



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter February 2nd 2024

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents,

I hope that you have all had a good week. Today we have welcomed Canon Paul McNally, Episcopal Vicar for the Pastoral Area of North Staffordshire, Stafford, Lichfield and Walsall, and Dudley and Wolverhampton, into school to meet with our wonderful Year 6 children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in church this evening. Canon Paul ate lunch with the children and spoke with them in depth about their spiritual journey and understanding of the importance of this important step in their lives as a Catholic. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the most special moments in our pupils' lives; Please remember them in your prayers this evening. I remember receiving this Sacrament myself when I was in Year 6 and feeling such immense pride at receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I know our Year 6 children and families will feel the same pride this evening. As an aside, Canon Paul celebrated my First Holy Communion a number of years ago when I was at Primary School in Birmingham - it was lovely to welcome him to our school today!

I would like to thank Canon Paul, Father Philip, Mrs McCole, Mrs Hickman and Mr Thomas (Parish youth worker) and of course all of our families for preparing the children and making this celebration such a success.

PE Kit:

Please could I politely remind parents of our school policy in regards to PE kit (see page 5 of our uniform policy available on our website here - <https://st-josephs.dudley.sch.uk/Files/Download/611db1aa-e36d-47bf-9425-bd90602d386a/83bd28b0-21b0-4b71-a6b5-5a33080b7e00/St%20Joseph's%20Uniform%20Policy.pdf>).

Children should have blue shorts or plain grey, navy or black tracksuit bottoms (please not sports leggings with logos or combat style bottoms).

Children should also have a white t shirt (with school logo if possible) and their royal blue school cardigan/fleece/jumper on top in colder weather.

If your child attends a before school club where leggings are permitted, such as gymnastics, they should change into their school uniform (KS1) or correct PE kit (KS2) prior to the start of the school day.

Thank you for understanding and support in this matter.

Measles update:

Today we have emailed all parents some information regarding 'pop up' vaccination clinics during the half term for anyone between the age of 1-25 who are due or who have missed either or both doses of the vaccination against measles, mumps and rubella. The information explains how you can book your appointment can be found on the next page of this newsletter.

Arbor:

Please could parents log onto Arbor and ensure that the appropriate consents for their child have been 'ticked' to ensure that we are fully up to date in school. If you are having any issues logging into Arbor, please make the school office 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-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

Updates:

February TEN:TEN Newsletter The January newsletter from Ten:Ten to support you with prayer at home www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Finally, please can I remind you that school will be closed to pupils next Friday 9th February as this is a staff training day. As such, the final day of half term for pupils is next Thursday 8th February.

Have a great weekend

God bless

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal

Measles is spreading fast.
Has your child had both
of their MMR vaccines?

Pop-up clinics

to vaccinate against measles, mumps and rubella

For 1 to 25-year-olds who are due,
or who have missed, either or both of the doses

Sat 10 Feb	10am-3pm	Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge DY8 2AA
Tue 13 Feb	9am-2pm	War Memorial, Lye DY9 8LF
Tue 13 Feb	9am-3pm	Tesco, Fox Oak Street, Cradley Heath B64 5DF
Fri 16 Feb	9am-2pm	Dudley Market Place, High Street DY1 1PQ
Sat 17 Feb	10am-3pm	Halesowen Town Centre, Somers Square B63 3AE

Book your appointment

Call Vaccination UK on 01384 431712
or just turn up on the day

If you can, bring your child's red book

A gelatine-free vaccine is available on request



Catholic Social Teaching



Our Caritas Ambassadors took time out of their lunch to pray for anyone mentioned in our Prayer Stop box . During this Year of Prayer,

we are encouraged by Pope Francis to take part in individual and community prayer.



If you are shopping in Tesco Stourbridge, 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 



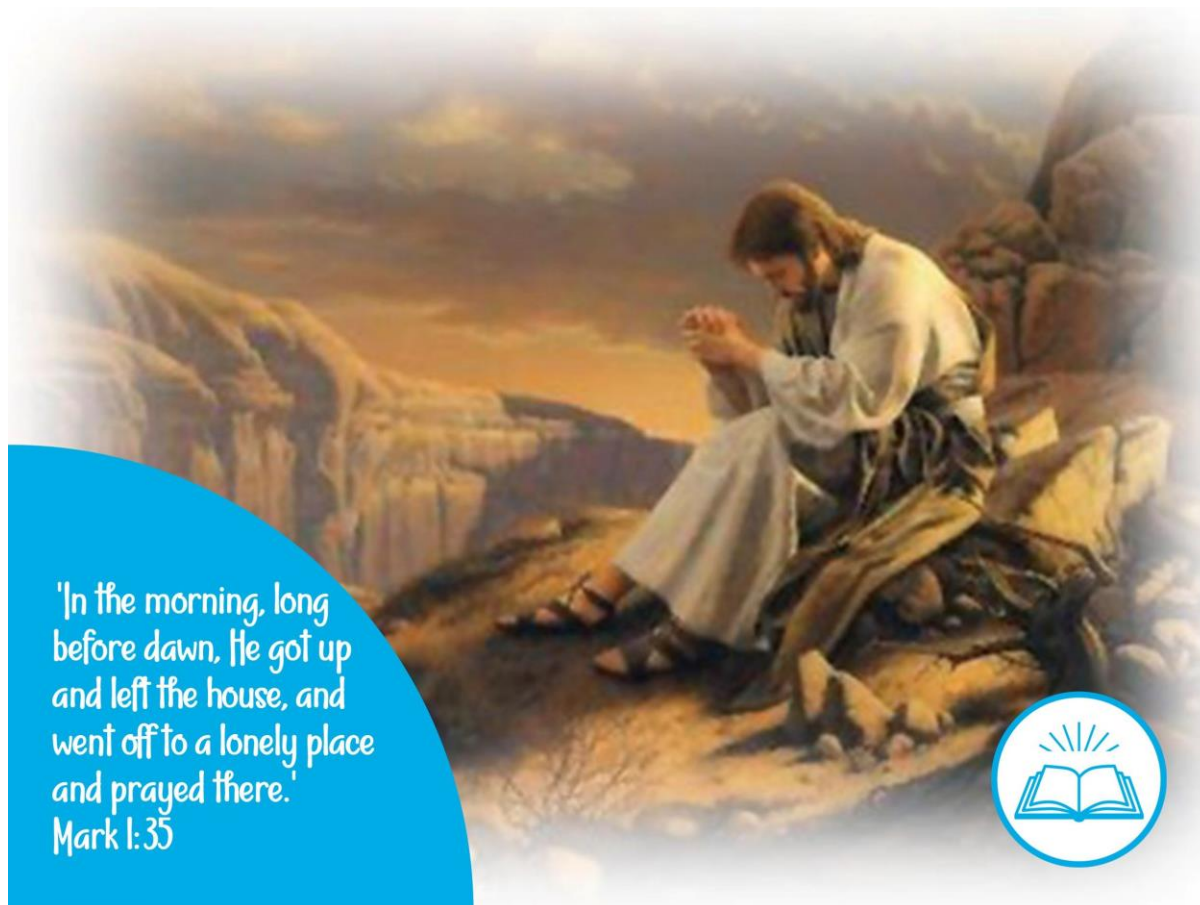


1 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

Our Lady and All Saints Church welcomes you! Mass Times - Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am. Latest newsletter [OLAS-Bulletin-28th-January-2024.pdf](#) January scripture commentary [OLAS-SCRIPTURE-COMMENTARIES-FEBRUARY-2023-1.pdf](#)





'In the morning, long before dawn, He got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there.'
Mark 1:35

Simon's mother-in-law is sick. She has a fever and is in bed. Jesus arrives at the house, takes her by the hand and helps her out of bed. Immediately she feels better.

Later that day lots of people who were ill came to the place where Jesus was. Some of them may have travelled a long way. Jesus helped them all, curing them and making them feel better.

What do you think this story tells us about Jesus?

Jesus cared for people and wanted to help them. He was able to make people well again because he is God's son. When people saw what he could do, they believed in him.

When was the last time that you were sick? How did you feel? Who helped you and made you feel better? What did they do to make you feel better?

Jesus healed all those who came to him for help. Although we cannot heal people the way Jesus did, we can help them by making sure that wherever they are in the world, they are able to reach a doctor, or that the doctor can reach them, and that they get the medicine that they need.

We can also show people here who are ill that we care about them by looking after them, taking them some food or drink, by sending them a card or letter in the post, by phoning them or perhaps by going to the shops for them if they can't get out.

What will you do to show someone who is sick that you care this week

We believe in Jesus who loves and cares for us and so we pray together:

We pray for people who are sick around the world: that they may receive the care and comfort that they need. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all doctors, nurses and healthcare workers: that they may find strength as they continue to treat their patients with love, compassion and care. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may care for one another when we are ill and work together to make sure that all people have the chance to get the care they need when they are sick. Lord, in your mercy..

Closing prayer:

God of love, help us all to follow Jesus' example of loving care, and to treat all those who are ill with kindness and tenderness. Amen.

Reflection adapted from Cafod children's liturgy

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

	Gospel values	Good work
Reception	Elsie	Benjamin
Year 1	Annie	Lillia & Hugo
Year 2	Beatrice	Darcy
Year 3	Velentia	Violet
Year 4	Rhydian	Hattie
Year 5	Zach	Lucas
Year 6	Rose	Sam

Arts Ambassadors



Arts Ambassadors

Mrs Cangiano had an overwhelming response for these new roles with over 80 applications! Thank you to all pupils who applied. We are pleased to announce that we have elected 12 Arts Ambassadors with representatives from each class from Year 1 to 6. The Arts Ambassadors will help to plan, promote and prepare arts events, feedback to Mrs Cangiano about arts events and lessons and collaborate to develop the arts further at St. Joseph's.

Arts Ambassadors:

Year 1 – Tommy and Charlie A

Year 2 – Frankie and Flo

Year 3 – Peony and Bethan

Year 4 – Eliza and Grace

Year 5 – Minie and Isabella

Year 6 – Frankie and Amelia

Active Play Leaders



Our new Active Play Leaders have made a great start organising games at break and lunchtimes for our Key Stage 1 children. The children have designed their own code of conduct and new exciting games. Well done children, it is great to see our young people taking on more and more leadership roles within school in a whole range of areas.

Thank you to Coach Mark Bennett for training our play leaders!

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 **96.96%**.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 98.5%

Year 1: 95.3%

Year 2: 95.7%

Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 97.7%

Year 6: 96..7%

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

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

Saturday 6th January -1st session for First Confession 4pm in the Parish centre followed by Enrolment Mass for Preparation for First Confession (Year 3) 5pm OLAS

Friday 2nd February - Cannon Paul McNally visiting Year 6 - 1:30pm

Friday 2nd February 6:30pm - Year 6 Confirmation at Our Lady and All Saints Church

Monday 5th February - 7pm - Year 5 performing in the Hagley pyramid concert 'Electric Dreams' at Birmingham Symphony Hall (tickets available - school office have emailed parents a link to purchase tickets)

Monday 5th - Friday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Awareness week. 'Express yourself' homework to be provided

Monday 5th February - Online Safety Week

Tuesday 6th February - Year 5 and 6 girls football team fixtures

Wednesday 7th February - Year 3 Stay and Pray - 9:10am (Year 3 parents welcome)

Wednesday 7th February - Reception Prayer Service - 2:30pm (Reception parents welcome)

Thursday 8th February - NSPCC Number Day - Dress up for digits (£1 contribution via parent pay to take part)

Thursday 8th February - final day of the first half of the spring term

Friday 9th February - School closed to children (Inset day)

Monday 19th February - school reopens for the second half of the spring term

Wednesday 21st February - Year 1 Prayer Service - 2:30pm (Year 1 parents welcome)

Wednesday 28th February - Year 2 Prayer Service- 2:30pm (Year 2 parents welcome)

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)

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

Tuesday 12th March - 3:30pm-5:30pm Parents' evening night 1

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 - Year 5 and Year 6 confession - 1:20pm

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

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 stations of the cross - 2:10pm

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-Thursdays 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

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

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

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.

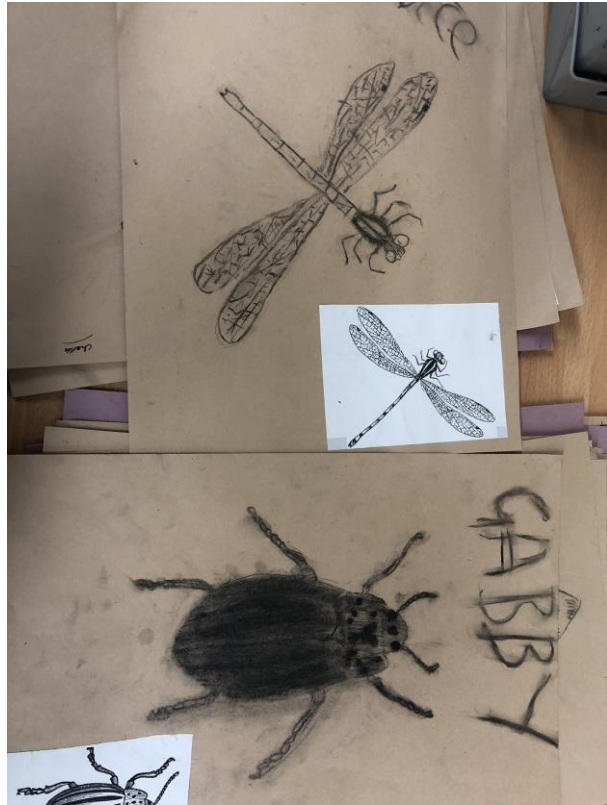
Ofsted agreed that we are continuing to develop an ambitious curriculum so that in all areas the children are able to achieve well and use the techniques that they have been taught to tackle a variety of challenges. Our curriculum is rooted in the teachings of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teachings 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





St. Joseph's P.T.A. >

Private group · 74 members



PE Timetable



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 - Thursday & Friday

Year 2 - Monday & Tuesday

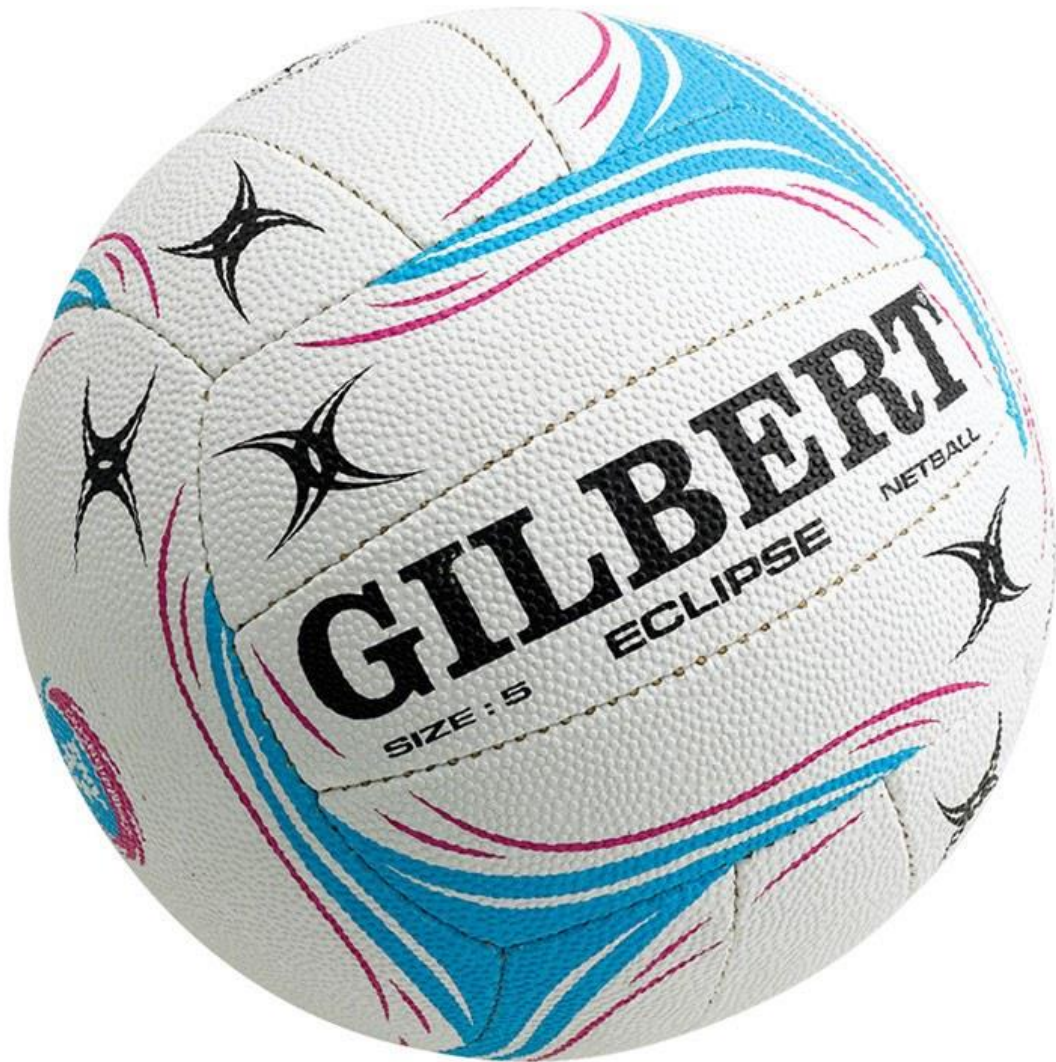
Year 3 - Thursday & Friday

Year 4 - Monday & Friday (Swimming)

Year 5 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 6 - Tuesday & Friday

Clubs



Lunchtime Clubs:

Tuesday - Cross Country - Years 4/5 & 6

Wednesday - Y6 leading 'Mindfulness group'

Wednesday - Y5/Y6 girls football training

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) - spaces available

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 new caterers and lunch menu



The children have been delighted with our new lunch menu at school. 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



Menu Spring






WEEK 1

Allergy information available on request

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main				
Margherita Pizza (v)	Cottage Pie	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Crispy Beef Noodles	Fish and Chips
Vegetarian				
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)
3rd Options				
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
Deli				
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
Iced Carrot Cake	Flapjack	Plum Pudding Cake	Jelly Crunch Pot	Apple Crumble and Custard
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.

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
Main				
Macaroni Cheese (v)	Pork Sausage and Mashed Potatoes	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Fish and Chips
Vegetarian				
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)
3rd Options				
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
Deli				
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
Vegan Sweet Potato and Ginger Cake	Fruit Shortbread	Cinnamon Toast Bake	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie	Fruit Jelly
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.

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
Main				
Ratatouille Pasta Bake (v)	Meat Feast Pizza	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Gyros	Fish and Chips
Vegetarian				
Korean Cauliflower with Rice (v)	Veggie Pizza (v)	Mediterranean Gnocchi Bake (v)	Mushroom and Spinach Enchilada (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel with Chips (v)
3rd Options				
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
Deli				
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

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

Dudley Early Help Strategy





2 - National Online Safety

This week we have emailed you with information on how to sign up for resources, courses and webinars around online safety using the National Online Safety platform. I will shortly add suggested resources to your parent 'watch list' which I believe will be of great support to us all as we keep our children safe in an ever changing environment online. 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.

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.



3 - 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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