



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter January 13th 2023

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## A message from our new Principal



Dear parents I hope that you have had an enjoyable week despite the very wet January weather. As you will all be aware (and I have learnt this week!), heavy rain causes the paths and driveway to hold quite an amount of water. Thank you for your patience when collecting your children in the wet weather this week. Mr Dixon has also ensured that the leaves have been again removed. If anyone does have access to a leaf vacuum please do let me know!

Well done to our children who performed at the Young Voices concert last night. Mrs Cangiano has said that the children performed fantastically well and were a credit to our school - how wonderful. Thank you to our staff and volunteers who accompanied the children. Keep your eye on our social media channels for exciting updates about this event.

Please do keep our Year 3 and Year 6 children in your prayers. Our Y3 children will continue with their Reconciliation preparation at Mass on Saturday evening, and our Y6 children are moving forward on their spiritual journey as they prepare to become closer to God through the Sacrament of Confirmation next Thursday evening. Two very important milestones in the spiritual development of our children.

During this week we have continued with our commitment to promoting a love of reading and excitingly we have purchased new reading books for our KS2 children to read in school and at home - I hope that you enjoy the books with your children. We will soon share further information regarding our new online reading record which will be available for all children in school.

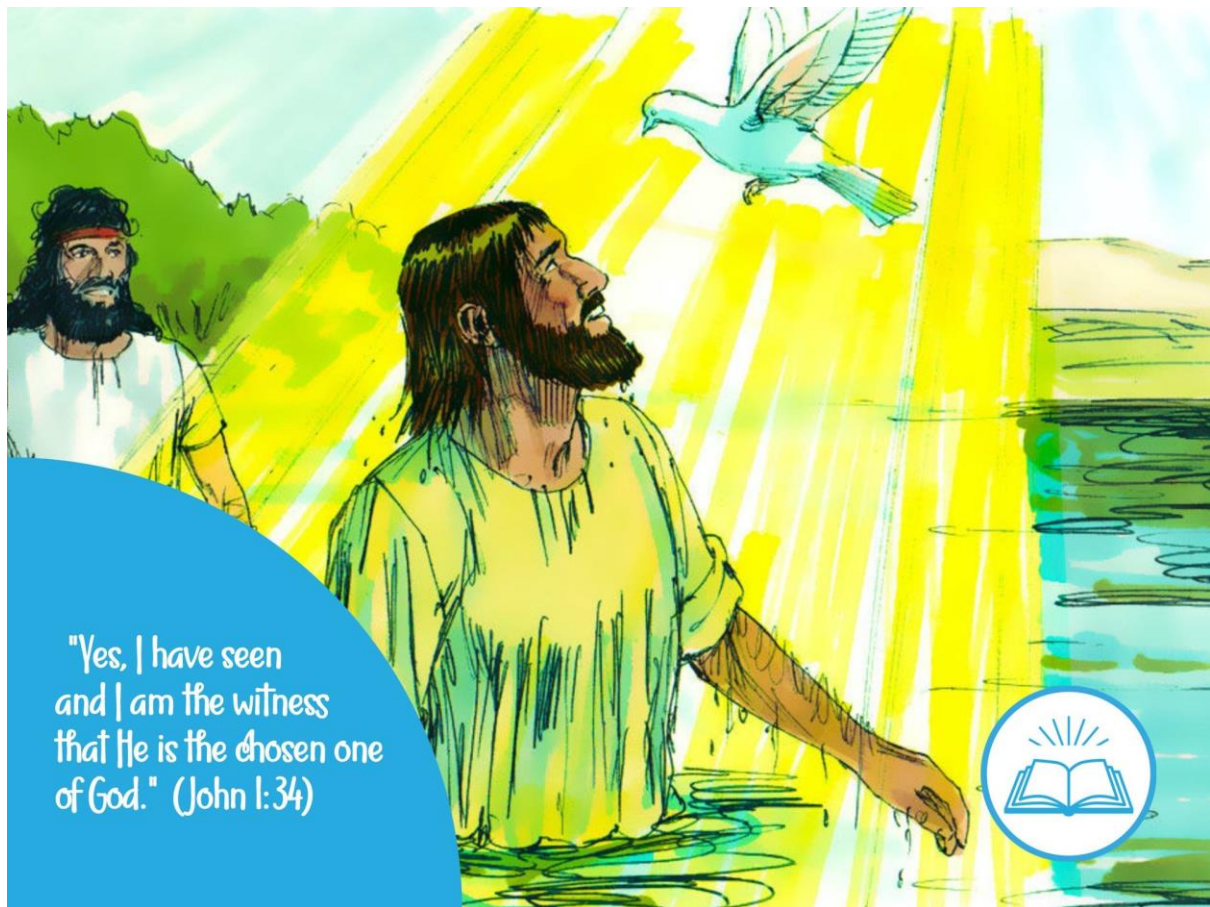
Finally, as the new Principal of St Joseph's, I am very keen to hear the views of our school community as we work together for the benefit of the children. As such, this evening you will receive a parent questionnaire. I would appreciate it greatly if you could complete this and return early next week to the school office. I assure you that I will read each response that I receive. Thank you. Of course, if you do wish to discuss anything in further detail, please do contact the school office, or let me know when you see me 'on the gate' in the morning or afternoon.

Have a great weekend.

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal

## Children's liturgy – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) John 1:29-34



"Yes, I have seen  
and I am the witness  
that He is the chosen one  
of God." (John 1:34)

John tells us how he saw the Holy Spirit come like a dove to rest on Jesus. Because of this John believed that Jesus was the Son of God.

A dove is one way that the Holy Spirit shows itself, but most of the time the Spirit is invisible. We cannot see it.

One way to think about the Holy Spirit is the wind. You cannot see the wind, but you can see the branches of the tree moving when the wind blows. Or you can see a windmill spinning round (*you could demonstrate this!*). Can you think of any other examples of when you can see the wind?

The wind can be very strong. The wind can also be very helpful (*eg show a picture of a sailing boat or a wind turbine*).

Like the wind, the Holy Spirit is very strong and helps us. We receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptised and the Spirit stays with us all through our lives, helping us to do things that are difficult.

Jesus asks us to love other people, to care for people who are sick and to bring good news to people who are poor. This is not always easy, especially when people are in different countries to us. But when we do these things, other people can see the Holy Spirit working through us, just as we can see the wind in the trees.

The Holy Spirit can help us to take care of the world that God has given to us. Can you think of ways that we can do that?

The Holy Spirit can help us to be kind and generous and brave and to work together with others to make the world a better place for all people. Can you think of ways that we can do this?

What could you do this week so that other people can see the Holy Spirit working through you?

### **Intercessions**

God sends the Holy Spirit to help and guide us and so we pray together:

We pray for world leaders: that the Holy Spirit may guide them when they make important decisions, so that they may make life better for all their people. Lord, hear us...

We pray for all people who are poor: that they may see the signs of the Holy Spirit working around them, as they work to change their lives for the better. Lord, hear us...

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we may work together to look after our world and to make it a fairer place for everyone. Lord, hear us...

**Closing prayer:** God of power, fill us with your Spirit and inspire us to make changes to our lives so that we can help others around the 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 'Tea with Mr Wilkes' 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	Lillia	Fia
Year 1	Louie	Emme
Year 2	Seth	Poppy
Year 3	Albert	Luke
Year 4	Grace	James
Year 5	Matty	Daisy-May
Year 6	Toby	Hattie

## Diary Dates - Spring term



\*Please note - further dates will be added as they become available.

Monday 16th January - PTA Meeting 7pm at school - All welcome

Thursday 19th January - Year 6 Confirmation - 7pm at OLAS

Thursday 2nd February - Reception class Optical Screening

## PTA MEETING



Please come and join us on Monday 16th 2023 for the first PTA meeting this year, everyone is welcome.

The meeting will be held in school 7pm

## 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

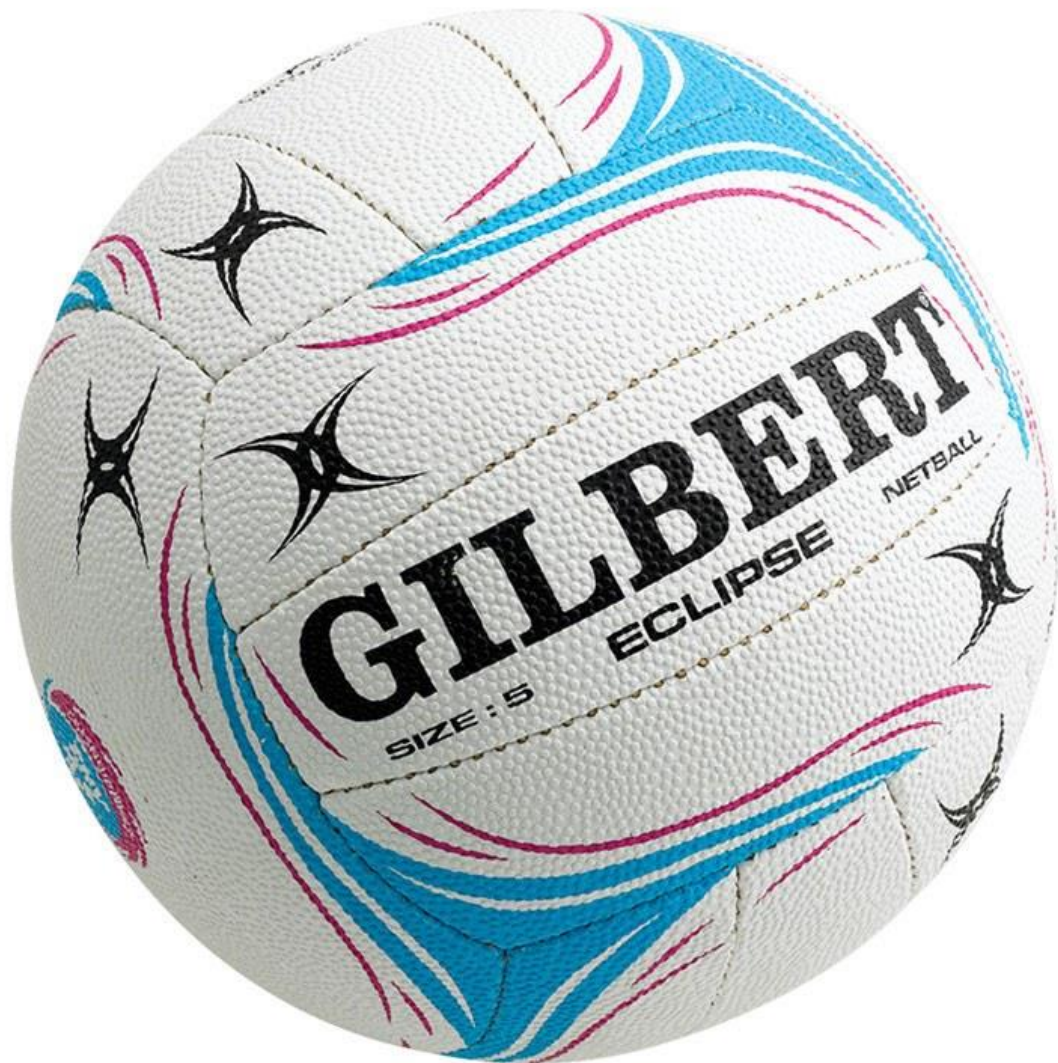
Year 3 - Thursday & Friday

Year 4 - Thursday (Swim) & Friday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday & Wednesday

## Clubs



### Lunchtime Clubs:

Tuesday - Cross country training - Years 4/5 & 6

Thursday - Football training with Mr Wilkes - Years 4/5 & 6

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

Friday 8am - Archery Club

Tuesday & Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm - Irish Dancing

Thursday 3.14-4.15 - Year 5&6 Netball

Friday 3.15-4.45pm - Years 1-4 Football

## 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
<b>MONDAY</b>	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
<b>TUESDAY</b>	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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	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
<b>THURSDAY</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY</b>	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

<b>MONDAY</b>	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
<b>TUESDAY</b>	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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	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
<b>THURSDAY</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY</b>	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

<b>MONDAY</b>	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
<b>TUESDAY</b>	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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	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
<b>THURSDAY</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY</b>	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 1 who have achieved the highest attendance this week. You will receive an extra play time!

Attendance for the whole school for this week is 98.74%.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 97.59%

Year 1: 99.67%

Year 2: 99%

Year 3: 98.67%

Year 4: 97.86%

Year 5: 99.33%

Year 6: 98.96%

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.

## 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

## 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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