



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Thursday 24th October 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

At the end of this half-term, we thank you God for...
 Every prayer we have prayed,
 Every song we have sung,
 All the things we have learned,
 All the laughter and fun.
 Thank you for all the joy you bring
 And our wonderful times together.
 May we walk with you as each new day begins
 This moment and forever
 Amen



Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th October

Teacher Training Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 4th November

Return to school

8.50am

Wednesday 27th November

Parents' Evening

2.30pm – 5.30pm

(School finishes at 2.15pm)

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

Bank Holidays –
 Friday 18th April 2025
 Monday 5th 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

October Half-term

Just a reminder that we break up for half-term **TODAY at 3.20pm**. We return to school on Monday 4th November at 8.50am.

Y6 Secondary Transfer Applications for September 2025

Secondary Transfer preferences for school places must be submitted to the city council by Tuesday 31st October 2024. We have been notified that only 12 children have applied for their place so far! **You must apply by visiting**

<https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php>

Please ensure that you have applied for places by 31st October, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice.

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



Poppy Sale

Poppy's will be available for sale in school after half term holiday.

Reach Out Community Project

Please see attached flyers from the Reach Out Community Project for your information.

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.

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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:

Harri - Year 1

Zephaniah - Year 2

Penelope - Year 4

Sofoniyas - Year 6



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 24th October 2024

Well done to **Year Five** who had the best attendance this week with a **fabulous 99.2%**!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Reception: 95.6%	Year One: 95.2%	Year Two: 94.8%	Year Three: 94.5%
Year Four: 94.9%	Year Five: 99.2%	Year Six: 95%	

This gives a whole school attendance of **95.6%**

This Week's News



A huge well done to Y5 children who earned their Bikeability badges and certificates this week...

Reception was very excited to receive their tooth brushing kits! We are looking forward to seeing all their bright smiles. Reception have also been using autumn resources, to learn about repeating patterns.



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Year Two enjoyed cooking cottage pie with our homegrown carrots and a selection of seasonal vegetables. We used many different skills to make them and then took them home to share with our families.



Year Six have had a great time working in teams to make their Viking Soda Bread. Super team work and baking Year Six!

At **Science Club**, we created fizzy fun. We used baking powder and white vinegar to create a chemical reaction, which inflated our balloons. What a fab time we had!



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FREE COMMUNITY MEAL



THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER 5:00 PM



LET US KNOW IF YOU, YOUR
FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE
COMING...



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 HELLO@REACHOUTCP.CO.UK

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NEED HELP? WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

ARE YOU FEELING STRESSED,
LONELY OR FACING RELATIONSHIP
PROBLEMS?

ARE YOU HAVING PROBLEMS WITH
FOOD, MONEY OR GETTING AROUND?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DISCOVER NEW
OPPORTUNITIES AND RECEIVE
SUPPORT OR GUIDANCE IN YOUR
LIFE?



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COMMUNITY PROJECT

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CHARITY NUMBER: 1043061

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