



ST JOSEPH'S
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Newsletter March 3rd 2023

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents,

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break with your families. It was great to see all of the children back in school on Monday, ready for what is always a short yet very busy term as we move ever closer to the renewal of spring. It has been a busy start to the 2nd half of the spring term as we begin our Lenten journey.

In Wednesday's beautiful whole school Mass, Father Philip reminded us of the importance of prayer this Lent and that Jesus should be our guide and the centre of our journey as we Pray, Fast and Give. Our children wrote Lent promises which were displayed with a candle in sand in front of the Altar and prayed, read and sang beautifully. I was so pleased to receive the following feedback from a parent, 'Beautiful singing and praying. What a wonderful school, all praying together.'

Today, of course, we have celebrated World Book Day - this is always a fun filled event at school that promotes a love of reading. The children looked most comfy in their pyjamas and I hope that they enjoyed the day. Thank you for donating books for the book swap which was really well supported and received.

Year 3 have also been visited by a local artist today - Ella Flavell - She taught the children about the history of print making and demonstrated some of the printing techniques that the children have been learning about recently. You can find Ella's work by searching "Burin and Plate" on Instagram. What a great way to bring our art curriculum to life! I hope you enjoyed the visit Year 3, and keep our eyes peeled everyone, as there are further plans for artists to visit us in the near future!

Finally, our Year 5 children have created their own 'pop up museum' in the entrance area showcasing their projects and learning in their history topic - The Ancient Greeks! Have a look as you come to parents' evening over the next couple of weeks at the impact of their learning in this topic area. Well done Year 5!

Have a great weekend

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal



1 - Please scan for our Instagram page.

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

Children's liturgy – Second Sunday of Lent

Matthew (17: 1-9)



Jesus goes to the top of a mountain with Peter, James and John. When he gets there his appearance changes – his face and clothes shine with light. How do you think James and John feel when they see this?

A voice comes from a cloud, saying: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Whose voice do you think this is? How do you think the disciples feel when they hear God's voice?

The disciples are very afraid but Jesus tells them not to be and everything looks normal again.

Have you ever heard God's voice talking to you? How do you think you can try to listen to God? Do we need to climb a mountain?

We can hear God's voice when we stop and pray. When we make time for God in our lives. And when we make the right choices in how we treat others.

The disciples' lives are changed by what happened on the mountain. They now know just how special Jesus really is – that he is God's Son. They have seen his face shine like the sun and they have heard God speak to them.

Our lives are changed by Jesus too. Jesus lives in all of us. He asks us to always try to do what is right, to stand up for what we believe in and to help other people. Jesus calls us to show God's love to others.

Our love for one another can also shine out like the sun, as we treat all people as we would like to be treated by others.

People all around the world are different but they were all made by God. Every person is unique and special.

What will you do this Lent to listen to God and to make sure your love for other people shines out like the sun?

Jesus' appearance was changed on the mountain. As we try to change our lives and the lives of others, we pray together...

We pray for all world leaders: that they may follow Jesus' example and make decisions that will change our world for the better. Lord, hear us...

We pray for people who are poor around the world: that they may feel supported by others as they work to build a better future for themselves and their families.

Lord, hear us...

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may see Jesus in all people we meet and let our love shine out in all that we do. Lord, hear us...

Closing prayer: God of love, help us to be like your Son, and make a real difference to the lives of our global family. Amen.

Reflection adapted from Cafod children's liturgy

We are joining CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!



Our school community will join thousands of others to help fight extreme poverty.

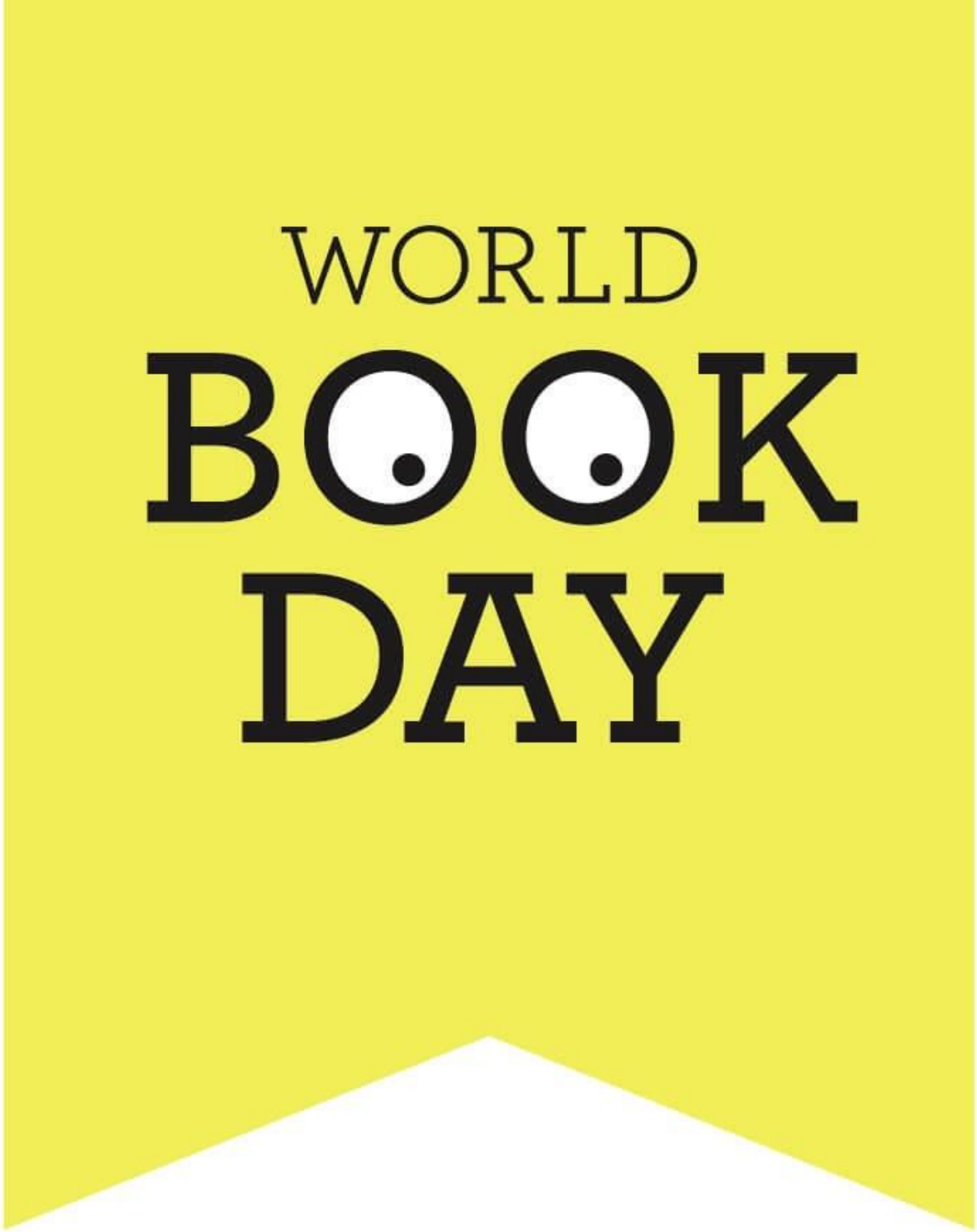
We will be walking a Kilometre a day during the week commencing Monday 13th March. All children have received a letter with information and a sponsorship form.

By continuing to put Catholic Social Teaching into action, we are showing our commitment to living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor and creating a legacy for the future.

CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Further details at cafod.org.uk/walk/

World Book Day 2023



WORLD
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Dear parents,

As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage pupil interest in reading, today we celebrated WORLD BOOK DAY!

Thank you for all of the donations towards the book swap which a huge success.

Please keep your eye on our social media channels for further updates on how the day was spent sharing a love of reading.

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 Tuesday 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		
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6		

Due to World Book Day taking part today the next Gifts from God Assembly is next week.

Diary Dates - Spring term



Please note the following diary dates for Spring

Tuesday 7th March and Tuesday 14th March - parents' evening 3:30 - 5:30pm (Please sign up using Arbor. Our school caterers will also be available in the hall for tasting sessions)

Wednesday 8th March - Year 2 Mass (parents welcome) 2:10pm

Monday 13th March - Big Lent Walk begins. 1km per day walk on each day this week to raise money for Cafod

Wednesday 15th March - Year 5 supporting with Parish senior lunches

Wednesday 15th March - Year 1 Mass (parents welcome) 2:10pm

Friday 17th March - Whole School Mass (parents welcome) 9:10am

Saturday 18th March - St Joseph's leading Mass at OLAS 5:00pm

Monday 20th March - St Joseph's Feast Day celebrations in school

Wednesday 29th March - end of KS1 assessment information evening for parents (3:30pm)

Thursday 30th March - end of KS2 assessment information evening for parents (3:30pm)

Thursday 30th March - Micro artist Graham Short is visiting St Joseph's with his latest creation 'The Lord's prayer on the eye of a needle'

Friday 31st March - Whole School Mass (parents welcome) 9:10am

Friday 31st March - End of spring term

*Further dates to be added

PTA updates



We are very lucky to benefit from such an active and passionate PTA - thank you for your ongoing support to our school!

<https://bearbookshop.co.uk/shop>



WE NOW HAVE A WISHLIST OF BOOKS HELD BY BEAR BOOK SHOP. THE LIST FEATURES TITLES OUR TEACHERS WOULD **LOVE** TO ADD TO THEIR BOOKSHELVES!

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO CONSIDER PURCHASING A BOOK FOR OUR SCHOOL COLLECTION, PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW.

PE Timetable



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

Reception Class - Friday

Year 1 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 2 - Monday & Tuesday

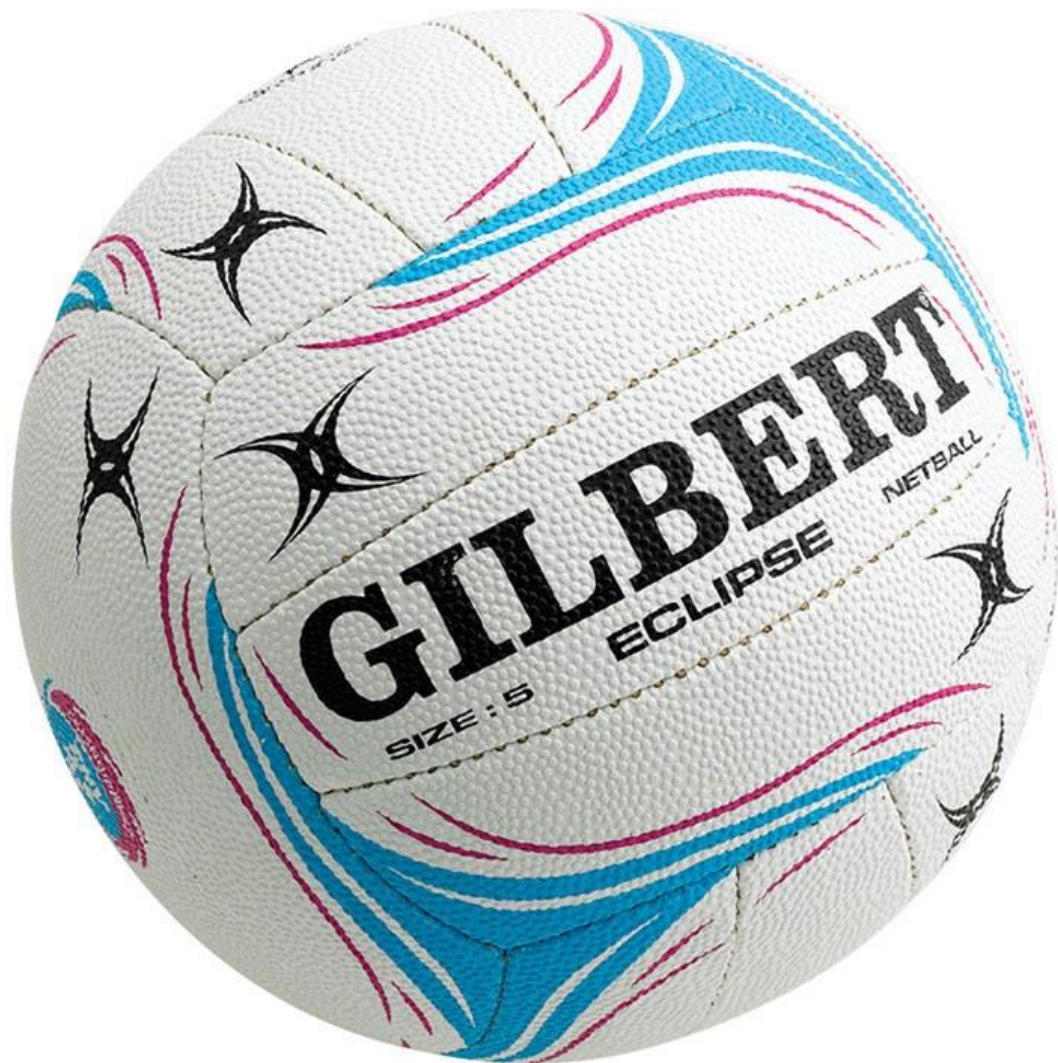
Year 3 - Thursday & Friday

Year 4 - Thursday (Swim) & Friday

Year 5 - Wednesday & Thursday

Year 6 - Monday & Wednesday

Clubs



Lunchtime Clubs:

Monday - KS2 Choir (Mrs Cangiano)

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

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

Friday - KS1 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 8am - Dodgeball

Tuesday 8am - KS2 Gymnastics

Wednesday 8am - KS2 Multi-skills

Thursday 8am - KS1 Gymnastics

Thursday 3.15-4.15 - Year 5&6 Netball

Friday 8am - Archery Club

Friday 3.15-4.45pm - Years 1-4 Football

Tuesday & Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm - Irish Dancing

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 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.

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

DAY	MEAL 1	MEAL 2	MEAL 3	MEAL 4	MEAL 5	DESSERT
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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Allergy information available on request

WEEK 3

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

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 5 who have achieved the highest attendance this week. You will receive an extra play time!

Attendance for the whole school for this week is 96.24%.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 94.5%

Year 1: 97%

Year 2: 96.3%

Year 3: 95.7%

Year 4: 95.9%

Year 5: 98.7%

Year 6: 95%

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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