



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter February 9th 2023

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents,

The children have had a very enjoyable week and have taken part in lots of very purposeful activities to mark children's mental health week and Safer Internet Day. Relax kids have also visited school today to led yoga sessions for Year 2 and Year 6 to further support their wellbeing. I hope that they enjoyed the sessions and they may choose to take up yoga as a hobby. It has been great to see the children's 'Happy Hair' today too! Please do ask your children about the week's activities and keep an eye on our social media pages for updates.

Today, 12 of our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in the Dudley Cross Country Championships and I will be able to report the results next week - well done everyone!

Father Philip also celebrated a House Mass to celebrate the feast day for St John. The children read well and were told about the importance of looking after their mother's just as John was asked to look after Mary, the mother of Jesus. I hope that you notice our St John children taking extra care of their parents this weekend.

On Monday of next week, our Year 5 children will take to the stage at the Symphony Hall for the annual Hagley Pyramid Concert. The theme this year is 'Back to the 50's' and I know that they can't wait to perform after rehearsing so well.

Have a great weekend.

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal



1 - Please scan for our Instagram page.

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

Children's liturgy – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Matthew 5:17-37

A graphic for a children's liturgy resource. The background is a dark red color with a large, semi-circular pattern of small white dots on the right side. In the top left corner, there are two logos: 'Ten:Ten Resources' and 'COLLECTIVE WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR PRAYER AND LITURGY'. The main text 'JESUS, Be The Centre' is written in a white, sans-serif font. To the left of the text is a circular illustration of two hands clasped in prayer, with a blue circle behind them and white lines radiating from the top. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular icon containing a white silhouette of hands holding a chalice and a host, with radiating lines above it.

Jesus tells us that we must try hard not to get angry with our sisters and brothers or call them names. If we do argue with them we must try to make it up with them and become friends again as soon as possible.

Have you ever argued with someone? How did it make you feel to argue with them? How did you make up with them? Was it easy or difficult? How did you feel once you were friends again?

We are all part of God's family. That is one big global family that includes all people wherever they are in the world. All people are our sisters and brothers and God asks us to try to treat them as we want to be treated.

In our global family we are all different. Look at the person sitting next to you. How are they different to you? How are they the same as you?

Sometimes people spend too much time thinking about the differences between us, rather than seeing that we are all part of the same global family. This can lead to arguments and problems. In some cases it can lead to war or fighting between countries which means that people get hurt and have to leave their homes.

How do you think it would feel to live somewhere where there was a war? Do you know anyone who has had to leave their home and move to somewhere safer?

We are all different but we all have our own special gifts. What is your special gift? Are you good at sharing? Are you good at making friends? Are you a brilliant singer, dancer, builder, scientist?

We can use our special gifts to work together to make the world a fairer place for everyone rather than fighting with people who are different.

This week, can you try not to argue with or hurt anyone? How will you try to make peace with others this week?

Jesus teaches us to love one another and so we pray together for peace:

We pray for world leaders: that they may seek peace and end war, so that all people may live in peace and safety. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our sisters and brothers around the world: that they may use their gifts to make a fairer world and change their lives for the better. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may say sorry to people we upset, accept those who are different and work together for peace and fairness throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: God of mercy and peace, forgive us when we get angry with others and help us to make our peace with them so that we can all work together to make a better world. 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	Emily	Dylan
Year 1	Luca V	Giorgia
Year 2	Vinny	Elisa
Year 3	Hattie	Trinity
Year 4	Minie	Oscar
Year 5	Amelia	Murray

Diary Dates - Spring term



Please note the following diary dates for Spring 1

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 Valentine's Disco - KS1 5:45-6:45pm KS2 - 7:00-8:00pm

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

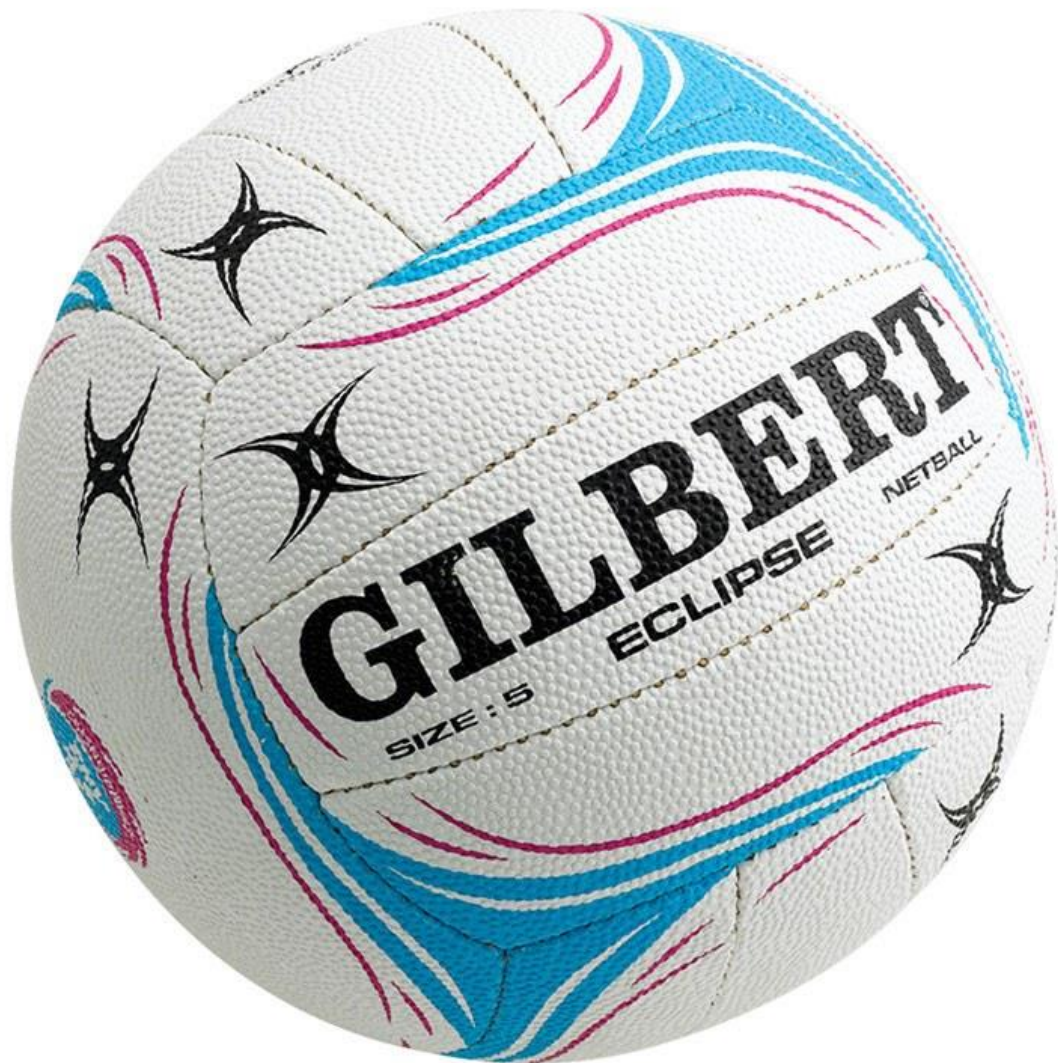
Year 3 - Thursday & Friday

Year 4 - Thursday (Swim) & Friday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Clubs



Lunchtime Clubs:

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

Attendance for the whole school for this week is 95.97%.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 98.97%

Year 1: 95.33%

Year 2: 95.67%

Year 3: 98.67%

Year 4: 94.64%

Year 5: 97.33%

Year 6: 91.03%

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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