



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 15th November 2024



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

Mon 18 th – Wed 20 th	Y6 Whitmore Lakes residential trip	
Wednesday 20 th November	School Mass led by Y5	2.00pm
Friday 22 nd November	Wear Green Non-Uniform day - 50p per child or £1 per family	
Wednesday 27 th November	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.15PM	
	Parents' Evening	2.30 - 5.00pm
Friday 29 th November	Wear Blue Non-Uniform day - 50p per child or £1 per family	

🌿 Christmas Dates for your Diary 🌿

Tuesday 3 rd December	KS2 film night - £2 per child	3 - 4.30pm
Thursday 5 th December	Rec & KS1 film night - £2 per child	2.30 - 4.00pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Y3 & Y6 visit to the Crescent Theatre	
Wednesday 11 th December	Y4 & Y5 visit to the Crescent Theatre	
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 per child	
Monday 16 th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Assembly	2.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Rec, Y1 & Y2 North Pole Adventure trip	
Tuesday 17 th December	Y3 & Y4 Parents – KS2 Christmas Assembly	2.30pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Y5 & Y6 Parents – KS2 Christmas Assembly	2.20pm
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Carol Concert for Parents	2.30pm
Friday 20 th December	School closes at 1pm for Christmas holidays	1.00pm
Monday 6 th January	Return to school	8.40am

School Term Dates 2024 -2025

Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
Monday 2 nd September 2024 to Thursday 24 th October 2024	Monday 6 th January 2025 to Friday 14 th February 2025	Monday 28 th April 2025 to Friday 23 rd May 2025
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Monday 4 th November 2024 to Friday 20 th December 2024	Monday 24 th February 2025 to Thursday 17 th April 2025	Monday 9 th June 2025 to Monday 21 st July 2025
END OF TERM	END OF TERM	END OF YEAR

Teacher Days –
Monday 2 nd September 2024 Friday 25 th October 2024 Friday 14 th February 2025 - MAC Teacher Day Monday 21 st July 2025

Bank Holidays –
Friday 18 th April 2025 Monday 5 th May 2025

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.

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, Mrs Boxwell, Mrs Gowen, Mrs West, Mrs Koumi, and Miss Crane. If any parents want to discuss any issues, please contact us at pastoral@stjosb7.bham.sch.uk

Wear Green non-uniform day- NEXT Friday 22nd November

Next Friday will be a 'Wear Green' themed non-uniform day. The cost of this will be 50p per child or £1 per family.

Parents Evening

Our Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 27th November 2.30-5.00pm. Letters have been sent home next week for you to request times so please check your child's bag. **Please note that school will close at 2.15pm on Wednesday 27th.**

All children must be collected at this time by an adult.

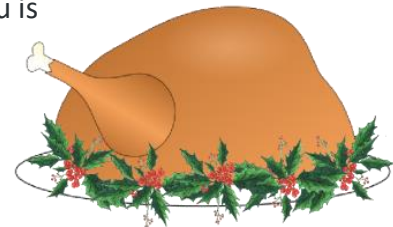
During the time that you are in your appointment, your child can go into our Creche facility (**only for children who attend our school**) but please only bring children along if they cannot stay at home with another adult.



Christmas Dinner – Thursday 12th December

Our School Christmas Dinner will take place on Thursday 12th December. The menu is

- ★ Roast Turkey/ Chicken / Quorn/ Tempura Fish
- ★ Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing balls & Gravy
- ★ Creamed Potatoes / Seasoned Roast potatoes
- ★ Sprouts / Carrot / Sweetcorn
- ★ Christmas Ice Cream Tub / Christmas Cherry Cracknell /Mince Pie & Cream



Children who have dinners normally in school will get Christmas dinner anyway, but **if your child usually has a packed lunch** and you would like your child to have a dinner on this day, please send in the payment of £2.70 in an envelope with your child's name and class on it by Friday 6th December.

Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day – Friday 13th December

Friday 13th December is 'Wear Your Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day' in school. The cost of this will be £1 per child, and you should come to school dressed in your *craziest* Christmas jumpers!!!



Wellbeing for school parents - new online resources

Please see the wellbeing news update from the Solihull Approach, the NHS team behind inourplace.co.uk. Inourplace is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships. As part of our sponsorship of **inourplace**, all of the courses and content is free to local parents. Here's a quick round up of what we think is great on inourplace this month.

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Mrs Gowen, Mrs Ashley, Mr Caffrey, Mrs Boxwell and Mrs West*

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas Performances take place on the following dates:-

Monday 16 th December at 2:30pm	Rec Y1 and Y2 Christmas Assembly	2.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December at 2:30pm	KS2 Christmas Assembly for Y3 & Y4 Parents	2:30pm
Wednesday 18 th December at 2:20pm	KS2 Christmas Assembly for Y5 & Y6 Parents	2:20pm



The children are working very hard to prepare for these already and would be delighted to see their parents and carers in school to watch them perform. Please come along; it makes such a difference to the children when their efforts are well supported.

We will not be able to admit latecomers, this is because of the way the hall is set up, as entering the hall will involve you walking through the stage area. For health and safety reasons, once the performance has begun this will not be possible. **Also, there will be no staff in the office area to admit people once the plays have started, so please bear this in mind and allow enough time to get to school.**

Starting School - Reception 2025 – apply now!

If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2020 and 31-08-2021, online application is now open on the Birmingham City Council website for Reception school places for September 2025. Preferences for school places must be submitted to the city council by **15th January 2025**. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice



Penalty Notice fines for holidays / poor attendance

Please note that the rules for attendance have changed from September 2024. Any days of absences that are unauthorised (this also includes 'late after registration' marks where a child arrives after 9.15am) will 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).



Please bear this in mind when you are booking travel arrangements for the school holidays. Any children who are not back in school on time will be fined if they fit into the categories above. Medical absences either side of school holidays will require evidence of illness for them to be authorised.

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:

Ayomikun - Year 1 Dagmawit - Year 3 Mudesir - Year 4 Nahor - Year 5



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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 for their future working life. At the end of each half term, the class with the most certificates will be given a treat!

Attendance – week ending 15th November 2024

Well done to **Year Five** who had the best attendance this week with a **fabulous 98.5%**!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 87%	Year One: 89.1%	Year Two: 94.2%	Year Three: 92.4%
Year Four: 96.9%	Year Five: 98.5%	Year Six: 98.1%	

This gives a whole school attendance of **94.4%**



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

Reception	Pareesa	Always being such an enthusiastic learner.
Year 1	Yukang	Excellent effort with his work this week
Year 2	Whole class	All of Year 2 for fantastic behaviour on our trip!
Year 3	Eshaal	Her expanded noun phrases in English.
Year 4	Mudesir	Showing improvement in swimming.
Year 5	Deon	Manners, helpfulness and respect
Year 6	Eliana D	Her superb writing this week!

This Week's News

Year Six took part in our annual Remembrance assembly here at St. Joseph's. All the children learnt the words to 'In Flander's Fields' by John McRae and added some drama into their poem recital in order to express the emotions of the soldiers felt during WWI.



The Eco Committee have been having fun making pine cone bird feeders and are rather proud of the beautiful compost they have made, ready to use for planting.



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