



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter January 27th 2023

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents,

School has been a hive of activity again this week. From exploring the planets in their space themed classroom in Reception, making healthy sandwiches in Year 3 and leaning about the Chinese New Year in Year 5, along with all of the other wonderful activities that have taken place - the children have been full of smiles and enriched in their learning. Fantastic!

Do keep an eye on our social media channels (Twitter and Instagram - @StJoStourbridge) as we keep them up to date with the activities that the children have taken part in.

Father Philip celebrated Mass with Year 3 this week. Our Y3 children read and sang well as they continue their spiritual journey and prepare to receive Sacraments this year. Father Philip once again treated us to a musical number - my aim of a band in Mass at Easter is getting closer to reality!

You will have noticed that we have recently had electric gates to the school site to further increase our site security. Thank you for your patience during the early 'teething issues' which I hope are now addressed. Could I please also take this opportunity to politely remind parents to use the council car park by school instead of the staff car park when dropping off and collecting your children. Please could parents also drive carefully and follow our 'reverse park' guidance to ensure safety of the children on the car park. Thank you for your co-operation.

You will be aware of next week's industrial action by the National Education Union. I have written to all parents today to detail our current plans for next Wednesday. Again, thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Thank you to all parents who completed our recent questionnaire. The analysis of the questionnaires can be found on our school website at this link [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Parent Questionnaire January 2022 \(st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk/parent-questionnaire-january-2022) If you would like to talk with me about any further suggestions or comments that you would like to make, please do call the office or come and speak with me.

Finally, just in case you missed this last week. The Spring study plans detailing your child's learning of key knowledge and skills this term are available on our school website and at this link [St Joseph's](#)

[Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Curriculum Plans \(st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk\)](http://st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk) and I hope you enjoy the new slideshow on our homepage - full of the enjoyable learning across the curriculum that takes place at school.

Have a great weekend.

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal

Children's liturgy – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Matthew 5:1-12a



Jesus teaches his disciples about the way he would like people to be treated and how he sees some types of people as extra special. He says that they will be happy or blessed.

What kinds of people did Jesus say would be happy? And what will happen to them? (*Eg those who mourn will be comforted. Those who are hungry will have their fill.*)

When will this happen? Will this only happen in heaven or could it happen here on earth as well?

We are all part of one global family and we are called by God to care for the other members of that family, wherever they are in the world. We can help Jesus' words to come alive today.

What could you do for someone who is sad?

What could you do for someone who is hungry or thirsty?

What could you do for people who are poor?

What could you do for someone who is afraid to stand up for what they believe in?

By doing all those things we will be truly following Jesus. We can help to make the words that he spoke to his disciples a reality.

What will you do this week to help Jesus' words to come alive in our world?

Intercessions:

The words of Jesus give us hope for a fairer world and so together we pray:

We pray for world leaders: that they may work to bring about a world that is like Jesus' teachings. A world which is fair and where everyone has enough to live. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all people who are poor, sad, hungry or in danger: that through our actions they may be happy on earth as well as in heaven and have hope for a better future. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may work together with others to follow Jesus' word, bringing comfort to those who are sad and helping make sure all people have enough to eat. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: God of mercy, open our hearts to listen to what Jesus tells us. Help us to reach out to others who are poor, sad, or frightened and try to make their lives blessed. Amen.

Reflection taken from Cafod children's liturgy

Gifts from God



The following children have been awarded certificates in our Gifts from God assembly this afternoon and will be invited to 'Brew with Mr W' on Monday afternoon to discuss their achievements. Well done children for your hard work and commitment to our school values.

Year Group	Gospel Values	Good Work
Reception Class	Lily	Ethan
Year 1	Luca R	Maisie
Year 2	Issac	Violet
Year 3	James	Jacob
Year 4	Xanthe	Alfie
Year 5	Orla	Ollie
Year 6	Nancy	Ethan

Diary Dates - Spring term



Please note the following diary dates for Spring 1

Wednesday 1st February - Reception class Mass

Thursday 2nd February - Reception Optical Screening

Thursday 2nd February - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check information event for parents (3:30pm - children can attend too)

Wednesday 8th February - St John's House Mass

Wednesday 15th February - Year 5 assisting with lunches at the Parish centre

Wednesday 15th February - Year 4 Adoration in class 2.10pm (parents very welcome to join us)

Thursday 16th February - Year 3 Musical performance (The Stone Age) 2.30pm Parents welcome

PTA updates



I had a great meeting with the PTA this morning who play such a vital role in supporting our school. We are very lucky to benefit from such an active and passionate PTA - thank you for your ongoing support to our school!

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PE Timetable



Please take note of your child's PE days for this half term.

Reception Class - Friday

Year 1 - Wednesday & Friday

Year 2 - Monday & Tuesday

Year 3 - Thursday & Friday

Year 4 - Thursday (Swim) & Friday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Clubs



Lunchtime Clubs:

Tuesday - Cross country training - Years 4/5 & 6

Thursday - Football training with Mr Wilkes - Years 4/5 & 6

If your child is interested in joining any of our Before & After school clubs, please contact the school office for more details.

Monday 8am - Dodgeball

Tuesday 8am - KS2 Gymnastics

Wednesday 8am - KS2 Multi-skills

Thursday 8am - KS1 Gymnastics

Friday 8am - Archery Club

Tuesday & Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm - Irish Dancing

Thursday 3.14-4.15 - Year 5&6 Netball

Friday 3.15-4.45pm - Years 1-4 Football

Our new caterers and lunch menu



The children have been delighted with our new lunch menu at school. Parents can continue to order their children's meals through ParentPay. Meals can be pre-ordered daily or weekly. Please remember to order before 8am. Pupils in Reception & KS1 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Dinners for KS2 pupils are £2.30 per day.

Pri1 Portrait Weekly October 2022 (deli line- No Meat Friday)

WEEK 1

Allergy information available on request

31st Oct, 21st Nov, 12th Dec, 2nd Jan, 23rd Jan, 13th Feb, 6th Mar, 27th Mar

MONDAY	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Vegetable Pilaf (v)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Apple Shortbread Fruit/Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Chicken and Vegetable Stew with a Filo Twist and Mashed Potatoes	Vegetarian Cottage Pie (v)	Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Autumn Fruit Crumble with Custard Fruit/Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Ruby Chocolate Cake Fruit/Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Meat Pizza	Veggie Pizza (v)	Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Fruit Jelly Fruit/Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Fish of the Day and Chips	Veggie Plait and Chips (v)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Deli Option with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Fruit with Custard Fruit/Yoghurt



Fresh seasonal salad and bread available daily. Fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily as an alternative to the dessert of the day.



WEEK 2

Allergy information available on request

7th Nov, 28th Nov, 19th Dec, 9th Jan, 30th Jan, 20th Feb, 13th Mar

MONDAY	Veggie Lasagne (v)	5 Bean Chilli Nachos (v)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Apple Cinnamon Loaf Fruit/Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Pork Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Fruit Jelly Fruit/Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Autumnal Iced Cake Fruit/Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Chicken Korma with Brown Rice	Vegetable Frittata with Salad (v)	Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Cookie Fruit/Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Fish of the Day and Chips	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Chips (v)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Deli Option with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Fruit with Custard Fruit/Yoghurt



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WEEK 3

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14th Nov, 5th Dec, 26th Dec, 16th Jan, 6th Feb, 27th Feb, 20th Mar

MONDAY	Vegan Sausage Roll with Wedges (v)	Sweet and Sour Veggie Noodles with Edamame (v)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Raspberry and Coconut Flapjack Fruit/Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Beef Bolognese with Pasta	Veggie Biryani (v)	Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard Fruit/Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with New Potatoes and Gravy	Vegan Quorn Fillet with New Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Jelly Fruit/Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Mild Beef Chilli Nachos with Brown Rice	Cheesy Baked Mediterranean Gnocchi (v)	Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fruit/Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Fish of the Day and Chips	Cheese Toastie and Chips (v)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Salmon Mayo or Coleslaw	Deli Option with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Fruit with Custard Fruit/Yoghurt



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Attendance



Congratulations to Year 3 who have achieved the highest attendance this week. You will receive an extra play time!

Attendance for the whole school for this week is 97.58%.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 97.95%

Year 1: 96.67%

Year 2: 97.33%

Year 3: 99.33%

Year 4: 98.21%

Year 5: 97.33%

Year 6: 96.21%

Please make sure your child is in school every day unless ill. Remember illnesses such as colds can be managed well with Calpol and although children can feel unwell first thing in a morning they do tend to brighten up during the day. We will always contact you if we are concerned that your child has become unwell throughout the day.

If there is no reason provided for your child's absence an unauthorised code is marked in the register. This will impact your child's overall attendance. Please contact school before 8.55am where possible and leave a message . If we are not aware of why your child is not in school we will try and contact you, if we are unable to contact the parent/carer we may call one of the other contacts on your child's records.

Please try to be as punctual as possible, we have noticed a small number of children are arriving late to school. If your child arrives after the close of the registration period (9.05am) this again is recorded as an unauthorised absence on the register and will affect your child's overall attendance figure. If your child arrives at school after 8.55am they MUST be accompanied by a parent/carer for signing in purposes.

In line with Government guidance all pupils who test positive for COVID-19 are recorded as ill in the register.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor - Monday to Friday 12.00pm-1.20pm term time only.

If you are interested or know of anyone who would be interested please contact the school office for more details.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals



If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,

We get an extra [£1,385 (for primary schools) / £985 (for secondary schools) – these figures are for the 2022/2023 financial year] for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please go to www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals

If you need further information, you can contact the Free School Meals Teams by:

Telephone - 01384 814988

Email - freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

Safeguarding



You can reach out to Mr Wilkes, Mrs McCole or Mrs Riley or any member of staff in school.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) for this school are:



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mr A. Wilkes



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs J. McCole



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs M Riley

Contact us



Mr Wilkes and Mrs McCole are available at the start and the end of the school day and can usually be contacted by telephone throughout the school day or a meeting arranged with a senior member of staff.

You will always receive a warm welcome at St Joseph's!

If you have any concerns or worries, no matter how small, please let us know so we can do everything we can to make things better and resolve your concerns. Never hesitate to get in touch. Thank you, as always, for your support.

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