



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Prayer for our World

God of all,

Open our eyes to see the needs of our brothers and sisters.

Open our ears to hear your words of hope and compassion.

Open our mouths to speak up when people are suffering.

Open our hearts, to reach out in love.

Amen.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photograph Day	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	School Mass led by Year Three	2.10pm
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October –</b>	<b>Non-uniform for children in St. John Henry Newman house ONLY</b>	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Welcome Service (details to follow)	2.40pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Confirmation meeting for parents in school	3.30pm
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Confirmation Commitment Mass – St Joseph's Church	9.45am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 & 6 visit to the Black Country Museum	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening <b>(school finishes at 2.15pm)</b>	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Return to school	8.55am

## School Term Dates 2022 -2023

Autumn Term 2022	Spring Term 2023	Summer Term 2023
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023 to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022 to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 to Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
END OF TERM	END OF TERM	END OF YEAR

**Teacher Days** - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 / Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 / Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 / Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July / Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July  
+ MAC teacher day - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

**Our teacher days have now been allocated as Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July. School will be closed on those days.**

## 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.

## Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of your very kind donations today for our Harvest collection. We had an amazing amount of food and toiletries donated, all of which will go to the Aston and Nechells Foodbank.

## 46 Secondary Transfer Applications for September 2023

All children in Year 6 should have received a letter before the holiday with details on how to apply for a secondary school place for September 2023. Online application is now open on the Birmingham City Council website at <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php> If you need any assistance with this, please come into school and we will be happy to help.

Secondary Transfer preferences for school places must be submitted to the City council by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice.



## Goodbye!

Today we said a goodbye to Miss Painting. As you may know, Miss Painting has been with us here at St. Joseph's for over 26 years (having worked with some of our parents even when they were here!). She has always been a wonderful asset to our school family and a much-loved member of staff, and she will be missed very much by staff and children alike. We would like to wish her all the very best in her new exciting venture!

## Reception Welcome Service – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

We will be holding a special service **NEXT Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2.40pm** to welcome all of our new Reception children and their parents and carers. It would be lovely if all Reception parents or carers could come, as the children will be taking part in this service too. Please come along to this first special event for your child; we are looking forward to seeing you.



## Parents Evening

Our Parents' Evening will take place in school on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October between 2.30-5.30pm. Letters will be going out soon for you to request times for this. **Please note that school will close at 2.15pm on this day. All children must be collected at this time by an adult**



During the time that you are in your appointment, your child can go into our Creche facility (**only for children who attend our school**) but please only bring children along if they cannot stay at home with another adult.

## School Photograph Day – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

The Photographer will be in school **NEXT Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual and sibling photos of all children. Please ensure that your child is in school on that day, as the photographer will not be able to come back to retake pictures.

*This half-term's virtues are: Compassionate & Loving*

*If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team;  
Mrs Ashley, Mrs Pattinson, Mr Caffrey and Mrs West*

## Flu Vaccination

You should have received a form this week to complete for your child to have a nasal spray flu vaccination in school. Please return this form even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated. It is important that we hold a completed form for each child.

## Confirmation Meeting – NEXT WEDNESDAY

The first parents' meeting for those Catholic children in Y5 and Y6 wishing to be confirmed this school year will take place on **Thursday 13th October** at **3.30pm**. This meeting will take place in the Little Flower Room in school with Father Solomon.

On Sunday 16th October at 9.45am the children and their parents are also asked to attend a Confirmation Commitment Mass at St Joseph's Church, so we can officially start the preparation process. Further meetings will be held throughout the year for parents, so parents can help prepare their children at home to receive these sacraments.

## This week's news

Reception have been thinking about all the special gifts God gave them 🧐👂👁️👣👉👈👊👋

V - singing and dancing

N - riding a bike

N - running really fast



Today, Key Stage 1 took part in their Harvest Live lesson. #harvestlive They found out about the world's biggest combine harvester!

Year 1 took part in a lovely nature walk to look at God's creations. We then used the beautiful nature we found to make a focal point and participate in a collective worship together.



Year 3 have been using drama to tell the story of how Jesus chose his disciples.

## 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.

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## Class Attendance – weekly attendance treats

As you know, it is very important that children attend school every day, both for their wellbeing and academic achievement and also to encourage good habits of their future working life.



Every week, the class with the highest attendance will be 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Well done to **Year Two** (yet again!) and **Year Three** who had the best attendance this week with an amazing **100%!!** This is fabulous– well done!!! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	94%	Year One	93%	Year Two	<b>100%</b>	Year Three	<b>100%</b>
Year Four	92%	Year Five	97%	Year Six	97%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96.1%



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

Reception	Zekari	Trying hard to improve his pencil grip and letter formation.
Year 1	Rafael	Super questions and answers about Harvest
Year 2	Didan	Settling in really well to Y2
Year 3	Buruk	His attitude to learning and improved handwriting.
Year 4	Rosie-Mae	Consistently showing acts of kindness to her classmates.
Year 5	Noel	Beautiful handwriting
Year 6	Inniyah	Always persevering and trying her best!

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