



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter March 11th 2024

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents and families,

I hope that you have all had a good week. It has been a delight to see the early stages of Spring upon us this week. The children have greatly enjoyed playing on the field at lunchtime!

It has been a very busy and successful week in school. The children have continued on their Lenten journey and have shown through their actions and words that they are committed to placing Jesus at the focus of their minds during Lent.

Thank you to the Y4 and Y3 parents who joined us for stay and pray and Mass this week. I know how much everyone values the opportunity to 'come into school'. Please do complete the 'Forms' survey that is sent to you when you attend an event in school so that we are able to continue to build on the success of these events. Our Catholic Social Teaching sharing assembly also took place today. How wonderful for the children to demonstrate their understanding of the Catholic Social Teachings and how they underpin our curriculum - Christ at the Centre!

World Book Day was a great success - as well as the information below, do check out our social media pages as they really bring to life the events that have taken place in school.

Please check the information from the PTA in their section below - they're are very much hoping for a great turnout at the outdoor action day tomorrow. Thank you so much to everyone who is able to support us this weekend. It is so truly appreciated.

Have a great weekend.

Parents' evening - Spring term

Our Spring term face to face parents' evenings are on Wednesday 13th March and Thursday 14th March. Both sessions are from 3:30-5:30pm. To book your place, please use Arbor - Guardian Consultations - Self-Scheduling period which will open on Monday 28th February at 12:00pm and close on Tuesday 12th March at 12:00pm. If you would prefer a telephone appointment please do make the office staff 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-josephs-catholic-primary-school-stourbridge-home.st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

Updates:

March TEN:TEN Newsletter The March newsletter from Ten:Ten to support you with prayer at home
www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

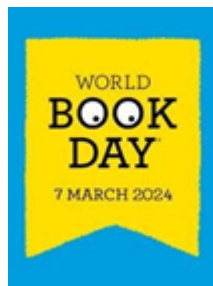
God bless

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal



World Book Day 2024



Thank you to everyone who went above and beyond to design a wooden spoon character for World Book Day! Congratulations to the winners! It was a difficult decision for our art ambassadors!

The day itself was fantastic. We were all comfy in our PJs, enjoying books and completed work in lessons based on our 'whole school' focus book - 'Flooded' by Mariajo Ilustrajo. Our book swap was also a huge success. Thank you to Mrs Riley for organising such a fun day for us all focussing on our love for reading.





Catholic Social Teaching



Our Caritas Ambassadors took time out of their lunch to write Easter Cards for the people of the Parish. ***Our Lenten fundraising has also been decided on by the Caritas ambassadors - please see below!***





1 - Our Caritas ambassadors reading prayers from the prayer stop in school. During the Year of Prayer we are all encouraged to spend time alone with God.

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 





2 - Father Hudson's Care - your child has been provided with a white plastic envelope to fill up with coins donated by relatives and friends to raise money for Father Hudson's Care, who are supporting the vulnerable and those in need across the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

If each child in school could attempt to raise at least £1 that would be wonderful. Thank you all for your generosity and support towards our Lenten charity.

We also have a plan in place to do something quite special with some of the coins raised during the last week of term before we send our Lenten almsgiving to Father Hudson's Care. Watch this space!



3 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

Our Lady and All Saints Church welcomes you! **Mass Times** - **Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am.** Latest newsletter [OLAS-Bulletin-3rd-March-2024.pdf](#) Lent service sheet [Lent-2024-Service-Sheet.pdf \(olas.org.uk\)](#) The Parish Centre- planning for the future- [Planning-for-the-Future---the-Parish-Centre-1.pdf \(olas.org.uk\)](#)



Children's liturgy - John 3:14-21



In today's gospel reading we hear that God loved the world so much that he gave us Jesus to show us how to live and to help bring us closer to God.

How does it make you feel to know that God loves us all so much that he was willing to send his only son, Jesus, to be with us here on earth, and to die for us?

Can you tell me two people who love you? And two people that you love? What does it mean to love someone? How should we treat someone that we love?

God does not just love you or me, God loves everybody. God loves all people whether they are rich or poor, no matter where they live or where they come from, no matter whether they are healthy or ill, no matter the colour of their skin. We are all God's children. We are part of one global family.

God asks us to share this love and to also care for others no matter who they are or where in the world they live. God calls us to care for our global family and to share generously with them all that we have been given. When we do this we are sharing God's love.

How do you think you could share God's love with others over the coming week?

We pray for the Church: that through God's grace it may be a place of welcome and love for all people no matter who they are or where they come from. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for all people who are finding life hard because of poverty or illness: that they may find comfort in God's love and the love of those around them. Lord, in your mercy...

Today on Mothering Sunday, we pray for our mothers, and all those who care for us. May we always show them love and be helpful and kind. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: Loving God, show us how to reach out to others around the world in love and to support them to build a better future, free from poverty. Amen

Reflection adapted from Cafod children's liturgy

The Wednesday Word- [SELF-GIVING - Magazine - Page 1 \(paperturn-view.com\)](http://www.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	Orlaith	Elsie
Year 1	Sam	Cordelia
Year 2	Alessandro	Nancy
Year 3	Heidi	Lucy
Year 4	Trinity	Darci M
Year 5	Freddie & Will	Xanthe
Year 6	Lois	Ethan



Updates:

Girls football - Our Year 5 and Year 6 girls football team have completed their league, finishing second. This means they have qualified for the regional finals in May - well done girls! The girls played 6 games, winning 3 and drawing three. They scored 9 goals and didn't concede a single goal!

Boys football - boys can join in football training on a Wednesday lunchtime (weather permitted!) and their league will begin in the spring. We are exploring further boys football training on an evening after school and will have some information to communicate soon.

Y5/6 Dudley Girls Football

Tuesday 27th February 2024				
FIXTURE 1				RESULTS
Pitch 1	Hob Green	V	Amblecote	0-0
Pitch 2	Peters Hill	V	St Joseph's	0-0
Pitch 3	Rufford	V	St James	0-2
FIXTURE 2				
Pitch 1	St James	V	Peters Hill	0-0
Pitch 2	St Joseph's	V	Hob Green	2-0
Pitch 3	Amblecote	V	Ham Dingle	1-1
FIXTURE 3				
Pitch 1	Rufford	V	Hob Green	0-6
Pitch 2	Amblecote	V	Peters Hill	0-2
Pitch 3	Ham Dingle	V	St James	0-2

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Hob Green	6	4	1	1	13	2	13
St Joseph's	6	3	3	0	9	0	12
Peters Hill	6	3	2	1	7	1	11
St James	6	3	2	1	4	4	11
Amblecote	6	0	4	2	1	3	4
Ham Dingle	6	0	2	4	1	10	2
Rufford	6	0	2	4	0	15	2

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 **98.45%**.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 96.3%

Year 1: 99.3%

Year 2: 98%

Year 3: 98.7%

Year 4: 99.7%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 99%

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

*Please note a minor change to parents' evenings dates

[St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Calendar \(st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk\)](http://st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

Dudley term dates - 2024/25 [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Dudley Term Dates 2023-24 and 2024-25 \(st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk\)](http://st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

Wednesday 13th March - 3:30pm-5:30pm Parents' evening night 1

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 - Year 5 to Stations of the Cross at Hagley Catholic High School

Friday 15th March - St Patrick's Day - PTA Mufti Day - Wear something green /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 (parents welcome)

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

Wednesday 10th April - Individual school photographs - am

Thursday 11th April - KS2 SAT's information meeting for Year 6 parents - 3.30pm

Friday 12th April - Whole School Mass - 9:10am

Wednesday 17th April - Year 6 serving senior Parish lunches - 1pm

Thursday 18th April - Multiplication Tables Check information meeting for Year 4 parents - 3.30pm

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

Monday 3rd June - Year 3 trip to Bishops Wood

Wednesday 5th June-Friday 7th June - Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes

Wednesday 5th June - Year 5 class Mass - 2:30pm (Year 5 parents welcome)

Monday 10th June - Reception class trip to Bodenham Arboretum

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.

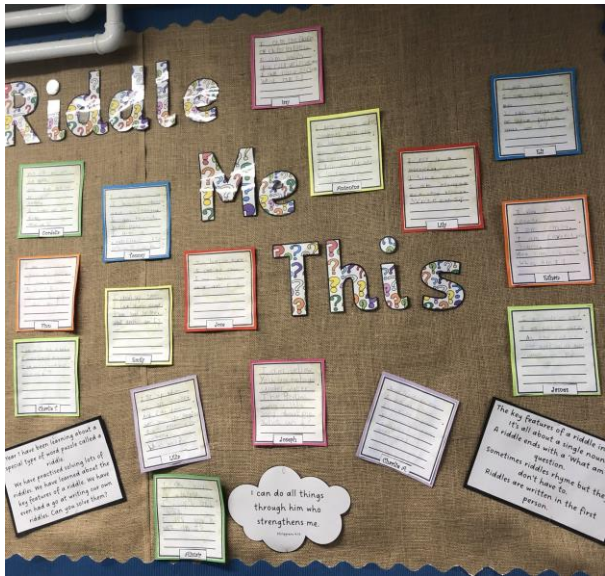
To bring the curriculum to life, we also plan for educational visits and visitors that enrich learning further.

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- Please scroll through the images below for a host of updates from our wonderful PTA.



OUTDOOR ACTION DAYS - Saturday 9th March - 9.30am onwards.

Please join us to help tidy & improve our school grounds.

We'd like to thank the Parishioners who came along to join us last year and to help us make such important transformations to outdoor spaces at school. It was a resounding success.... but there is more to do! So please come and join us this year. The sense of community felt at last years action day was fantastic.. helped along by the tea and cakes of course!

This year we hope to conclude the painting on the school's gates and car park boundaries, refine the memorial garden and relocate flora for a rock garden, clear weeds in the garden club zone and sow new seeds, relocate and stock the outdoor miniature library as well as transform the KS1 outdoor space with a vibrant wall mural. We'd also like to erect fencing, add decorative elements and learning tools and create pathways with defined borders to the outdoor learning area. We have a mini greenhouse and mini shed to build and the willow nest to reweave. Last but not least we have to paint our new outdoor classroom with wood stain to preserve it.

We need gardening utensils, paintbrushes, trays, screwdrivers, brooms, hammers and ladders to use on the day. If you happen to have any top soil, wood chippings, white wood paint or wood stain that you no longer need, we'd love to put them to good use at school!

We hope to see you there, EM, Marie and the PTA team.



Mother's Day GIFT SHOP

We'd love to invite you to take part in this years Mother's Day Gift Shop to help our little ones treat someone special!

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

To help us stock the shop, please provide a small gift, brand new or re-gifted, to be brought into school by Wednesday 6th March, along with a preloved giftbag.

You can then purchase a 'Gift Voucher' for £2 via Parent Pay which your child can exchange in our shop for a gift they think you'll love... and we'll even help them wrap it!

Wishing you all a wonderful Mother's Day... You deserve it!

XXX TEAM PTA XXX



4 - Thank you to everyone who has supported this wonderful event. The children have had a fantastic time choosing gifts for this



ST. JOSEPHS PTA PRESENT

Feeling
LUCKY

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

FRIDAY 15th MARCH

6.45 PM UNTIL 8.30 PM

BAR & SNACKS

TICKETS £2 - ON PARENT PAY!

TESCO



We have blue token collection boxes in Tesco's Stourbridge, Oldswinford & Audnam until March 31st. Please encourage friends and family to pop their tokens in our box, donations will be used to improve our outdoor spaces. We could be awarded up to £1500!

BREAKING NEWS

WE'VE SECURED AN AMAZING DEAL ON A PRE-LOVED OUTDOOR CLASSROOM FOR THE RECEPTION AREA BUT WE NEED HELP TO COLLECT FROM STAFFORD AND REASSEMBLE THIS FRI & SAT. IF YOU CAN HELP, IN ANY CAPACITY, PLEASE LET PTA KNOW.



TICKERS

Don't forget, if you're buying kid's watches, use our discount code STJOESPTA for 10% discount for you & another 10% will be donated to PTA! WWW.TICKERS.CO.UK

DATES FOR THE DIARY

VALENTINES DISCO
THURS 8TH FEB

Does your employer offer fund matching or community helping hands? Please let us know if so!



PTA MEETING
MON 26TH MARCH
OLD WHITE HORSE, 7PM
ALL WELCOME!

MOTHERS DAY SHOP
FRI 8TH MARCH

ST. PATRICK'S DAY QUIZ
FRI 15TH MARCH

OUTDOOR ACTION DAYS
SAT 2ND MARCH
SAT 9TH MARCH
PLEASE JOIN US TO HELP TIDY & IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE WHAT WE ACHIEVED LAST YEAR!

JOECHELLA
ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL SUMMER FESTIVAL
SAT 13TH JULY

ST. JOSEPH'S PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Hello St. Joseph's Families,

As we start a new year, we wanted to reach out to share our plans for 2024, and look back on some of our achievements in 2023. In every 2023 saw amazing generosity from the St. Joseph's community, which helped us raise an incredible £6183.95 and have a lot of fun along the way! See inside for our planned spending for Spring 2024, we're pleased to be achieving a great selection of opportunities that will benefit all pupils.

It's not all about fundraising though, we also help drive improvements around school, further enriching the school environment. The school community came together last spring and made some epic changes to our outdoor spaces, we'll be doing it all again in March so please see dates for your diaries made, friends & families are very welcome - The more hands the better (and we'll even treat you to tea and biscuits!)

Thank you to those of you that completed our recent survey, the results told us that you'd like money spent on inspirational visitors, classroom extras & outdoor equipment. You feel most likely to support Joechella, Christmas Raffle & Discos. An extra thank you to those that put forward ideas & additional feedback - And we really appreciated the kind compliments many of you offered.

We look forward to a great 2024!

Marie, Em & the whole PTA!

A NOTE FROM MR WILKES



I was delighted to be asked to write a few lines for the newsletter to express my thanks and gratitude for all that you do for our children and school.

Over the last year a number of successful events and projects have taken place that have been led by the PTA. The Valentines disco, mother and fathers' day sales, Joechella, the outdoor action day, spooky disco and fantastic Christmas raffle among many others have been fun for all and ensured a great amount of money has been raised - all of which has gone to further enriching the learning experience of the children at St Joseph's.

St Joseph's is blessed with a wonderful PTA - The best that I have worked with in my career as a teacher.

The generosity of parents and family members towards PTA events greatly supports the school to achieve our aims of providing the best start in life for the children and community we serve. All parents in school become a member of the PTA when their child starts at St Joseph's. Where possible, please do try to attend the meetings and approach a current member if you wish to become further involved as all support, skills and time given is very much appreciated and extremely rewarding.

On behalf of the teachers, support staff and governors, thank you.

JOIN US!

We're always thrilled to have more people join us, whether you wish to be a full member, or just dip in to certain events, we'd really appreciate the help in whatever capacity you feel able to offer. We do have the specific roles below that we are currently looking to fill, please let your Class Rep know if you'd like to get involved.

SECRETARY After several years, Eleanor will be stepping back from the role as secretary. Key duties include admin of our charity, ensuring all documentation is current & correct. We wish to thank Eleanor for the amazing work she's done for the PTA, but don't worry, she'll still very much be part of the team!

GRANTS APPLICATION OFFICERS There are a number of grants we can apply for though out the school year, we have one member of PTA looking at opportunities, but with more people, we can apply for more grants!



FOLLOW US!

Are you following our Facebook group?

If not, search St. Joseph's PTA or scan our QR code below...



Or get in touch with your PTA by email: stjoeptastourbridge@hotmail.com

WHAT YOU HELPED US TO RAISE IN AUTUMN...

The revenue from the events bought our 2023 fundraising to £6183.95!



AND HOW THAT WILL BE SPENT...

Our spending agreements for Spring, with be plenty more to come throughout the year!

£600 We've purchased rocks, specialist paints & varnish to allow each child to paint a rock which will be installed in the Remembrance Garden.

£500 World Religion Artefact Boxes, giving children hands on experience with cultural artefacts from all 4 corners of the globe.

£320 School are planning an incredible day of music with a visit from a musician running a whole-school Drumming & Percussion Workshop.

£600 We've paid for additional bespoke seating in the woodland area, and ground clearance, ready for the children to get out there in Spring!

£200 We'll again be funding feathered friends for the children in Spring, this year it's ducklings! Children will get to egg-sperience the ducklings hatching in the classroom.

£175 We'll be funding materials for a mini-makeover of the Intervention Room. As well as the kind donation of a wall mural, we'll be adding beautiful wallpaper and accessories.

£100 An out of this world experience, we're bringing a mobile planetarium in to school! Children will get the opportunity to visit outer space from the comfort of the school hall!

£200 'Love Yourself' A confidence-boosting workshop for Years 5 & 6.

£125 A fish & chip lunch for Year 6 Confirmation lunch - Thanks Norton Fisheries!

£80 Compasses and O.S. maps to help children develop their orienteering skills.



ST. JOSEPH'S PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION THANK YOU'S

Thank you so much to all the local businesses who so generously donated prizes to our Christmas raffle, please keep them in mind throughout the year!

HEALTH & BEAUTY

HAIR BY ABBIE - 07976 944362
KAT AT ESTEEM - 07780 476835
SCRATCH SALON - SCRATCHNAILANDBEAUTYSALON.CO.UK
ELYSIUM BEAUTY - BEAUTYATELYSIUM@HOTMAIL.COM
RESOLVE & RESTORE - RESOLVEANDRESTORE.CO.UK
STOURBRIDGE TENNIS CLUB - TENNIS-SQUASH.CO.UK

DAYS OUT

LOWER DRAYTON FARM - LOWERDRAYTONFARM.CO.UK
HARTLEBURY CASTLE - HARTLEBURYCASTLE.COM
WEST MIDLANDS SAFARI PARK - WMSPCO.UK
CANNON RACEWAY - CANNONRACEWAY.CO.UK

NIGHTS OUT

THE OLD WHITE HORSE - EMBERINNS.CO.UK
THE CROWN AT IVERLY - THECROWNATIVERLEY.CO.UK
BROCKENCOTE HALL - BROCKENCOTEHALL.COM
THE HOLLY BUSH - THEHOLLYBUSHGORCOTTBILL.CO.UK
WOLVERHAMPTON GRAND - GRANDTHEATRE.CO.UK
GRILL IT - GRILL-IT.CO.UK

NIGHTS IN

NICKOLLS & PERKS - NICKOLLSANDPERKS.COM
MAJESTIC WINE - MAJESTIC.CO.UK
NORTON FISHERIES - NORTONFISHERIES.CO.UK

GIFTS

LAURA ELIZABETH - LAURAEELIZBETHFASHION.COM
TIKKERS KIDS WATCHES - TIKKERS.CO.UK
STACY HAMMOND - STACYHAMMOND.COM

HOME & GARDEN

THE LOG MEN - LOGMENWESTMIDLANDS.CO.UK
LIVING STYLED - LIVINGSTYLED.CO.UK
WEBSTERS OF WOLLASTON - WEBSTERSOFWOLLASTON.COM
MR MURALS - MRMURALS.COM
ROOTS ALLOTMENTS - ROOTSALLOTMENTS.COM
... AND EVERYTHING ELSE!
GET GLITZ - WWW.GETGLITZ.CO.UK
FRB DANCE ACADEMY - @THEFRBACADEMY
CUP COFFEE SHOP - CUPCOFFEESHOP.CO.UK
DELI IN THE VILLAGE - DELIINTHEVILLAGE.CO.UK
BABY SLEEP THE NIGHT - BABYSLEEPTHENIGHT.COM

CAN YOU HELP? We're already thinking ahead to prizes for the 2024 Christmas raffle! Are you affiliated with a business that may be able to donate, or sponsor a prize? Please keep the raffle in mind throughout the year, not only is it one of your favourite events, it's also one of our biggest fundraisers - and the better the prizes, the more money we'll raise together!

THANK YOU TO...

The winners of the Mr. Mural voucher who kindly donated it back to school, we'll be having a mural in the Intervention Room.



Mr. Dulson & the boys of Rosewood School for the outdoor library, coming soon!



Hollywood Monster for the awesome prints transforming our Library Lodge!



Discover U & an incredibly generous school family for our awesome homes for bugs, birds and even hedgehogs!
Superstar DJ, Rob Jackson for keeping us all entertained at our P.T.A. events.



5 - Thank you to the PTA for purchasing the new outdoor classroom in our Reception outdoor area. The children absolutely love using it!

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 on the field. Please bring change of kit and trainers

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)

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 school lunch menu



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



WEEK 1

Allergy information available on request

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main				
Margherita Pizza (v)	Cottage Pie	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Crispy Beef Noodles	Fish and Chips
Vegetarian				
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)
3rd Options				
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
Deli				
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				
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
Main				
Macaroni Cheese (v)	Pork Sausage and Mashed Potatoes	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Fish and Chips
Vegetarian				
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)
3rd Options				
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
Deli				
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				
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



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13th Nov, 4th Dec, 25th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb, 26th Feb, 18th Mar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main				
Ratatouille Pasta Bake (v)	Meat Feast Pizza	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Gyros	Fish and Chips
Vegetarian				
Korean Cauliflower with Rice (v)	Veggie Pizza (v)	Mediterranean Gnocchi Bake (v)	Mushroom and Spinach Enchilada (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel with Chips (v)
3rd Options				
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
Deli				
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

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.

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





6 - National Online Safety

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. I have resent the sign up letter to all parents today.

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. <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-joseph-s-catholic-primary-school-8> There are lots of resources, guides and webinars to support you to keep your child safe online.



7 - 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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