



**ST JOSEPH'S**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

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Newsletter March 1st 2024

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## A message from our Principal



Dear parents and families,

I hope that you have all had a good week.

Our Young Voices choir had an incredible time at the Resorts World arena last Friday! They couldn't wait to tell me all about it on Monday - what an opportunity for them! Thank you to everyone who supported them, spectated and of course Mrs Cangiano for preparing the choir so well.

We have continued to speak about our Lenten journey this week and how we can be a blessing to others around us - just as God has blessed us with his son, Jesus. It has been really pleasing to see the children taking this on board with their actions and words around school. Many children are often seen by our prayer stop in school or in quiet reflection at break and lunchtime. We have also spoken about our Catholic Social Teaching responsibility of giving option to the poor. Our Caritas ambassadors decided that this year in Lent we will donate to Father Hudson's Care, who are a wonderful charity that provide for those in need across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The children have already started to show me envelopes full of coins - well done! Please could the envelopes be back in school by Tuesday 19th March as we are also planning to do something quite special with some of the coins raised before sending off our Lent donation. Further information about Father Hudson's Care can be found here - [Father Hudson's Care - Social Care Agency \(fatherhudsons.org.uk\)](http://fatherhudsons.org.uk) Thank you so much for your generosity.

Please also continue to follow the Walk With Me calendar to support your child on their Lenten journey.

This week we were visited by PC Kat Andrews who spoke to the children about a range of things - mostly focussing on stranger danger. The children really enjoy PC Kat's visits and have built up a good relationship with her. She also enjoys taking part in break duty - which is always very calm when she joins us!!

Next week of course is World Book Day - please see the information below about this excited day that many children (and teachers) look forward to. Also, our Instagram and Twitter pages are looking really good. Please keep an eye on them for a window into our exciting school. I am always proud to see the great opportunities that our children have and the wonderful learning that takes place - with our children the absolute heartbeat of all that takes place.

Have a great weekend.

## Parents' evening - Spring term

Our Spring term face to face parents' evenings are on Wednesday 13th March and Thursday 14th March. Both sessions are from 3:30-5:30pm. To book your place, please use Arbor - Guardian Consultations - Self-Scheduling period which will open on Monday 28th February at 12:00pm and close on Tuesday 12th March at 12:00pm. If you would prefer a telephone appointment please do make the office staff aware. Thank you.

Our school website is regularly updated. Please have a look here - [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Home \(st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk\)](http://St-Joseph's-Catholic-Primary-School-Stourbridge-Home-st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

## Updates:

**March TEN:TEN Newsletter** The March newsletter from Ten:Ten to support you with prayer at home [www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/)

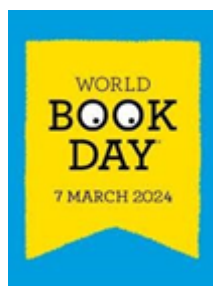
God bless

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal



World Book Day 2024



As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage pupil interest in reading, we will be celebrating **WORLD BOOK DAY** on **Thursday 7th March 2024**.

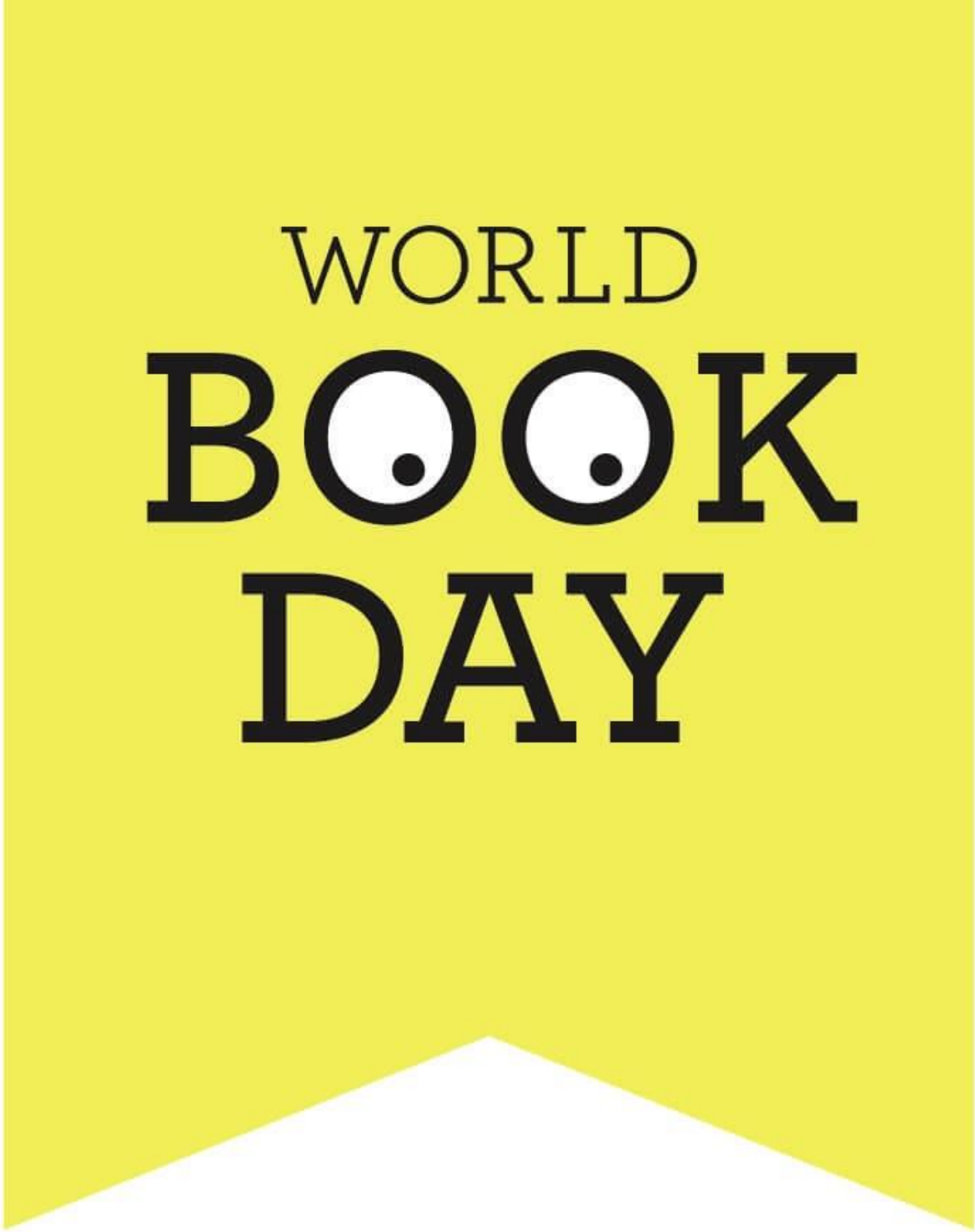
The theme for our celebration will be **'snuggling up with a book'** and we would, therefore, like your child to **wear their pyjamas, slippers and dressing gown (or anything that they feel 'comfy' in to settle down with a story)** to school that day **(plus trainers to wear outside)** and to bring along their **favourite bedtime story** to share with their friends and teachers.

We will also be holding another **Book Swap**. We would, therefore, like to invite all pupils of to bring in a book or books of good condition that they no longer want for the **Whole School Book Swap on 7th March**. Books should be brought into school **between Monday 4th March and Wednesday 6th March** and placed in the bags in each classroom.

Once they bring in their book(s), each child's name will be recorded and they will be given one token, or more, depending on the number of books they bring in. This can be 'spent' at the book sale on Thursday 2nd March 2023. **No money will be needed, as it is a swapping event.**

As we cannot guarantee that there will be a book that your child desires at the book swap, we urge them to only bring in books that they are happy to give away. These must be in a good condition to be enjoyed by a lucky new owner.

## World Book Day Competition



# WORLD BOOK DAY

This year we would also like the children to get creative and turn a wooden spoon into their favourite book character. Have a look at some of the examples below for inspiration. **Entries should be brought into school on 7th March.** There will be book linked prizes for each key stage.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.



## Catholic Social Teaching





Our Caritas Ambassadors took time out of their lunch to write Easter Cards for the people of the Parish. ***Our Lenten fundraising has also been decided on by the Caritas ambassadors - please see below!***







*1 - Our Caritas ambassadors reading prayers from the prayer stop in school. During the Year of Prayer we are all encouraged to spend time alone with God.*

If you are shopping in Tesco Stourbridge or Amblecote, please ask for a blue token and pop it in the collection point to support school!



Working with  

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

**Outdoor Learning Area**

Developing our outdoor area to improve our children's learning. We would like to plant a vegetable garden so children can see, be involved with and eat their own produce.

Stourbridge

until 31 March 2024 

Vote in-store until 31 March 2024 





*2 - Father Hudson's Care - your child has been provided with a white plastic envelope to fill up with coins donated by relatives and friends to raise money for Father Hudson's Care, who are supporting the vulnerable and those in need across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We also have a plan in place to do something quite special with some of the coins raised during the last week of term before we send our Lenten almsgiving to Father Hudson's Care. Watch this space!*



*3 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY*

*Twitter @StJoStourbridge*

Our Lady and All Saints Church welcomes you! **Mass Times - Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am.** Latest newsletter [OLAS-Bulletin-25th-February-2024.pdf](#) February scripture

commentary [OLAS-SCRIPTURE-COMMENTARIES-FEBRUARY-2023-1.pdf](#) Lent service sheet [Lent-2024-Service-Sheet.pdf \(olas.org.uk\)](#)



### Children's liturgy - 3rd Sunday of Lent John 2:13-25



Jesus arrived in Jerusalem for a feast called Passover and went to the Temple. There he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, which the people used as offerings to God. There were also many

money-changers, so that pilgrims from different lands could change their money and buy the offerings.

Why do you think that seeing all this made Jesus angry?

The Temple was where people went to say prayers, but some people were buying and selling things instead. They were trying to make money from people's faith in God. They stopped the Temple being a quiet place where people could talk to God, and turned it into a market.

Jesus drove the traders all out of the Temple. How do you think all the people felt when they saw this?

Jesus was standing up for what he believed in. He saw something that he did not think was fair or right and so he acted to change the situation.

Can you think of some things that you have seen that are unfair or which are not right?

For example have you seen people being unkind to others or not treating other people as they should? What did you do about it?

Do you think it is fair that some people work very hard but do not earn enough money for the things that they need? Or that some people do not have enough food to eat?

What do you do when you see something that you know is wrong or unfair? What can you do to change the things in the world that are unfair?

One way of doing this is by buying Fairtrade goods. Sometimes the people who make or grow the things we buy don't earn enough money to live on or buy food for their families. When we buy Fairtrade tea or coffee or bananas or chocolate we know that the people who grew and produced these things are being paid a fair wage and are able to make enough money to feed their families.

What will you do this week to make the world a fairer place and how will you stand up for what you believe in?

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may be strong in standing up for what it believes and may help to build a fairer world. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all people who grow the food we eat around the world: that they may get a fair price for all their hard work. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may follow Jesus's example and never be afraid to stand up for what is right and fair. Lord, in your mercy...

**Closing prayer:** Christ Jesus, show us how to be brave enough to stand up for what is right and fair. Give us the courage to change the things we know are wrong and help us to make the world a fairer place together with our brothers and sisters around the world. Amen.



Reflection adapted from Cafod children's liturgy

The Wednesday Word- [Enthusiasm - Magazine - Page 1 \(paperturn-view.com\)](http://www.paperturn-view.com)



## 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 Friday afternoon to discuss their achievements. Well done children for your hard work and commitment to our school values.

Due to tomorrow's inset day for teachers, Gifts from God will return after the half term break.

Gospel values

Good work



Reception	Grace	Penny R
Year 1	Tommy	James
Year 2	Whole class	Harry
Year 3	Jackson	Frasier
Year 4	Orlaith	Seb
Year 5	Theo & Jack	Callum
Year 6	Emilia	Riley

## Arts Ambassadors



### Arts Ambassadors

Our KS2 Arts Ambassadors are excited about leading a lunchtime craft club, starting after half term. We've had an overwhelming response so there are no spaces left for Craft Club in Spring 2 or Summer 1. If your child is in KS2 and would like a place, please register their interest so that their name can be added to the Summer 2 club.



**Updates:**

Girls football - Our Year 5 and Year 6 girls football team have completed their league, finishing second. This means they have qualified for the regional finals in May - well done girls! The girls played 6 games, winning 3 and drawing three. They scored 9 goals and didn't concede a single goal!

Boys football - boys can join in football training on a Wednesday lunchtime (weather permitted!) and their league will begin in the spring. We are exploring further boys football training on an evening after school and will have some information to communicate soon.

## Y5/6 Dudley Girls Football

Tuesday 27th February 2024				
FIXTURE 1				RESULTS
Pitch 1	Hob Green	V	Amblecote	0-0
Pitch 2	Peters Hill	V	St Joseph's	0-0
Pitch 3	Rufford	V	St James	0-2
FIXTURE 2				
Pitch 1	St James	V	Peters Hill	0-0
Pitch 2	St Joseph's	V	Hob Green	2-0
Pitch 3	Amblecote	V	Ham Dingle	1-1
FIXTURE 3				
Pitch 1	Rufford	V	Hob Green	0-6
Pitch 2	Amblecote	V	Peters Hill	0-2
Pitch 3	Ham Dingle	V	St James	0-2

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Hob Green	6	4	1	1	13	2	13
St Joseph's	6	3	3	0	9	0	12
Peters Hill	6	3	2	1	7	1	11
St James	6	3	2	1	4	4	11
Amblecote	6	0	4	2	1	3	4
Ham Dingle	6	0	2	4	1	10	2
Rufford	6	0	2	4	0	15	2

## Attendance



Congratulations to **Year 4** 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: 95.6%

Year 1: 96.7%

Year 2: 96.7%

Year 3: 98.7%

Year 4: 100%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 97.3%

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.

## Diary Dates 2023-24



\*Please note all term dates are available on the calendar section of the school website

\*Please note a minor change to parents' evenings dates

[St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Calendar \(st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk\)](http://st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

Wednesday 6th March - Year 4 Stay & Pray - 9.10am (Year 4 parents welcome)

Wednesday 6th March - Year 3 Mass - 2:30pm (Year 3 parents welcome)

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day! (Dress in pyjamas or 'comfy' clothes to settle down with a story)

Friday 8th March - Catholic Social Teaching sharing assembly (parents welcome)

Wednesday 13th March - 3:30pm-5:30pm Parents' evening night 2

Wednesday 13th March - Year 4 and Year 6 confession - 1:20pm

Thursday 14th March - 3:30pm-5:30pm Parents' evening night 2

Thursday 14th March - Year 5 and Year 6 confession - 1:20pm

Thursday 14th March - Y4/Y5 taking part in 'Sugar Swap'

Friday 15th March - Year 5 to Stations of the Cross at Hagley Catholic High School

Friday 15th March - St Patrick's Day - Own clothes / Irish Dancing from 2:30pm

Tuesday 19th March - St Joseph's Day

Wednesday 20th March - Year 6 serving senior parish lunches - 1pm

Thursday 21st March - Year 3 Easter performance 'The Three Trees' - 2:10pm (parents welcome)

**Friday 22nd March - final day of the spring term - Mass (Holy Week) - 9:10am**

Monday 8th April - School reopens for the start of the summer term

Friday 12th April - Whole School Mass - 9:10am

Wednesday 17th April - Year 6 serving senior Parish lunches - 1pm

Tuesday 23rd April - St George's Day - children in Red and White

Wednesday 24th April - St Mark's House Mass - 2:20pm

**Rosary Group each Wednesday lunchtime in May**

Wednesday 1st May - St Joseph's Day and Mass - 2:20pm (parents welcome)

Wednesday 8th May -Year 2 Stay & Pray 9.10am (Year 2 parents welcome)

Whole School Mass - 2:30pm (parents welcome)

Monday 13th-Thursday 16th May - Y6 SATs week

Wednesday 15th May - Year 1 stay and pray - 9:10am (Year 1 parents welcome)

Wednesday 15th May - Year 6 serving senior Parish lunches - 1pm

Wednesday 22nd May - Whole School May procession - 2:20pm

Wednesday 22nd May - Friday 24th May Year 5 Alton Castle retreat residential

**Friday 24th May - school closes for the end of the first half of the summer term**

Monday 3rd June - school reopens for the second half of the summer term 2

Monday 3rd June - Year 3 trip to Bishops Wood

Wednesday 5th June-Friday 7th June - Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes

Wednesday 5th June - Year 5 class Mass - 2:30pm (Year 5 parents welcome)

Monday 10th June - Reception class trip to Bodenham Arboretum

Wednesday 19th June - Reception stay and pray - 9:10am (Reception parents welcome)

Wednesday 19th June - Year 6 serving senior parish lunches - 1pm

Wednesday 19th June - Year 6 class Mass (Year 6 parents welcome)

Monday 24th June - National sports week

**Sports days to take place on Tuesday 25th June. KS1 9:15-10:30am, KS2 11:00-12:30pm**

Thursday 27th June - Y6 , Y1 and Reception smoothie making

Thursday 27th June - 5:30pm new Reception parents (September 2024) induction evening

Friday 28th June - Catholic Social Teaching sharing assembly - - 2:30pm (parents welcome)

Saturday July 6th at 12:00pm - Year 4 Holy Communion at Our Lady and All Saints Church

Wednesday 10th July - Whole School Mass - 2:20pm (parents welcome)

Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 serving senior parish lunches

Thursday 18th July - Leavers' assembly and Prize giving



Friday 19th July - school closes for the summer holidays

**Monday 22nd July - School closed for children (Inset day)**

## Curriculum



Have you seen the curriculum area on our school website? It is full of information about the progression of key knowledge and skills that our children learn throughout their time at school. Our curriculum is designed to ensure that the precise knowledge and skills are learnt and reinforced so that the children develop a wide schema (web of knowledge) and are able to know more and remember more during their time at school and are prepared for their next stage in education.

Ofsted agreed that we are continuing to develop an ambitious curriculum so that in all areas the children are able to achieve well and use the techniques that they have been taught to tackle a variety of challenges. Our curriculum is rooted in the teachings of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teachings so we make links with the children's learning to areas such as caring for our world, the dignity of workers, developments for the common good and more.

To bring the curriculum to life, we also plan for educational visits and visitors that enrich learning further.

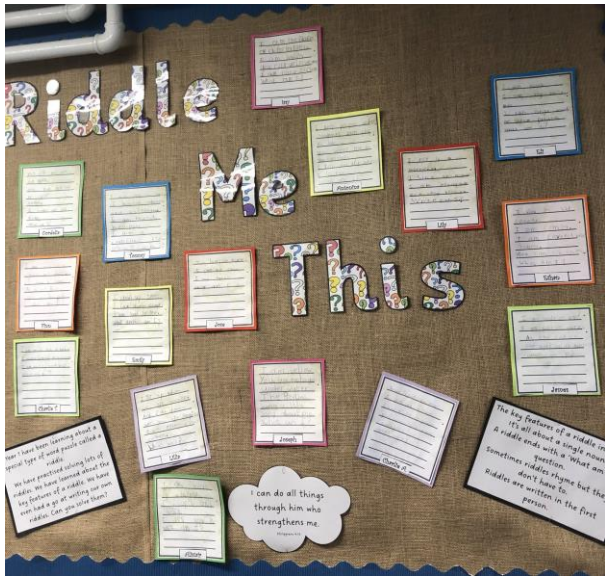
You can view your child's learning in all areas at the link below.

[St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Curriculum Plans \(st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk\)](http://st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)











PTA updates- Please scroll through the images below for a host of updates from our wonderful PTA.



OUTDOOR ACTION DAYS - Saturday 2nd March & Saturday 9th March - 9.30am onwards.

Please join us to help tidy & improve our school grounds.

We'd like to thank the Parishioners who came along to join us last year and to help us make such important transformations to outdoor spaces at school. It was a resounding success.... but there is more to do! So please come and join us this year. The sense of community felt at last years action day was fantastic.. helped along by the tea and cakes of course!

This year we hope to conclude the painting on the school's gates and car park boundaries, refine the memorial garden and relocate flora for a rock garden, clear weeds in the garden club zone and sow new seeds, relocate and stock the outdoor miniature library as well as transform the KS1 outdoor space with a vibrant wall mural. We'd also like to erect fencing, add decorative elements and learning tools and create pathways with defined borders to the outdoor learning area. We have a mini greenhouse and mini shed to build and the willow nest to reweave. Last but not least we have to paint our new outdoor classroom with wood stain to preserve it.

We need gardening utensils, paintbrushes, trays, screwdrivers, brooms, hammers and ladders to use on the day. If you happen to have any top soil, wood chippings, white wood paint or wood stain that you no longer need, we'd love to put them to good use at school!

We hope to see you there, EM, Marie and the PTA team.





# Mother's Day

## GIFT SHOP

We'd love to invite you to take part in this years Mother's Day Gift Shop to help our little ones treat someone special!

**FRIDAY 8TH MARCH**

To help us stock the shop, please provide a small gift, brand new or re-gifted, to be brought into school by Wednesday 6th March, along with a preloved giftbag.

You can then purchase a 'Gift Voucher' for £2 via Parent Pay which your child can exchange in our shop for a gift they think you'll love... and we'll even help them wrap it!

Wishing you all a wonderful Mother's Day... You deserve it!

XXX TEAM PTA XXX





ST. JOSEPHS PTA PRESENT

Feeling  
**LUCKY**

**QUIZ  
NIGHT**

FRIDAY 15th MARCH

6.45 PM UNTIL 8.30 PM

**BAR & SNACKS**

TICKETS £2 - ON PARENT PAY!

# TESCO



We have blue token collection boxes in Tesco's Stourbridge, Oldswinford & Audnam until March 31st. Please encourage friends and family to pop their tokens in our box, donations will be used to improve our outdoor spaces. We could be awarded up to £1500!

## BREAKING NEWS

WE'VE SECURED AN AMAZING DEAL ON A PRE-LOVED OUTDOOR CLASSROOM FOR THE RECEPTION AREA BUT WE NEED HELP TO COLLECT FROM STAFFORD AND REASSEMBLE THIS FRI & SAT. IF YOU CAN HELP, IN ANY CAPACITY, PLEASE LET PTA KNOW.



## TICKERS

Don't forget, if you're buying kid's watches, use our discount code STJOESPTA for 10% discount for you & another 10% will be donated to PTA! WWW.TICKERS.CO.UK

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

VALENTINES DISCO  
THURS 8TH FEB

Does your employer offer fund matching or community helping hands? Please let us know if so!



PTA MEETING  
MON 26TH MARCH  
OLD WHITE HORSE, 7PM  
ALL WELCOME!

MOTHERS DAY SHOP  
FRI 8TH MARCH

ST. PATRICK'S DAY QUIZ  
FRI 15TH MARCH

OUTDOOR ACTION DAYS  
SAT 2ND MARCH  
SAT 9TH MARCH  
PLEASE JOIN US TO HELP TIDY & IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE WHAT WE ACHIEVED LAST YEAR!

JOECHELLA  
ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL SUMMER FESTIVAL  
SAT 13TH JULY

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Hello St. Joseph's Families,

As we start a new year, we wanted to reach out to share our plans for 2024, and look back on some of our achievements in 2023. In every 2023 saw amazing generosity from the St. Joseph's community, which helped us raise an incredible £6183.95 and have a lot of fun along the way! See inside for our planned spending for Spring 2024, we're pleased to be achieving a great selection of opportunities that will benefit all pupils.

It's not all about fundraising though, we also help drive improvements around school, further enriching the school environment. The school community came together last spring and made some epic changes to our outdoor spaces, we'll be doing it all again in March so please see dates for your diaries made, friends & families are very welcome - The more hands the better (and we'll even treat you to tea and biscuits!)

Thank you to those of you that completed our recent survey, the results told us that you'd like money spent on inspirational visitors, classroom extras & outdoor equipment. You feel most likely to support Joechella, Christmas Raffle & Discos. An extra thank you to those that put forward ideas & additional feedback - And we really appreciated the kind compliments many of you offered.

We look forward to a great 2024!

Marie, Em & the whole PTA!

## A NOTE FROM MR WILKES



I was delighted to be asked to write a few lines for the newsletter to express my thanks and gratitude for all that you do for our children and school.

Over the last year a number of successful events and projects have taken place that have been led by the PTA. The Valentines disco, mother and fathers' day sales, Joechella, the outdoor action day, spooky disco and fantastic Christmas raffle among many others have been fun for all and ensured a great amount of money has been raised - all of which has gone to further enriching the learning experience of the children at St Joseph's.

St Joseph's is blessed with a wonderful PTA - The best that I have worked with in my career as a teacher.

The generosity of parents and family members towards PTA events greatly supports the school to achieve our aims of providing the best start in life for the children and community we serve. All parents in school become a member of the PTA when their child starts at St Joseph's. Where possible, please do try to attend the meetings and approach a current member if you wish to become further involved as all support, skills and time given is very much appreciated and extremely rewarding.

On behalf of the teachers, support staff and governors, thank you.

## JOIN US!

We're always thrilled to have more people join us, whether you wish to be a full member, or just dip in to certain events, we'd really appreciate the help in whatever capacity you feel able to offer. We do have the specific roles below that we are currently looking to fill, please let your Class Rep know if you'd like to get involved.

**SECRETARY** After several years, Eleanor will be stepping back from the role as secretary. Key duties include admin of our charity, ensuring all documentation is current & correct. We wish to thank Eleanor for the amazing work she's done for the PTA, but don't worry, she'll still very much be part of the team!

**GRANTS APPLICATION OFFICERS** There are a number of grants we can apply for though out the school year, we have one member of PTA looking at opportunities, but with more people, we can apply for more grants!



## FOLLOW US!

Are you following our Facebook group?

If not, search St. Joseph's PTA or scan our QR code below...



Or get in touch with your PTA by email: stjoepta@stourbridge@hotmail.com



## WHAT YOU HELPED US TO RAISE IN AUTUMN...

The revenue from the events bought our 2023 fundraising to £6183.95!



## AND HOW THAT WILL BE SPENT...

Our spending agreements for Spring, with be plenty more to come throughout the year!

£600 We've purchased rocks, specialist paints & varnish to allow each child to paint a rock which will be installed in the Remembrance Garden.

£500 World Religion Artefact Boxes, giving children hands on experience with cultural artefacts from all 4 corners of the globe.

£320 School are planning an incredible day of music with a visit from a musician running a whole-school Drumming & Percussion Workshop.

£600 We've paid for additional bespoke seating in the woodland area, and ground clearance, ready for the children to get out there in Spring!

£250 We'll again be funding feathered friends for the children in Spring, this year it's ducklings! Children will get to egg-sperience the ducklings hatching in the classroom.

£175 We'll be funding materials for a mini-makeover of the Intervention Room. As well as the kind donation of a wall mural, we'll be adding beautiful wallpaper and accessories.

£100 An out of this world experience, we're bringing a mobile planetarium in to school! Children will get the opportunity to visit outer space from the comfort of the school hall!

£200 'Love Yourself' A confidence-boosting workshop for Years 5 & 6.

£125 A fish & chip lunch for Year 6 Confirmation lunch - Thanks Norton Fisheries!

£80 Compasses and O.S. maps to help children develop their orienteering skills.



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION THANK YOU'S

Thank you so much to all the local businesses who so generously donated prizes to our Christmas raffle, please keep them in mind throughout the year!

### HEALTH & BEAUTY

HAIR BY ABBIE - 07976 944362  
KAT AT ESTEEM - 07780 476835  
SCRATCH SALON - SCRATCHNAILANDBEAUTYSALON.CO.UK  
ELYSIUM BEAUTY - BEAUTYATELYSIUM@HOTMAIL.COM  
RESOLVE & RESTORE - RESOLVEANDRESTORE.CO.UK  
STOURBRIDGE TENNIS CLUB - TENNIS-SQUASH.CO.UK

### DAYS OUT

LOWER DRAYTON FARM - LOWERDRAYTONFARM.CO.UK  
HARTLEBURY CASTLE - HARTLEBURYCASTLE.COM  
WEST MIDLANDS SAFARI PARK - WMSPCO.UK  
CANNON RACEWAY - CANNONRACEWAY.CO.UK

### NIGHTS OUT

THE OLD WHITE HORSE - EMBERINNS.CO.UK  
THE CROWN AT IVERLY - THECROWNATIVERLEY.CO.UK  
BROCKENCOTE HALL - BROCKENCOTEHALL.COM  
THE HOLLY BUSH - THEHOLLYBUSHGORCOTTBILL.CO.UK  
WOLVERHAMPTON GRAND - GRANDTHEATRE.CO.UK  
GRILL IT - GRILL-IT.CO.UK

### NIGHTS IN

NICKOLLS & PERKS - NICKOLLSANDPERKS.COM  
MAJESTIC WINE - MAJESTIC.CO.UK  
NORTON FISHERIES - NORTONFISHERIES.CO.UK

### GIFTS

LAURA ELIZABETH - LAURAEELIZBETHFASHION.COM  
TIKKERS KIDS WATCHES - TIKKERS.CO.UK  
STACY HAMMOND - STACYHAMMOND.COM

### HOME & GARDEN

THE LOG MEN - LOGMENWESTMIDLANDS.CO.UK  
LIVING STYLED - LIVINGSTYLED.CO.UK  
WEBSTERS OF WOLLASTON - WEBSTERSOFWOLLASTON.COM  
MR MURALS - MRMURALS.COM  
ROOTS ALLOTMENTS - ROOTSALLOTMENTS.COM  
... AND EVERYTHING ELSE!  
GET GLITZ - WWW.GETGLITZ.CO.UK  
FRB DANCE ACADEMY - @THEFRBACADEMY  
CUP COFFEE SHOP - CUPCOFFEESHOP.CO.UK  
DELI IN THE VILLAGE - DELIINTHEVILLAGE.CO.UK  
BABY SLEEP THE NIGHT - BABYSLEEPTHENIGHT.COM

**CAN YOU HELP?** We're already thinking ahead to prizes for the 2024 Christmas raffle! Are you affiliated with a business that may be able to donate, or sponsor a prize? Please keep the raffle in mind throughout the year, not only is it one of your favourite events, it's also one of our biggest fundraisers, and the better the prizes, the more money we'll raise together!

### THANK YOU TO...

The winners of the Mr. Mural voucher who kindly donated it back to school, we'll be having a mural in the Intervention Room.



Mr. Dulson & the boys of Rosewood School for the outdoor library, coming soon!



Hollywood Monster for the awesome prints transforming our Library Lodge!



Discover U & an incredibly generous school family for our awesome homes for bugs, birds and even hedgehogs!

Superstar DJ, Rob Jackson for keeping us all entertained at our P.T.A. events.



*4 - Thank you to the PTA for purchasing the new outdoor classroom in our Reception outdoor area. The children absolutely love using it!*

## **PE Timetable - Spring second half of the term**



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

(Please remember Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 that PE kits remain in school and are sent home at half term)



Reception Class - Friday

Year 1 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2 - Monday & Tuesday

Year 3 - Thursday & Friday

Year 4 - Monday & Friday (Swimming)

Year 5 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 6 - Wednesday & Friday

## Clubs



Lunchtime Clubs:

Tuesday - Cross Country - Years 4/5 & 6



Wednesday - Y6 leading 'Mindfulness group'

Wednesday - Y5/Y6 boys and girls football training on the field. Please bring change of kit and trainers

Thursday - Year 2 - 6 Choir (Mrs Cangiano)

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

Monday 3:25-4:25pm - DPA Drums

Tuesday 8am - KS2 Gymnastics (R&B) -spaces available

Wednesday 8am - Dodgeball - Years 1-6 (Mark Bennett)

Thursday 8am - KS1 Gymnastics (RB)

Thursday 3.15-4.15pm - Years 4 -6 Netball

Friday 8am - Archery Club - Years 1-6 (Mark Bennett)

Friday 3.15-4.45pm - Years 1-4 Football (Your sport)

Tuesday & Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm - Irish Dancing

## Our school lunch menu



Meals can be pre-ordered daily or weekly on the new School Food United app, details were emailed out to all parents on Monday 27th February. 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.

School Menu- Spring term





**WEEK 1**

Allergy information available on request

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main</b>				
Margherita Pizza (v)	Cottage Pie	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Crispy Beef Noodles	Fish and Chips
<b>Vegetarian</b>				
Teriyaki Noodles with Edamame (v)	Shepherdess Pie (v)	Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Cheese and Tomato Quesadilla with Mexican Rice (v)	Veggie Nuggets and Chips (v)
<b>3rd Options</b>				
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
<b>Deli</b>				
Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese
Hot Seasonal Vegetables				
Iced Carrot Cake	Flapjack	Plum Pudding Cake	Jelly Crunch Pot	Apple Crumble and 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.

30th Oct, 20th Nov, 11th Dec, 1st Jan, 22nd Jan, 12th Feb, 4th Mar, 25th Mar



**WEEK 2**

Allergy information available on request

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main</b>				
Macaroni Cheese (v)	Pork Sausage and Mashed Potatoes	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Fish and Chips
<b>Vegetarian</b>				
Mild Chickpea Coconut Curry with Rice (v)	Vegan Sausage and Mashed Potatoes (v)	Roasted Vegetable Tart with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Veggie Curry with Rice (v)	Cheese Toastie and Chips (v)
<b>3rd Options</b>				
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
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Hot Seasonal Vegetables				
Vegan Sweet Potato and Ginger Cake	Fruit Shortbread	Cinnamon Toast Bake	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie	Fruit Jelly
Fruit/Yoghurt				

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

6th Nov, 27th Nov, 18th Dec, 8th Jan, 29th Jan, 19th Feb, 11th Mar



Allergy information available on request

13th Nov, 4th Dec, 25th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb, 26th Feb, 18th Mar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main</b>				
Ratatouille Pasta Bake (v)	Meat Feast Pizza	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Gyros	Fish and Chips
<b>Vegetarian</b>				
Korean Cauliflower with Rice (v)	Veggie Pizza (v)	Mediterranean Gnocchi Bake (v)	Mushroom and Spinach Enchilada (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel with Chips (v)
<b>3rd Options</b>				
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Salmon Mayo or Coleslaw
<b>Deli</b>				
Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese
Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables
Sticky Orange Cake	Gainsborough Tart	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Cinnamon Fruit Pudding	Chocolate Mousse
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

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





## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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**

# Dudley Early Help Strategy





#### 5 - National Online Safety

*Please do sign up to this fantastic resource which we also use regularly in school. All schools within Emmaus have been provided with this opportunity to support online safety of our children. I have resent the sign up letter to all parents today.*

*Within school, we are able to see which courses that you have completed, but not any other details. Please ensure that you select the 'parent/carer' user group when you sign up. <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-joseph-s-catholic-primary-school-8> There are lots of resources, guides and webinars to support you to keep your child safe online.*



6 - Please scan for our Instagram page.

Twitter @StJoStourbridge



## 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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