NEXT Monday for the Coronation bank holiday.



Coronation of King Charles III – celebration day and wear red, white and blue – NEXT Friday 5th May



NEXT Friday 5th May we will be having a celebration day in school to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. This is a very special occasion in the UK as there has not been a Coronation since 1952 when Queen Elizabeth was crowned, and so many people will never have seen a coronation take place. A coronation is a key moment in history - when we look back at the history of England and remember the many kings and queens that have reigned such as Henry VIII or Elizabeth I, this is as important a moment in history as those times and will be remembered for many years to come.

A coronation is a special ceremony where a new Monarch (king or queen) is crowned and blessed in front of lots of people. Special prayers are also said for the new monarch and their people during the ceremony, which will take place in Westminster Abbey. It is a very joyful occasion and there will be a big parade through the streets of London, where the new King will greet his people. Lots of special events are taking place around the country and on the television to mark this - you can watch the actual Coronation ceremony on TV on Saturday 6th May. There is also going to be a bank holiday to mark this on Monday 8th June.



To celebrate this in school, we will be having a Coronation picnic party next Friday. The children will have lunch outside (weather permitting!) in 'street-party' style, with bunting, flags and music. This will have a 'Union Jack' or red, white and blue theme, and so on this day, the children should come to school dressed in red, white and blue. If they have any clothes with the union jack on, they can also wear these, or you may want to dress 'royally' in clothing with crowns on, or wear an actual crown! There will be no charge for this.

The picnic lunch will be a 'British-themed' picnic with a juice carton, a choice of a cheese or jam roll, a choice of pizza, spring roll or cheese and pepper roll, some chips, and a choice of cupcakes or jelly pots, all served in a little 'picnic box'. If your child usually has sandwiches and would like to have a school dinner for this day, you can come into the office and book a meal for that day. The cost will be £2.50. You should order this by **Wednesday 3rd** May. Any child who usually has dinner in school does not need to pay as they will be given the picnic lunch anyway.

All children will have ice cream cones later on in the playground as a little treat and we have some special commemorative gifts for the children too – one from school and one which has been gifted by our MAC trust. They will receive these on Friday.



Weston-Super-Mare trip

If you have booked seats for our seaside trip on Friday 30th June, a deposit must be paid to secure your seats. Anyone who has not paid a deposit may lose their seats as we have to let the coach company have definite numbers by next Friday.

Thank you to all of those people who have already been into school to pay a deposit. The balance will need to be paid by Friday 9th June.

*This half-term's virtues are: Curious and Active
If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team;
Mrs Ashley, Mrs Pattinson, Mr Caffrey and Mrs West*

Year 6 SATs Week

Year Six SATs will take place during the week of 9th – 12th May. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child is in school for the whole of this week, and also that they are in 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! A letter has been sent to Y6 families regarding this earlier in the week.

Year 2 SATs Week

Year Two SATs will take place during the week of 15th – 19th May. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child is at school for the whole of this week, and also that they are in on time each day.

Anti-Bullying and Wellbeing workshops

We are going to be holding some 'Wellbeing and Anti-bullying' workshops for parents and children over the coming weeks. The dates will be as follows:

Tuesday 9 th May	Y1 & Y2	2pm – 3pm
Thursday 11 th May	Y3 & Y4	2pm – 3pm
Monday 15 th May	Y5 & Y6	2pm – 3pm

Letters will be going out next week about these workshops.

SEND Coffee Morning

Do you have concerns or worries about your child? Are you a parent of a child with already identified special educational needs? On 22nd May we will be holding a Coffee Morning in school from 10am – 11am. Join us for a hot drink and a chance to socialise with other parents in the hall (younger non-school age siblings are welcome too!). Sophie Lewis from the NHS Occupational Therapy Team will also be here to answer any questions you may have. Please let Mrs West or Mrs Pattinson know if you plan to attend.

Online Safety Newsletter

Attached to the email with your newsletter today, you will find our monthly online safety newsletter. Also attached is some information for parents regarding TikTok.

Virtues

This half-term, our virtues are curious and active.

Curious – being interested and aware of what is happening around you. Learning to ask questions and investigate what you see.

Active – taking an active part in what is happening around you. Learning to ask what is happening and why and what you can do to be involved

Place2Be Mental Health Support

Place2Be have launched a 'Parenting Smart' site, filled with a number of resources for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds. Their latest articles on supporting healthy gaming habits, developing a child's talent and safe social media for younger children can all be read or watched in under ten minutes. Visit <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/> for more information.

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, Miss Teague, Mrs Pattinson, Mrs West, Mrs Koumi, and Miss Crane.

This Week's News

This week, Reception have been celebrating their heritage and came to school dressed up to represent the countries of their heritage.

K - "Senegal is my country"

N - "Jamaica is where my family comes from"

M - "Eritrea is my country, I have been there lots of times, it is very hot"



Year 3 have been learning about volume and capacity in our maths lesson this week. We had lots of fun and made lots of mess.

Thank you @MrsHistoryLtd for our wonderful workshop! Year 5 learnt lots about Birmingham and its links to the commonwealth!



Year 5 really enjoyed learning how to play new musical instruments. Music maze taught us how play, conduct and compose our own musical ensemble. We called it 'Spring Blossom'.

Class Attendance – weekly attendance treats

Every week, the class with the highest attendance are rewarded with a certificate and an extra day during the week to attend our lunchtime 'Board Games' club. At the end of each half term, the class with the most certificates will be given a treat!



Attendance – week ending 28th April 2023

Well done to **Year Four** who had the best attendance this week with an amazing **100%!!** The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	94%	Year One	98%	Year Two	97%	Year Three	95%
Year Four	100%	Year Five	94%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 97%

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

Reception	Matiwos	Excellent progress in reading :)
Year 1	Ezekai	Some fantastic Maths work this week
Year 2	Bsrat & Bethel	Fantastic Maths this week
Year 3	Dawit	Improved handwriting and attitude to learning.
Year 4	Aryam	Trying her best to improve her skills in swimming.
Year 5	Zacchius	An excellent start to his leaflet in English
Year 6	Anton	Always being an excellent role model for our school!

School Term Dates 2022 -2023

Summer Term 2023
Monday 24 th April 2023 to Friday 26 th May 2023
HALF TERM
Monday 5 th June 2023 to Friday 21 st July 2023
END OF YEAR

Teacher Days – Monday 24 th July Tuesday 25 th July
Bank Holidays – Monday 1 st May 2023 Monday 8 th May 2023