



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 7th October 2022



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dear God,

We thank you for all the gifts of ripened fruit and vegetables you give to us at Harvest time.

For the bread and the cereals on our table every day and for all the other good things we have to eat.

Help those who are less fortunate and grant us all your peace this day and for evermore. Amen.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 13 th October	Confirmation meeting for parents in school	3.30pm
Sunday 16 th October	Confirmation Commitment Mass – St Joseph's Church	9.45am
Monday 17 th October	Y5 & 6 visit to the Black Country Museum	
Wednesday 19 th October	Parents' Evening (school finishes at 2.15pm)	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 21 st October	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 31 st October	Return to school	8.55am

School Term Dates 2022 -2023

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

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

Our teacher days have now been allocated as Friday 10th February, Friday 17th February, Monday 24th July and Tuesday 25th 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.

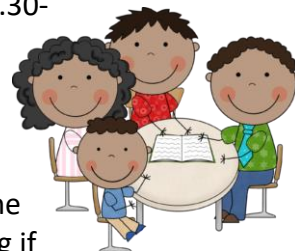
Y6 Secondary Transfer Applications for September 2023

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 31st 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.

Parents Evening

Our Parents' Evening will take place in school on Wednesday 19th October between 2.30-5.30pm. Letters went out this week 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 – DELAY WITH PICTURES!

As you know the photographer was in school this week to take pictures of the children. Your child should have brought home a proof card with a code for you to scan to access your photos. The photographers have been in touch this morning to let us know that there will unfortunately be a delay in you being able to view your photographs. This is because the files containing the class pictures that were taken have been damaged and they will need to be retaken. **The photographer will be back in school next Thursday morning to retake these** and they should hopefully be available to view by next weekend. In the meantime you can scan your code and register your email address to receive an email to let you know when they are available. PLEASE KEEP YOUR CARDS SAFE! We do not have copies of these and you will be unable to access or view your child's photographs without them.

Flu Vaccination – Form deadline

Our flu vaccinations will take place in school on 4th November. You should have received a form regarding this last week. 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.

All forms must be in school ready for collection by Wednesday of next week. We do have spares available in the office if you need one.

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 half-terms 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*

Safer Sleep this Winter – Advice from the Lullaby Trust

The colder months can be a difficult time for families and with the increase in energy bills combined with the cost-of-living crisis, families will naturally be concerned about keeping their homes and their baby warm.

Whilst there may be a temptation to wrap babies up to keep them warm while they sleep, it's a known fact that overheating increases the chances of SIDS and research shows that it's better for babies to be cooler rather than too hot.

To reduce the risk of overheating, avoid using thick bedding and duvets and remove any outdoor clothing and hats when indoors. During the winter months, firmly tucked in sheets and blankets (not above shoulder height) or a well-fitted baby sleep bag are fine for babies to sleep in.

The Lullaby Trust has put together some useful advice on safer sleep during the colder months which can be found on their website and Facebook page.

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.

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 7th September 2022

Well done to **Year Two (AGAIN!)** and **Year Three (again!)** who had the best attendance this week with an amazing **100%!!**

YEAR TWO HAVE HAD 100% ATTENDANCE FOR A WHOLE MONTH CONSECUTIVELY!!!!

This is fabulous – well done!!! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	93%	Year One	90%	Year Two	100%	Year Three	100%
Year Four	99%	Year Five	93%	Year Six	95%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95.6%

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

Reception	Matthias	Excellent progress in reading
Year 1	Ariam	Writing with great care and neatness
Year 2	Penelope	Fantastic attitude to learning
Year 3	Kezia	An amazing attitude to learning and beautiful presentation
Year 4	Lincoln	Always trying his best in all subjects
Year 5	Neveah	Excellent exciting writing skills
Year 6	Jasper	Always trying his best and never giving up when faced with a challenge!

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