



**ST JOSEPH'S**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

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Newsletter February 8th 2024

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## A message from our Principal



Dear parents and families,

Today is the final day of the first half of the spring term for our children. Despite only being 5 weeks long, the half term has been very busy indeed with lots achieved by our children. On Monday evening this week, our Year 5 class joined the other Year 5 children across Emmaus to perform in the Pyramid concert at the Birmingham Symphony Hall. What an evening it was! A real treat for the audience and a magical experience for our Year 5 children that they will treasure. These are the moments that are memorable for the children and I am so proud that they performed so well.

This week we have also celebrated Children's Mental Health Week, Safer Internet Day 2024 and NSPCC Number Day (there have been some wonderful 'number' inspired outfits today!). Although this is a lot of 'theme' events within school, all I believe are very purposeful and support the personal development of our children - encouraging their resilience, independence and motivation as well as curiosity and a thirst for knowledge. I hope that the children have been excited to relay to you some of the activities that they have taken part in this week.

Yesterday our Year 3 parents were invited in for stay and pray and our Reception parents for their prayer service. Our children are really taking on more and more responsibility when planning, leading and evaluating worship - this is a key area for us and it is great to see the progress being made. The children are truly bearing witness to their faith by taking on such a leading role in prayer and liturgy. The feedback and comments that we have received from parents has been wonderful - thank you. We have trialled the use of QR codes for parents to provide us with feedback so do please look out for them when you are in school for an event next. All feedback is read and analysed closely.

All of the children have this week been provided with a Walk with Me book and a calendar per family as we prepare for Lent to begin next Wednesday. Please do encourage your children to use the calendar and book as a supportive daily guide.

Thank you for your support for our school and I wish you all a very happy half term break. I look forward to welcoming all of our families back into school on Monday 19th February where we can begin to look forward to the end of winter and we join together on our Lenten journey towards the risen Christ.

**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-jo-st.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 Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Home (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk))

**Updates:**

**February TEN:TEN Newsletter** The February 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/)

Have a great half term break.

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. ***Our Lenten fundraising has also been decided on by the Caritas ambassadors - more details to follow after half term!***





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 





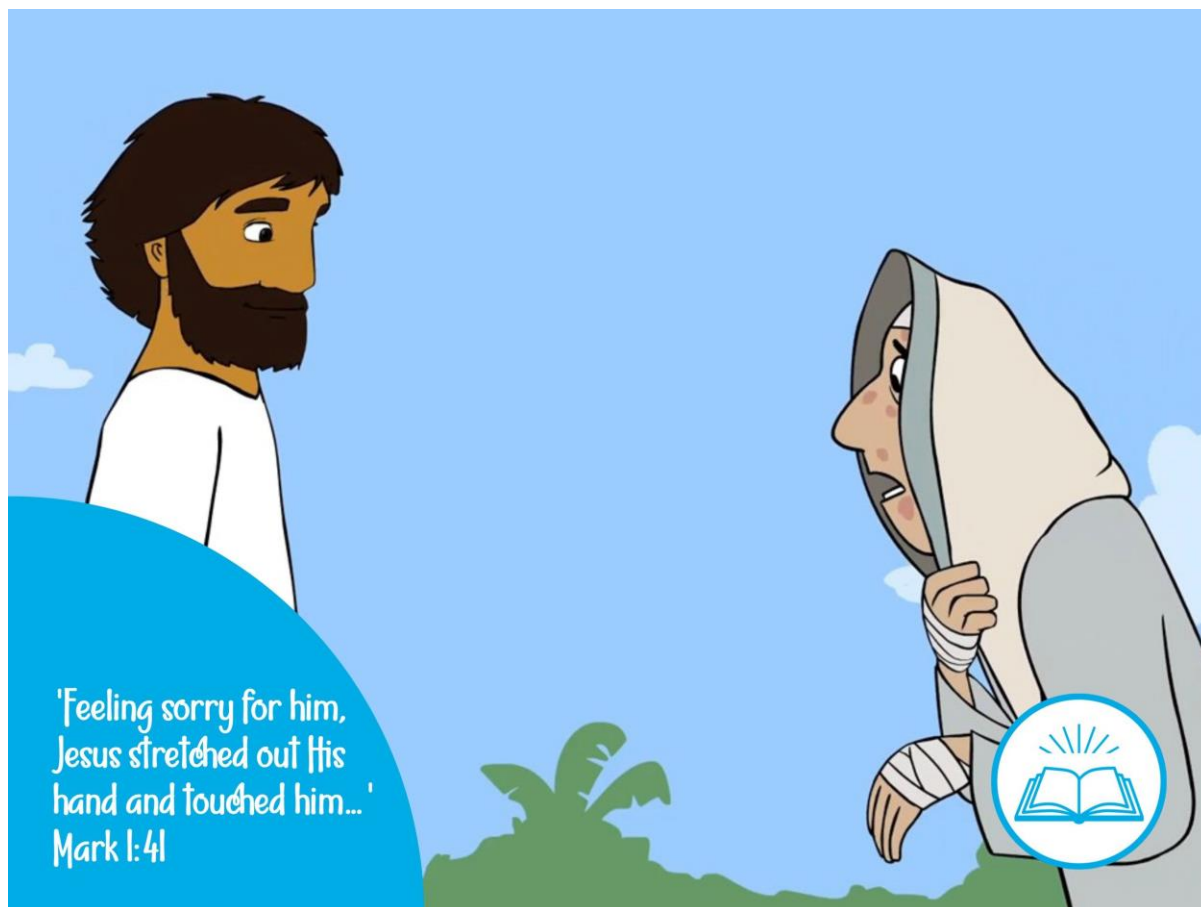


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Our Lady and All Saints Church welcomes you! **Mass Times - Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am.** Latest newsletter [OLAS-Bulletin-4th-February-2024.pdf](#) February scripture commentary [OLAS-SCRIPTURE-COMMENTARIES-FEBRUARY-2023-1.pdf](#) Lent service sheet [Lent-2024-Service-Sheet.pdf \(olas.org.uk\)](#)





A man who has a skin problem comes to Jesus and asks to be healed. Jesus makes the man better but asks that he not tell anyone what has happened. Instead, he asks the man to visit the priest and give thanks to God for his cure.

How do you think this man felt when he realised that Jesus had healed him?

The man does not do as Jesus asks; instead, he goes round telling everyone the story. Why do you think he does this?

Perhaps it was because he was just so happy to be well again and wanted everyone to know about it.

We try to be like Jesus today in our world, by caring for others, and helping them when they are ill or finding things difficult. Can you tell me some ways that we can do that?

We talked last week about how Jesus healed people. And about how we can show people who are ill that we care for them. We also talked about how important it is that people are able to see a doctor or get the medicine that they need when they are ill.

Just as important is helping people to stay healthy.

The local people that CAFOD works with around the world help others to stay healthy in lots of different ways, for example by making sure they have clean water to drink and wash with, or helping them to grow lots of fruit and vegetables so that they have enough to eat and a healthy diet.

What will you do this week to try and stay healthy? And to help others to stay healthy too?

How can you be more like Jesus and care for others who are ill or finding things difficult?

We pray for all who are sick or who are struggling in some way: that they may find the help and support that they need. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for people all around the world: that they may be healthy and happy and have a chance to change their lives for the better. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may help other people and always share generously everything that we have. Lord, in your mercy...

**Closing prayer:**

Christ Jesus, you always looked after people who were sick or in need. Help us to be more like you and to care for others here and around the world. Amen.

*Reflection adapted from Cafod children's liturgy*

The Wednesday Word- [Half Term Holiday Special - Magazine - Page 1](http://paperturn-view.com)  
([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.

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

Gospel values

Good work

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6



## 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.

## Choir



KS1 Choir

From the beginning of March, our KS2 choir will take a short break and Mrs Cangiano will be inviting any keen singers from KS1 to join her for a fun, weekly singing session. This will take place on Thursday lunchtimes at 12.30

## PE and School Sport



### Updates:

Girls football - A great start with two victories and two draws and not a goal conceded! This puts us second in the league before the next round of fixtures. The top two make it through to a regional final. The league table is below!

Boys football - boys can join in football training on a Wednesday lunchtime and I have further information to follow after half term regarding boys training and matches.



Tuesday 6th February 2024				
FIXTURE 1				RESULTS
Pitch 1	Amblecote	V	St Joseph's	0-0
Pitch 2	Ham Dingle	V	Rufford	0-0
Pitch 3	Hob Green	V	Peters Hill	1-0
FIXTURE 2				
Pitch 1	Peters Hill	V	Ham Dingle	3-0
Pitch 2	Rufford	V	Amblecote	0-0
Pitch 3	St James	V	St Joseph's	0-0
FIXTURE 3				
Pitch 1	Ham Dingle	V	St Joseph's	0-2
Pitch 2	Hob Green	V	St James	4-0
Pitch 3	Peters Hill	V	Rufford	2-0
FIXTURE 4				
Pitch 1	Amblecote	V	St James	0-1
Pitch 2	Rufford	V	St Joseph's	0-5
Pitch 3	Hob Green	V	Ham Dingle	2-0

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Hob Green	3	3	0	0	7	0	9
St Joseph's	4	2	2	0	7	0	8
Peters Hill	3	2	0	1	5	1	6
St James	3	1	1	1	1	4	4
Amblecote	3	0	2	1	0	1	2
Rufford	4	0	2	2	0	7	2
Ham Dingle	4	0	1	3	0	7	1

## 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 **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 **95.71%**.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 97.7%

Year 1: 97.1%

Year 2: 93.3%

Year 3: 97.1%

Year 4: 92.1%

Year 5: 95.4%

Year 6: 97.5%

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)

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)

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 - 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

**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

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.

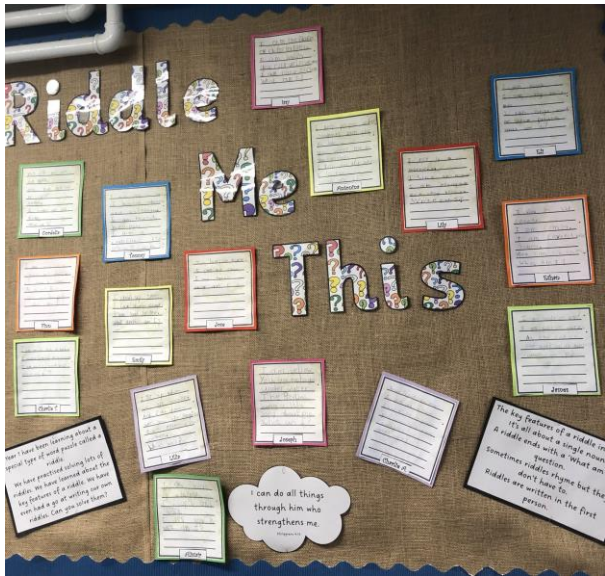
You can view your child's learning in all areas at the link below.

[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 - 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

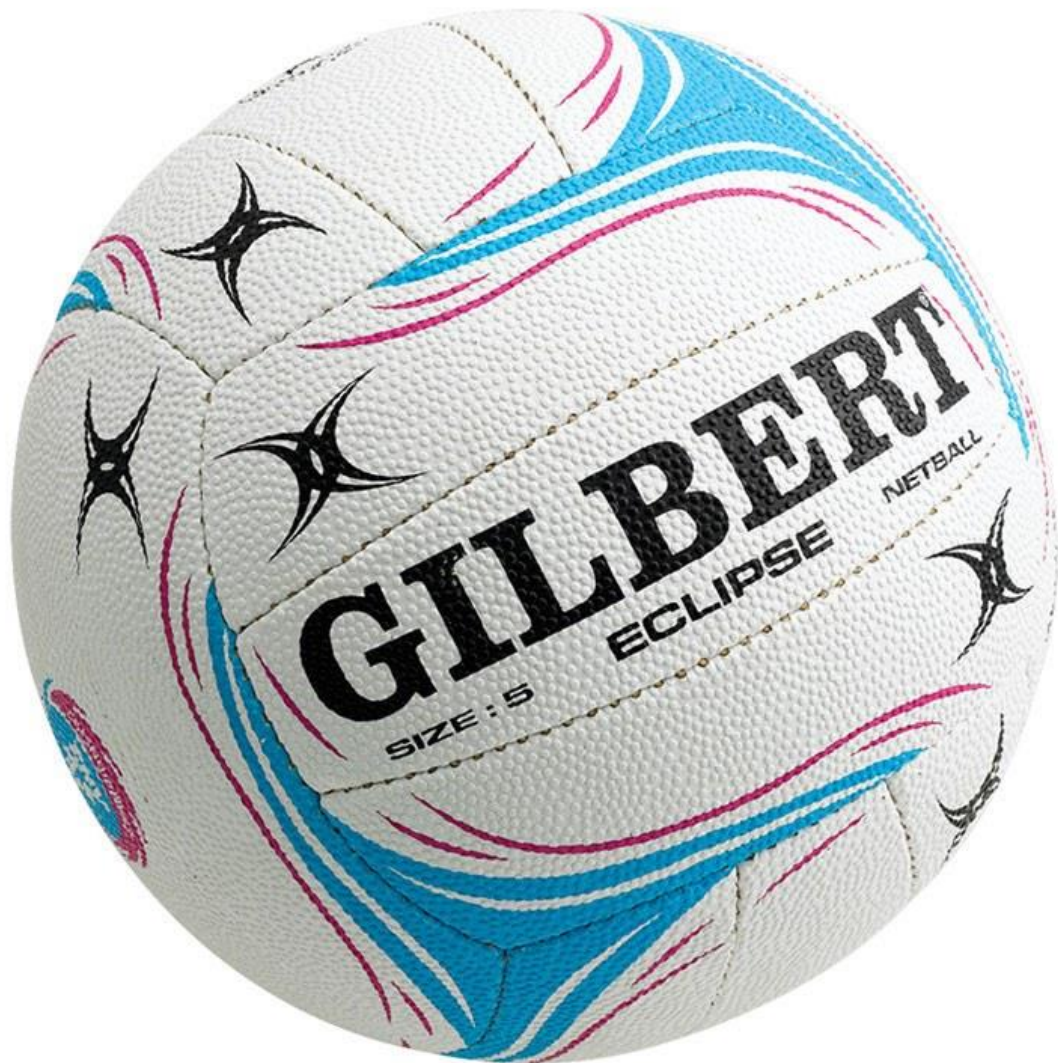
Year 4 - Monday & Friday (Swimming)

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

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
<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	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
<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
<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
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
<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.

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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