



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter February 3rd 2023

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents,

I hope that you have all had a good week. Today has been a day for our mathematicians as we have celebrated NSPCC Number Day. The children's costumes were so imaginative and it was great to see all of the different maths activities taking place throughout the day. Thank you everyone for your donations which the NSPCC will be glad to receive and further supports the Catholic Life of our school and our intention of living in solidarity with our brothers and sisters globally and locally. By demonstrating their talent in maths and raising money for such a worthy cause, the children are truly meeting the challenge that Matthew sets out for us in Sunday's Gospel - to use our gifts to do good and reflect God's light in the world!

The maths theme continued this week with our Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check information evening for parents last night which was very well attended. I hope that you all found this useful and there will be further parent workshops to follow as we are keen to keep you all updated with the progress and learning that takes place in school on a regular basis.

Next week in school we will focus on Children's Mental Health week and Safer Internet Day. Both are ever important in the life of our children and we will be focussing on both themes throughout the week. The theme for Children's Mental Health Week is 'Let's Connect' and for Safer Internet Day 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. The children are welcome to have 'Happy Hair' on Friday to mark Children's Mental Week and we will share our activities on our Social Media Channels (Twitter - @StJoStourbridge and a QR code for our Instagram page follows in this newsletter for you to scan).

Finally, after discussions with some of our pupils leaders in school we would like to update and refresh some of the green areas of our school environment such as the memorial garden. If you are a keen gardener who would like to lend a hand please do let me know - we are intending to add some planters, wild flowers and a small growing area. I'd be very grateful of all help and advice!

Have a great weekend.

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal



1 - Please scan for our Instagram page.

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

Children's liturgy – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Matthew 5:13-16

A graphic with a black top section and a blue bottom section. The top section contains the 'Ten:Ten Resources' logo and the 'COLLECTIVE WORSHIP' logo. The blue section features the text 'Messages from Matthew: Let Your Light Shine!' in white, a circular image of a lit candle, and a small icon of hands holding a flame.

Ten:Ten Resources | COLLECTIVE WORSHIP
RESOURCES FOR PRAYER AND LITURGY

Messages from Matthew:
Let Your Light Shine!



Make it as dark as possible in the room, turn the lights off, draw the curtains if there are any.

When it is dark, we switch the light on, like this. *(Switch a lamp or torch on)*

What would happen if we cover the light up with something? *(Cover the lamp with a bucket, or blanket etc to show what a difference it makes.)*

If we uncover the light we will be able to see much better and it won't be so dark anymore. *(Uncover the lamp)*

In the reading today Jesus tells us that we are light to the world. What do you think this means?

We are asked to let our light shine in people's sight, so that when they see our good works, they will praise God. Through the things that we do, other people will know how good God is.

God loves everybody, no matter where in the world they are from, whether they are rich or poor. God asks us to do the same because we are all members of the same global family. What do you think we can do to show other people that we care about them?

If we love other people and do what we can to help them, then other people will see how great God's love is. We will be like the light that shines and is not covered up, so that everyone can see.

How will you be like a shining light this week?

We are called to let God's light shine in the world and so we pray together:

We pray for people who are poor: that as we work together with them to build a better future they may feel hope in the light of God's love. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may show us how to share God's love in all that we do and to be a light to each other. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may be like a light shining in the sight of others and that through our good works, others may praise God. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: God of joy, may we share your light with all our sisters and brothers around the world, so that as members of one global family we can work together to build a brighter, fairer future for all people. 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 | Hugo | Rory |
| Year 1 | Maisie | Florence |
| Year 2 | Poppy | Frasier |
| Year 3 | Daniel | Erin |
| Year 4 | Elissar | Jack |
| Year 5 | Chris | Lois |
| Year 6 | Chris | Thomas |

Diary Dates - Spring term



Please note the following diary dates for Spring 1

Wednesday 8th February - St John's House Mass (Children in St John can wear red today)

Friday 10th February - Happy Hair Day to Children's Mental Health Awareness week

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

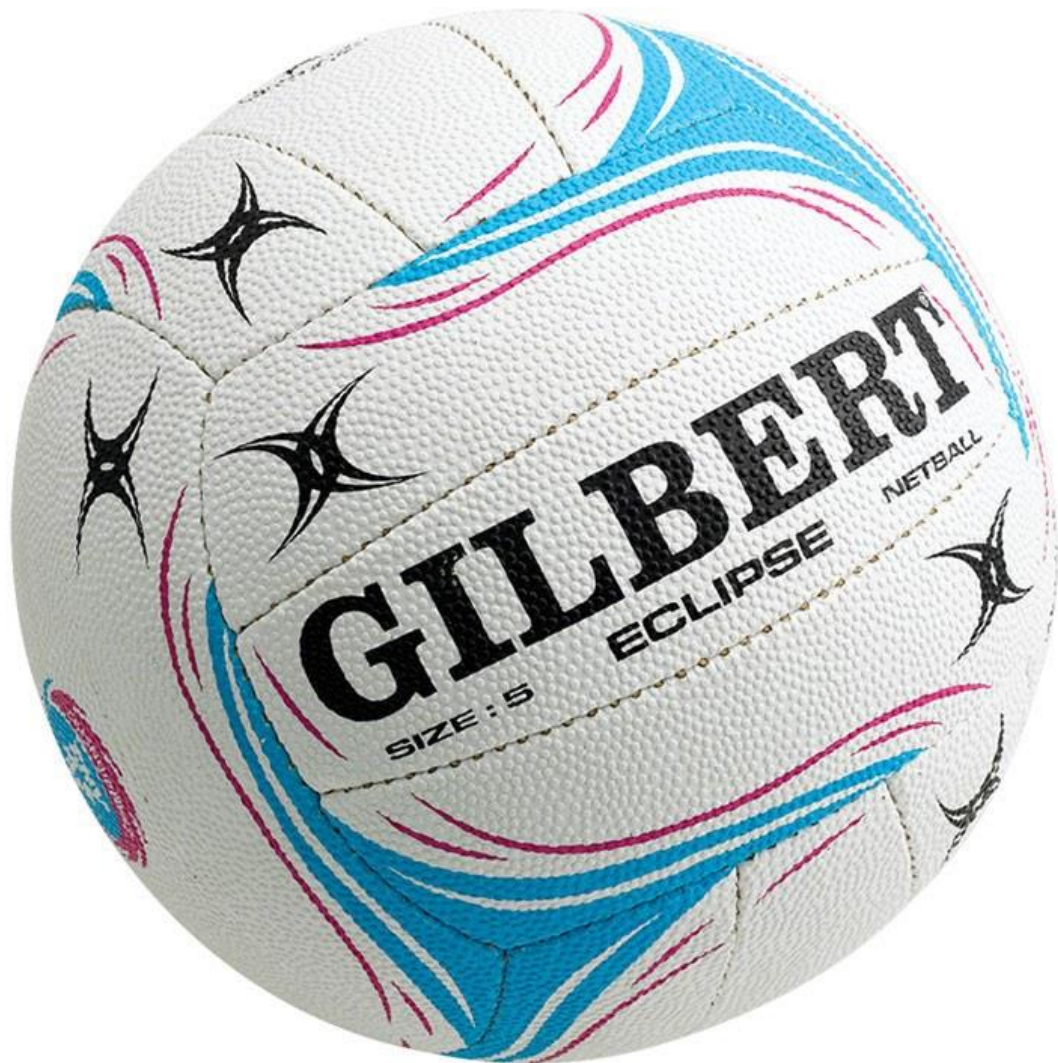
Year 3 - Thursday & Friday

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

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| 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

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| 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 2 who have achieved the highest attendance this week. You will receive an extra play time!

Attendance for the whole school for this week is 96.61%.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 96.58%

Year 1: 97%

Year 2: 99.33%

Year 3: 96.67%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 96.67%

Year 6: 94.83%

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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