



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter February 17th 2023

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents,

As you will be aware, this week on Tuesday and Wednesday we were visited by His Majesty's Inspector for an Ofsted inspection of our school. Although I am unable to share the final outcome of our inspection with the community until the final report is made available by Ofsted in a few months time, I would like to thank staff for their hard work, parents for completing the parent survey, your ongoing support and well wishes and most importantly our children who make me so proud to be the Principal of our school. They truly live out our school mission and Gospel values at all times that make us such a distinctive Catholic school serving our community. I will share further information about our inspection when it is available.

As we approach half term, I look back on a busy and productive half term, my first as Principal. The children have continued to grow both spiritually and academically. It has been pleasing to see the strong attendance at the family Mass on a Saturday evening, and the return of musical performances and assemblies where we are able to share our broad curriculum with parents - Year 3's Stone Age performance yesterday was magnificent!

A very special mention to our Year 5 children too who performed so wonderfully at the Symphony Hall for the annual Pyramid concert on Monday evening. What an experience for our children who 'lit up' the stage.

As winter draws to a close, there are many things for us to be excited about at St Joseph's as we continue to support our children to reach their potential and grow in the image of God.

I would like to remind parents that next week sees the beginning of Lent when we look towards Jesus, our hope, and invite Him to be at the centre of our lives and our Lenten journey. Ash Wednesday Mass will be observed at OLAS at 9:00am, 12:30pm and 7:00pm.

Have a wonderful and restful half term break with your families.

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal



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Twitter @StJoStourbridge

Children's liturgy – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Matthew 5:38-48



Jesus says that if someone asks to have something like a shirt, we should give them a coat as well. Or if they ask us to walk one kilometre with them, we should walk two. What do you think Jesus means?

Jesus is asking us to share generously with other people by not just lending them what they ask for, but by giving them even more than they need.

Can you think of a time when someone shared something with you? What was it? How did it make you feel?

Has anyone ever refused to share with you? How did that feel?

Jesus tells us that we should love everyone, not just our friends and family. It is easy to love the people we like and who are nice to us. But we are also asked to love those people we find difficult, the people who annoy us, and who aren't always so nice.

This is how God loves us. Even when we have made the wrong choices, God loves and cares for us. God never stops loving us and wants us to love all the other members of our global family.

God calls us to share with each other so that the world is a fairer and better place for everybody, so that everyone has enough to eat and drink, a safe place to live and can go to school.

The members of our global family live in all the different countries in the world. Can you name some other countries?

The members of our global family speak many different languages. Can you say hello in any other languages? (some examples include, bonjour, bom dia, hola, jambo, konichiwa etc)

How do you think we can share with people here and in other countries? What will you share this week and who with?

Jesus asks us to love one another and to share what we have. Thinking of others around the world we pray together:

We pray for world leaders: that they may use their power wisely and share generously so that the lives of people who are poor are changed for the better. Lord, hear us...

We pray for people who are poor around the world: that we may work with them to make the world a better place, and that they may find hope for the future. Lord, hear us...

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may be moved to share what we have with our global family around the world. Lord, hear us...

Closing prayer: God of love, help us to share generously with all those who do not have enough in our world, to love one another wherever we may be, and to make the world a fairer place for everyone. Amen.

Reflection taken from Cafod children's liturgy

We are joining CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!



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

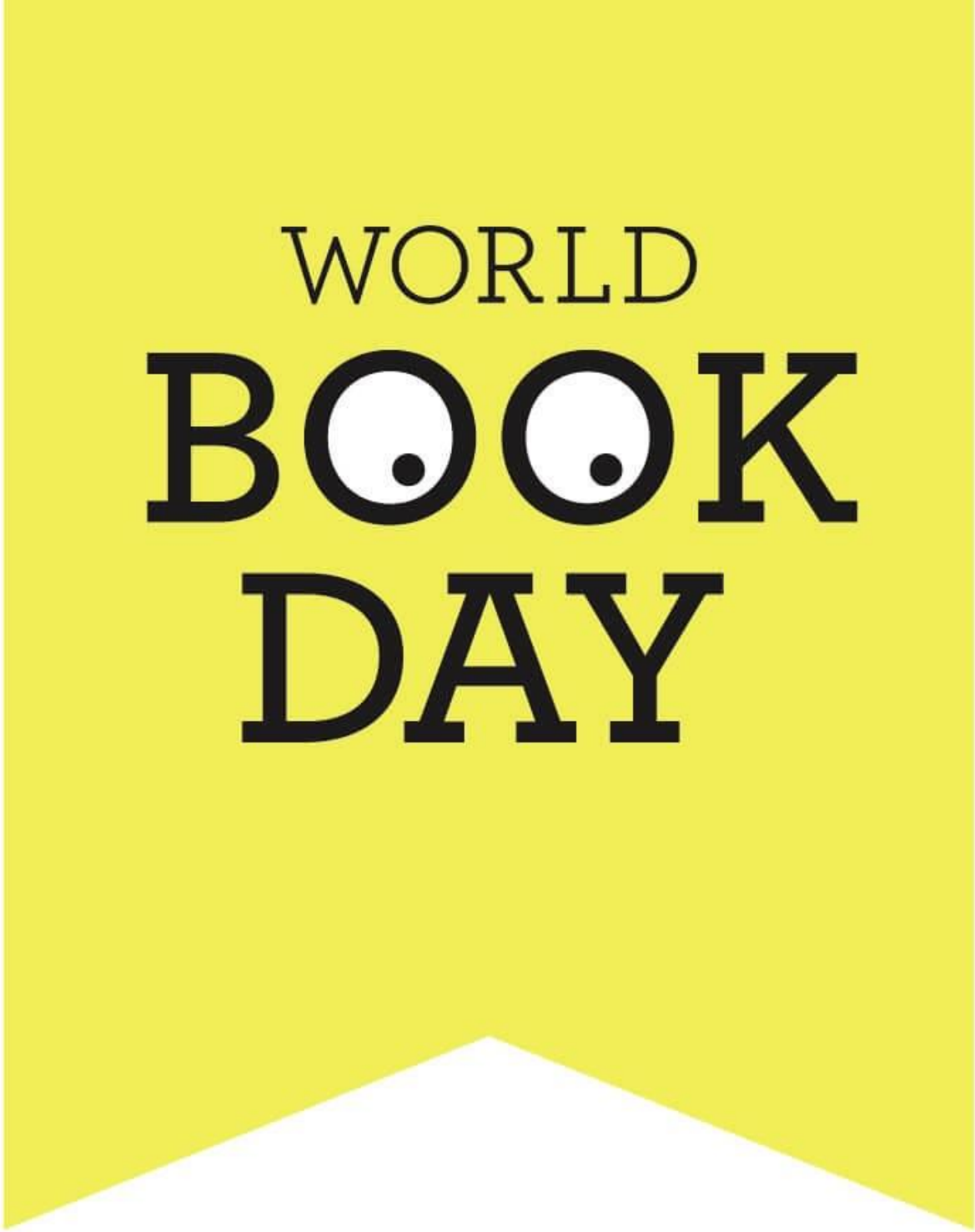
We will be walking a Kilometre a day during the week commencing Monday 13th March. All children will today receive a letter with information and a sponsorship form.

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

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

Further details at cafod.org.uk/walk/

World Book Day 2023

A large yellow banner with a white pointed bottom edge. The text 'WORLD BOOK DAY' is centered on the banner. 'WORLD' is in a simple, black, sans-serif font. 'BOOK' is in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font, with the two 'O's stylized as eyes with black pupils. 'DAY' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font, similar to 'WORLD' but smaller than 'BOOK'.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Dear parents,

As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage pupil interest in reading, we will be celebrating WORLD BOOK DAY on **Friday 3rd March 2023**.

The theme for our celebration will be the joy of reading and we would like your child to **wear their pyjamas, slippers and dressing gown** to school that day (**plus trainers to wear outside**).

In addition, following on from the huge success of last year's event, we will also be holding another Book Swap. We would, therefore, like to invite all pupils to bring in a book or books of good condition that they no longer want for the Whole School Book Swap. Books should be brought into school **between Monday 27th February and Wednesday 1st March** and placed in the bags in each classroom.

Once they bring in their book(s), each child's name will be recorded and they will be given one token, or more, depending on the number of books they bring in. This can be 'spent' at the book sale on Thursday 2nd March 2023. **No money will be needed, as it is a swapping event.**

As we cannot guarantee that there will be a book that your child desires at the book swap, we urge them to only bring in books that they are happy to give away. These must be in a good condition to be enjoyed by a lucky new owner.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Michele Riley

English Coordinator

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	Joseph	Alba
Year 1	Issy	Louisa K
Year 2	Heidi	Lilah
Year 3	Whole Class	Seb
Year 4	Will	Lucas
Year 5	Annabel	Bella
Year 6	Alyssa	Arianna

Diary Dates - Spring term



Please note the following diary dates for Spring

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

Monday 27th February - School reopens after half term

Wednesday 1st March - Whole School Mass (parents welcome) 9:10am

Tuesday 7th March and Tuesday 14th March - parents' evening 3:30 - 5:30pm (further information to follow)

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

Monday 13th March - Big Lent Walk begins

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Further dates to be added

PTA updates



Thank you to the PTA for serving tea and coffee before our Year 3 assembly / performance yesterday and for hosting tonight's Valentine's disco. We are very lucky to benefit from such an active and passionate PTA - thank you for your ongoing support to our school!

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



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

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

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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

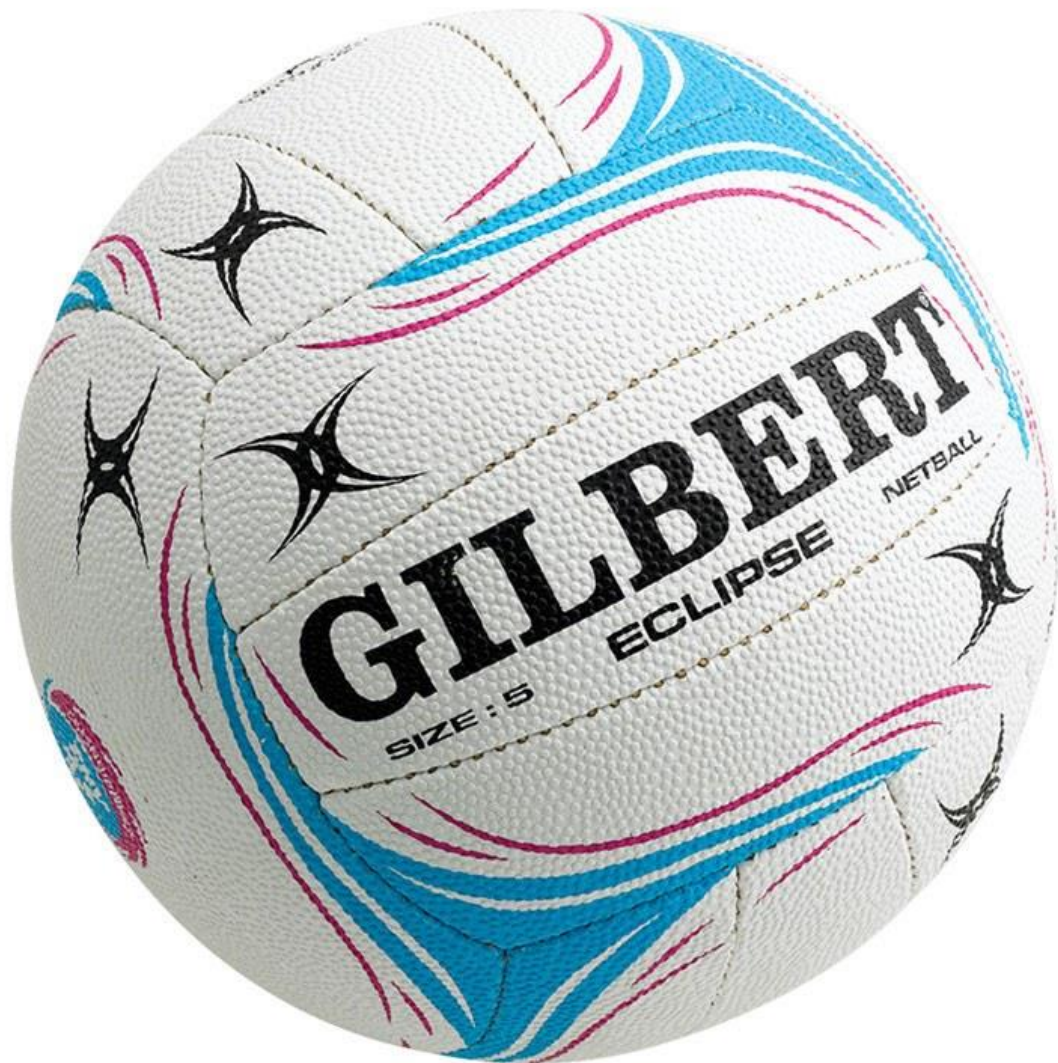
Year 3 - Thursday & Friday

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 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 97.33%.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 97.9%

Year 1: 97.7%

Year 2: 96%

Year 3: 98.7%

Year 4: 99.3%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 95.9%

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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