



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter March 22nd 2024

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents and families,

We have had an extremely busy final week of term in school. On Monday evening, our Year 3 children made their first confession in Church with Father Philip. We must thank Father Philip for preparing the children so well for this important Sacrament that brings them closer to Jesus on their Lenten journey. Year 5 have also had the opportunity to make their confession to Father Philip this week.

On Tuesday, our prayers focussed on St Joseph's Day, and we also created our cross of coins from the money raised for our chosen Lenten charity - Father Hudson's. The children entering and offering coins on the cross along with Y3 singing to us 'Were you there when they crucified my Lord?' was an incredibly moving experience for all of us.

On Thursday, Year 1 led us in a wonderful assembly for World Down Syndrome Day. The key message was to celebrate our uniqueness and differences as we are all made in the image of God. Well done Year 1!

Following this, our annual cake sale to raise funds for the children who we sponsor in the Gambia took place - I'm delighted to say we raised £120 towards project Gambia - a great amount.

In total this Lent, we have raised:

Father Hudson's £656.82

Project Gambia £120.00

Ups and Downs £153.16

We have also donated cakes and Easter eggs to Stourbridge food bank.

Thank you so much!

In the afternoon, Year 3 led us in their Easter performance - 'The Three Trees'. They were magnificent. Year 3 managed to tell a very challenging and poignant story in an incredibly powerful yet simple manner. Their signing, acting, the soloists and the reading of lines were all wonderful. Well done Year 3! Thank you to parents and families for your support with the preparation, and for the very positively reviews on the QR code.

Finally, on Friday Father Philip celebrated our end of term Mass. This was a perfect end to our term to prepare our hearts and minds to Holy Week to begin on Sunday as we look towards remembering the final week on earth of our Lord before the Good News to be shared on Easter Sunday. The most important time in the Church liturgical calendar. Please do ensure that you make time to pause, reflect and be close to our Lord next week.

Thank you for the very positive responses to the parent consultations that I have been reading through this week. Following the suggestions made, there will be some changes to the format of the parents' consultation evenings - thank you for taking time to complete the survey.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank our school community for all of the support that you provide for us. This support is invaluable in ensuring that St Joseph's continues to be a nurturing, happy, successful and flourishing school. I am always so very proud of our children, they are a credit to you as parents and our school.

Have a blessed Easter break, and see you all back in school on Monday April 8th.

God bless

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal

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/



Polite request for community members with skills! Dear parents, there are a number of ambitious projects in school that we wish to begin, and wondered if any members of our community would be interested in offering some of their skills towards the benefit of our school community? For example, we're looking for painters, joiners, carpenters, videographers and green fingered members of the local community to come forward and see if they could help. If this sounds like something that you feel you might be able to support with, please do give the school office a call. Thank you.



Catholic Social Teaching



Easter Garden Competition

Well done everyone - our Easter garden competition was a great success! The winners were announced in Mass this morning. All children received a token gift for taking part with prizes for the top 3, as judged by our Caritas Ambassadors. The children have been told that they can take their gardens home today to provide focus for Easter, or, they can remain in school in our Marian garden. Thank you so much to everyone who took part.



Easter Egg Donations - School Council request

Thank you for your generosity - the donations have been taken to Stourbridge foodbank!



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.



2 - Our beautiful cross of coins raising money for Father Hudson's.



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 





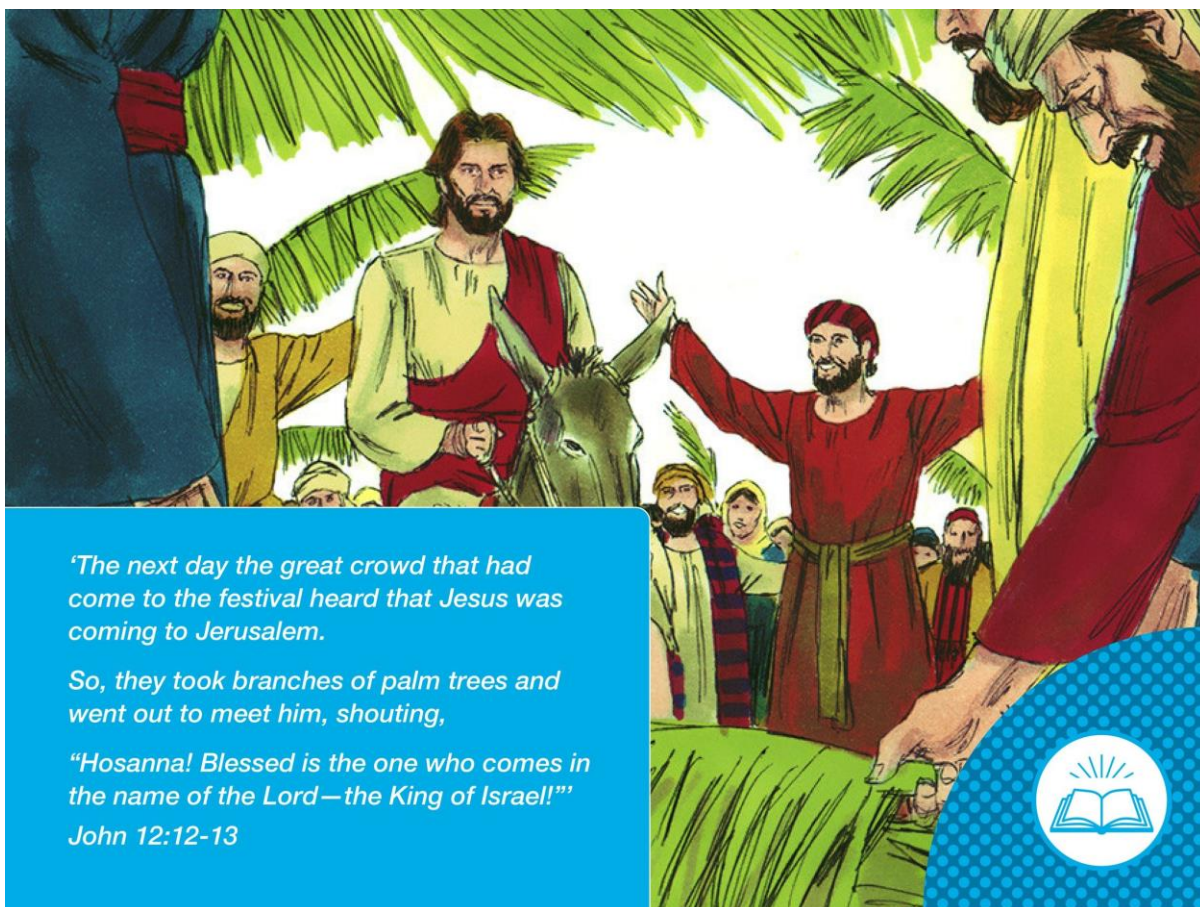
3 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

Our Lady and All Saints Church welcomes you! **Mass Times - Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am.** Latest newsletter [OLAS-Bulletin-17th-March-2024-Fifth-Sunday-of-Lent.pdf](#) Lent service sheet [Lent-2024-Service-Sheet.pdf \(olas.org.uk\)](#) Holy Week reflection [Holy-Week-2024-Scripture-Commentaries.pdf \(olas.org.uk\)](#)



Children's liturgy - Palm Sunday (Year B)



'The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!"

John 12:12-13

Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds of people. They waved palm branches and shouted "hosanna". Why do you think that the crowd did this?

How would you welcome Jesus if he arrived here today? How can we welcome Jesus into our lives?

What do you remember from the second gospel reading that you heard today? Were the crowd still pleased to see Jesus?

Jesus had been arrested and handed over to Pontius Pilate. Why did the elders and chief priests arrest Jesus?

Pilate tried to release Jesus but the crowd shouted for him to release Barabbas and crucify Jesus. Why do you think the crowd did this? How do you think Jesus felt when he heard the crowd shouting?

Pilate sent Jesus to be crucified. The soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus's head. They hit him and spat at him. How do you think this made Jesus feel?

They made Jesus carry his cross to the place where they would crucify them. The cross was heavy and Jesus struggled to carry it so the soldiers made someone help him. Can you remember the name of the man who helped Jesus?

How do you think Simon of Cyrene felt while he was helping Jesus to carry his cross?

We all know that we are supposed to help other people, but how often do we actually do so? When was the last time you helped someone? What did you do?

Do you think it was easy or hard for Simon to help Jesus carry his cross? Why?

It is sometimes very easy to help people – we know exactly what to do to make them happier or to solve their problem. Sometimes it is very difficult to help people – others may laugh at us or think that someone is not worth helping. Or it may be that we do not know how to help them.

How will you help people this week, both here and overseas?

We pray for world leaders: that guided by God they may make wise decisions which will help all people. Lord hear us...

We pray for people who are poor, or facing any kind of difficulty: that they may find the help and support they need to build a better future. Lord hear us...

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may always be willing to help those in need, no matter how difficult it might be. Lord hear us...

Closing prayer:

God of life and light, teach us how to help others and to live our lives in your love. Amen.

Reflection adapted from Cafod children's liturgy

[The Wednesday Word- Easter Special - 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.

Gifts from God will return in the Summer term..

Gospel values

Good work

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6



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 **94.06%**.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 95.2%

Year 1: 94.3%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 92%

Year 4: 98%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 90%

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)

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.

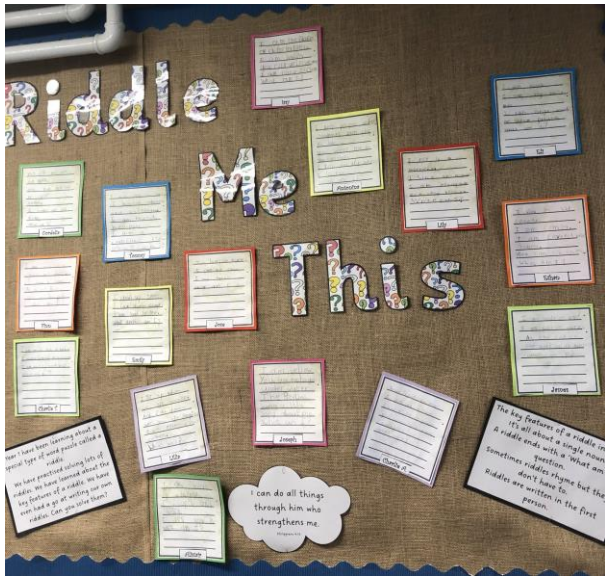
To bring the curriculum to life, we also plan for educational visits and visitors that enrich learning further.

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)





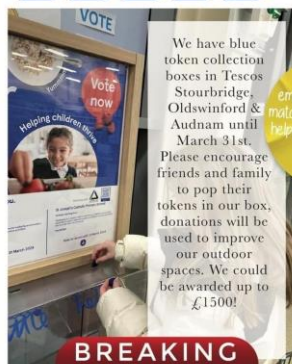




PTA updates- Please scroll through the images below for a host of updates from our wonderful PTA.



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!

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



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.



TIKKERS

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.TIKKERS.CO.UK

DATES FOR THE DIARY

**VALENTINES DISCO
THURS 8TH FEB**

**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. As ever, 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 delivering 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 inside, 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 & disco. 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.



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: sjosephpta@ourbridge@hotmail.com

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 correct & 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!

WHAT YOU HELPED US TO RAISE IN AUTUMN...

The revenue from the events by 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!

- £100 We've purchased rocks, specialist paints & varnish to allow each child to paint a rock which will be installed in the Remembrance Garden.
- £300 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!
- £500 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.
- £150 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 - WMSP.CO.UK
 CANNON RACEWAY - CANNONRACEWAY.CO.UK

NIGHTS OUT

THE OLD WHITE HORSE - EMBERINNS.CO.UK
 THE CROWN AT IVERLY - THECROWNATIVERLY.CO.UK
 BROCKENCOTE HALL - BROCKENCOTEHALL.COM
 THE HOLLY BUSH - THEHOLLYBUSHGORCOTTHILL.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.GETGLITZUK.COM
 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. Dalton & 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.

THANK YOU TO
 ROBE HOME & GARDEN
 FOR THEIR HELP!
 AVAILABLE FOR HOME &
 GARDEN MAINTENANCE
 07875 508348



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

PE Timetable - Summer 1st half 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 - Monday - bikeability

Year 1 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2 - Monday & Tuesday

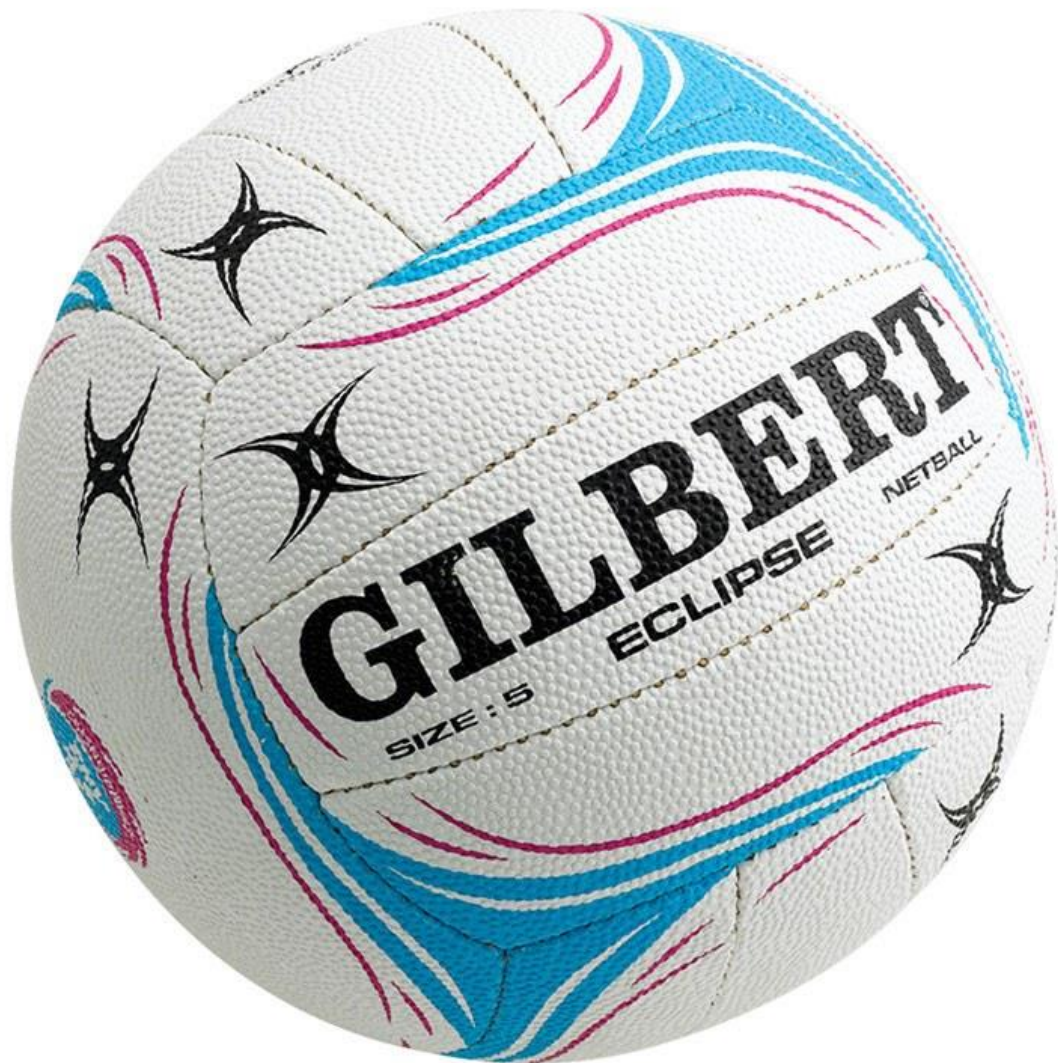
Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday (swimming)

Year 4 - Tuesday & Friday

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 - Summer menu



WEEK 1

Allergy information available on request

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main				
Cheesy Potato Hash	Meat Feast Pizza <small>PLANT</small>	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Oven Baked Fish Fingers
Vegetarian				
Spiced Vegetable Curry with Rice <small>PLANT</small>	Margherita Pizza <small>PLANT</small>	Roasted Vegetable Quesadilla with Roast Potatoes <small>PLANT</small>	Mexican Loaded Beans with Rice <small>PLANT</small>	Veggie Nuggets with Tomato and Sweetcorn Salsa and Chips <small>V</small>
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
Vegetables				
Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert				
Berry Crumble Traybake	Fruit Jelly	Apple and Cinnamon Slice	Coconut and Lime Cake	Cheesecake
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

V Vegetarian V Vegan PLANT

Fresh seasonal salad and bread available daily. Fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily as an alternative to the dessert of the day.

8th Apr, 29th Apr, 20th May, 10th Jun, 1st Jul, 22nd Jul, 2nd Sept, 23rd Sept, 14th Oct



WEEK 2

Allergy information available on request

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main				
Cheese & Tomato Pizza <small>V</small>	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Asian Chicken Noodles or Rice	Crispy Baked Fish with Chips
Vegetarian				
Pasta Primavera <small>V</small> <small>PLANT</small>	Veggie Sausage Traybake with Mash <small>V</small> <small>PLANT</small>	Spiced Quorn with Roast Potatoes or Wedges <small>V</small>	Thai Veggie Fried Rice <small>V</small>	Onion Bhaji and Chutney Wrap with Chips <small>V</small>
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
Vegetables				
Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert				
Chocolate and Orange Cookie	Carrot Cake	Fruity Jelly Crunch Pot	Coconut Berry Vegan Cake	Crispy Cake
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

V Vegetarian V Vegan PLANT







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15th Apr, 6th May, 27th May, 17th Jun, 8th Jul, 9th Sept, 30th Sept, 21st Oct



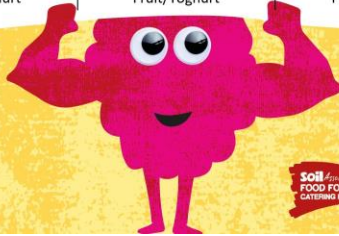
Allergy information available on request

22nd Apr, 13th May, 3rd Jun, 24th Jun, 15th Jul, 16th Sept, 7th Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main				
Margherita Pizza 	Jerk Chicken with Rice and Peas	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese with Pasta	Oven Baked Fish Fingers with Chips
Vegetarian				
Crispy Noodles 	BBQ Baked Beans and Cheese Pastry Pocket with New Potatoes 	Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Vegetable Lasagne  PLANT	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Pinwheel with Chips 
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
Vegetables				
Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert				
Pear Sponge with Chocolate Custard	Fruit Shortbread	Oat Fruit Slice	Garden Brownie	Easiyo Mousse
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

 Vegetarian  Vegan **PLANT**

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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





5 - 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.



6 - 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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