



**ST JOSEPH'S**  
**CATHOLIC PRIMARY**  
**SCHOOL**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
Newsletter 18th July 2025

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## A message from our Principal



Dear parents and families,

Quite unbelievably we have reached the end of another academic year! I would like to express my thanks to the whole school community who play such a large part in our success. And we have had a very successful year. From the Outstanding report from our Catholic School's Inspection, Sacramental preparations for our children, very pleasing outcomes in statutory assessments, art and music exhibitions, sporting success, ongoing improvements to the environment - and, most importantly, happy, thriving children who have made such wonderful progress. As I have spoken about over the last few days during our prize giving assemblies, our school community greatly supports our school to continue to progress and thrive and this is something that we all value so highly feel so blessed to receive.

This year's prize giving assemblies were joyous, and it filled us all with such delight to see how proud the children were and you, their families. What progress they have made! Very well done to all of our children, and I know it would have been such a proud moment for you all.

Finally, We have also said goodbye to our Y6 children today. Following their own prize giving yesterday, they treated us to a fantastic end of year show and then led leavers' Mass this morning that was celebrated beautifully by Father Philip. Our wonderful Y6 pupils are truly are a remarkably talented group of young people and I know that they will go on to SHINE. They are faith-filled, conscientious, kind hearted, talented and they work so very hard. Year 6, we will miss you! '

***Lord, bless our Year 6 children as they begin their new adventure and go onto make a difference in our world. Saint Joseph, faithful guardian and protector, we thank you for your guidance and care throughout this school year. As we approach the summer break, we ask for your continued protection and blessings. Help us to rest, play, and grow in faith, ready for the new year ahead. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.'***

Have a wonderful summer everyone.

**Mr. A Wilkes**

**Principal**

Catholic Life events PowerPoint - [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Catholic Life Events 2024-2025](#)

## Parent Governor Elections



Thank you to the three candidates who applied to join the Local Governing Body as parent governors. Thank you also to the parents who voted in the election this week.

I am delighted to announce that **Mr Adrian Hingley** and **Miss Emma Finnegan** have been elected as parents governors of St Joseph's. We look forward to welcoming them to the LGB and working closely with them for the benefit of our school.

Mr. J Coyne

Returning Officer



## Year of Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope





1 - On **Wednesday 25th June**, we made a special **whole school pilgrimage** to our parish church, **Our Lady and All Saints** and celebrated mass together at 10am. As Pilgrims of Hope, we stand united together as school and parish, strengthening our links and deepening our faith in this year of Hope. Thank you for joining us at church!











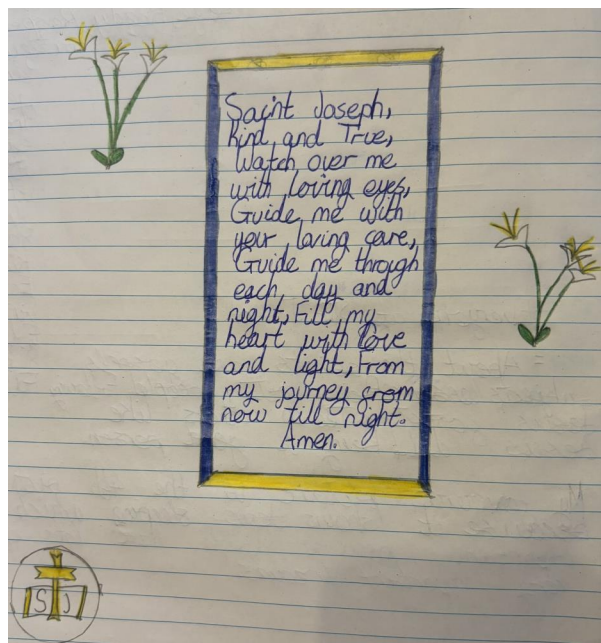
2 - CAFOD Big Lent Walk

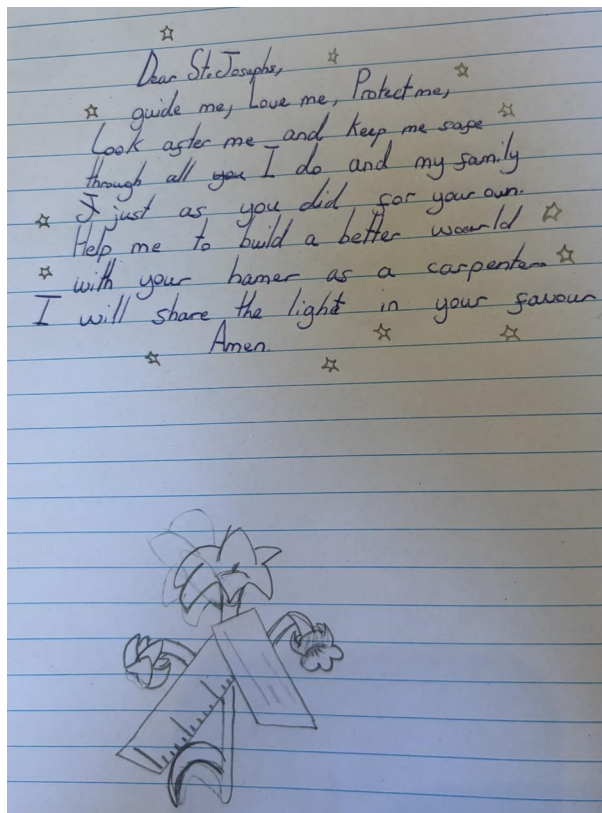


*3 - Our new Virtual School Tour - take a look!*



## The Catholic Life of our school











4 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

Twitter/X @StJoStourbridge

Our Lady and All Saints Church welcomes you! Latest newsletter [OLAS-Bulletin-13th-July-2025.pdf](#) **Mass Times - Saturday 5pm (children's liturgy), Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am.** Scripture Reflection - [OLAS-JULY-25-SCRIPTURE-COMMENTARIES.pdf](#)



**Children's liturgy - Summer Newsletter - Ten:Ten (Link below)**



<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



## Gifts from God



Parents have been informed through Arbor if their child will receive a certificate next week but we will keep it a surprise from the rest of the school and publish their names here next week!

The following children have been praised this week - well done children, we're very proud of you!

	<b>Gospel values</b>	<b>Good work</b>
<b>Reception</b>	Dylan	Eduardo
<b>Year 1</b>	Benjamin & Georgia	Connie
<b>Year 2</b>	Dylan & Antonina	Noah & Finley
<b>Year 3</b>	Frankie	Willow
<b>Year 4</b>	Poppy	Frasier
<b>Year 5</b>	Leonardo	Hattie & Joshua
<b>Year 6</b>	Elissar	Callum



### **Boys football fixtures**

#### **League Fixtures**

**St Joseph's** 6-1 Rufford Primary School

**St Joseph's** 2-0 Greenfield Primary School

**St Joseph's** 6-0 The Ridge Primary School

**St Joseph's** 8-0 Cotwall End Primary School

#### **Final**

**St Joseph's** 2-1 Straits Primary School

**Great news - our boys won the Campbell Cup Final last week and as such have won the league and cup this year as well as the 7 a-side tournament win back in the winter - we are officially the best Year 5 and 6 school football team in the borough! Well done boys for winning 2-1 in the soaring heat and on a very tricky pitch. All boys who have represented**

the school football team this year should be very proud. They have displayed skill, determination and also great sportsmanship - representing our school extremely well.

Thank you to Mr Sargent for all of his time this year coaching and managing the team and the support provided by Mr Tromans and Mr Gilligan. A very successful year, boys. Well done!

### Girls football fixtures

Tuesday 21st January - Girls fixtures

Peters Hill 0 v 3 **St Joseph's**

**St Joseph's** 0 v 1 Amblecote

**St Joseph's** 3 v 0 Rufford

**St Joseph's** 0 v 0 Ham Dingle

St James's CofE 0 v 0 **St Joseph's**

Well done girls, we finished 3rd overall in the league. You represented our school so far, and the joy and progress that you made was wonderful to see. Very well done - a great team.



Mixed Mixed Primary Leagues / Campbell Cup						
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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	3	3	0	0	9
2	Greenfield Primary School	3	2	0	1	6
3	Hob Green Primary School	0	0	0	0	0
=	Rufford Primary School	2	0	0	2	0
=	The Ridge Primary	2	0	0	2	0

Updated : 3 Apr 2025





5 - We have been awarded the FA Fair Access Award 2024 for our commitment to ensuring boys and girls have the same opportunities to take part in competitive football!



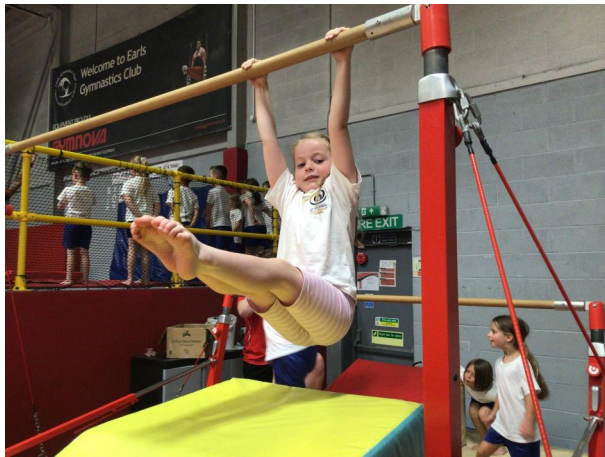
6 - The Year 5 and Year 6 boys won the Dudley 7-a-side competition and now qualify for the regional tournament. Well done boys!



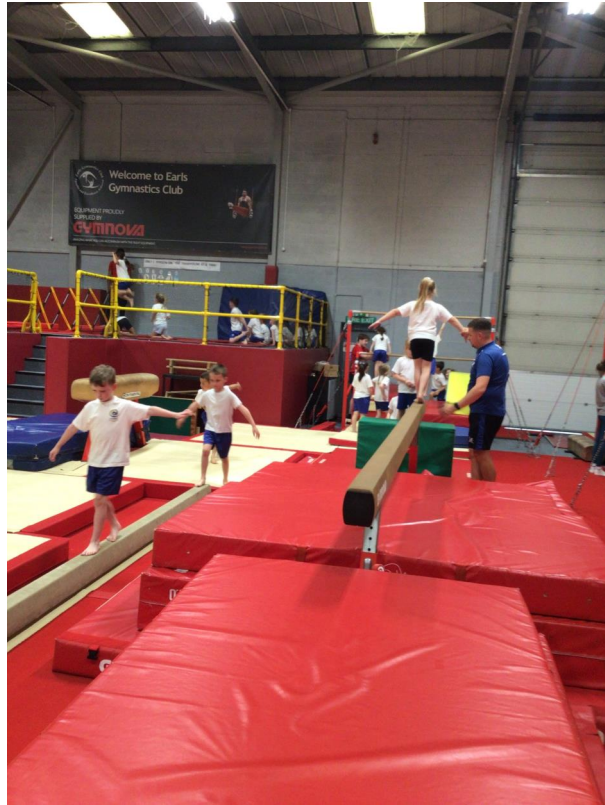
*7 - Our girls braved the wind and torrential rain to perform brilliantly in the Dudley 7-a-side competition. We were so proud of them! Well done girls!*





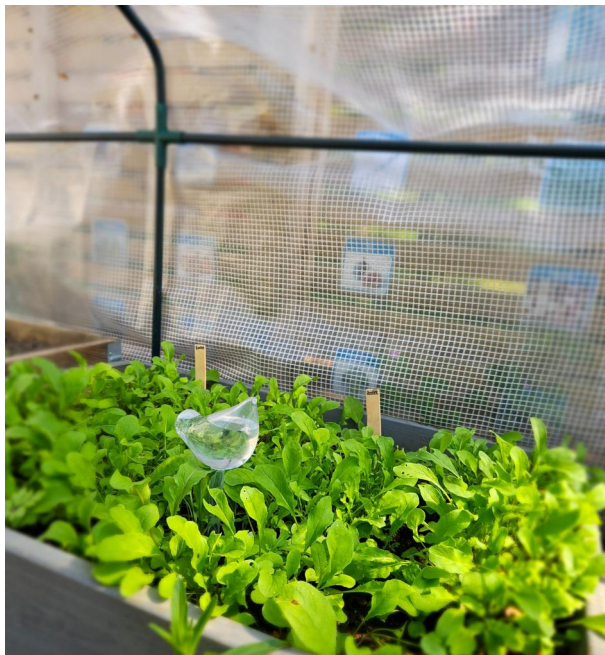






Gardening club



























## Attendance



Congratulations to **Year 6** who have achieved the highest attendance this week. You will receive an extra play time!

**Attendance for the whole school for this week is 96.31%**

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 96.4%

Year 1: 94.3%

Year 2: 95.2%

Year 3: 95.9%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 93.3%

Year 6: 100%

*\*Please note, as per our policy, letters will be sent whereby your child's attendance is causing a concern and you may be invited into school to discuss any potential barriers further.*

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.

**Please note:** From August 2024, updated Statutory Guidance Working Together To Improve School Attendance and the National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence issued by the Department For Education come in to effect. Early in September we will share the updates Emmaus attendance policy in line with this code.

**Please find the link to our updated attendance policy:** [Emmaus MAC Attendance Policy \(1\).pdf \(st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk\)](#)

#### **Attendance:**

**Updated Guidance from Dudley - including the updated penalty fine information** [School attendance advice | Dudley Council](#)

**Please note - Leave of absence requests cannot be authorised by the Principal (except in limited exceptional circumstances) and may lead to a penalty fine payable to the local authority.**

## Diary Dates 2024-25



**\*Please note all term dates are available on the calendar section of the school website.  
Please look at the link below for the latest diary date.**

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

**Please note there have been some new additions to the online calendar - involving Y4 and an art exhibition. Please do have a look.**

### INSET DAYS 2024/25

**Monday 21st July (5)**

## Emmaus Term Dates and INSET Days 2025-2026

	Starts	Half term	Ends
Autumn Term	Mon 1st September 2025	Mon 27th Oct 2025 to Fri 31st Oct 2025	Fri 19th December 2025
Spring Term	Mon 5th January 2026	Mon 16th Feb 2026 to Fri 20th Feb 2026	Fri 27th March 2026
Summer Term	Mon 13th April 2026	Mon 25th May 2026 to 29th May 2026	Mon 20th July 2026

**INSET Days for 2025/26: ☐ Monday 1st September 2025**

- Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- Friday 3rd October 2025
- Friday 26th June 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

\*A sixth Emmaus Wide Inset day has been agreed by the board of directors. The date for this Inset is to be confirmed.

Best wishes,



## Curriculum



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.

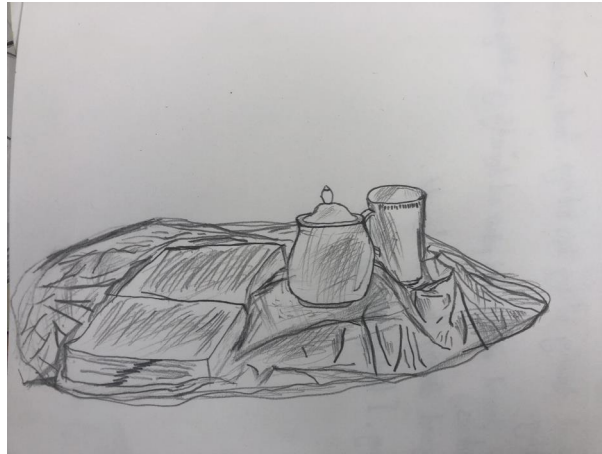
To bring the curriculum to life, we also plan for educational visits and visitors that enrich learning further.

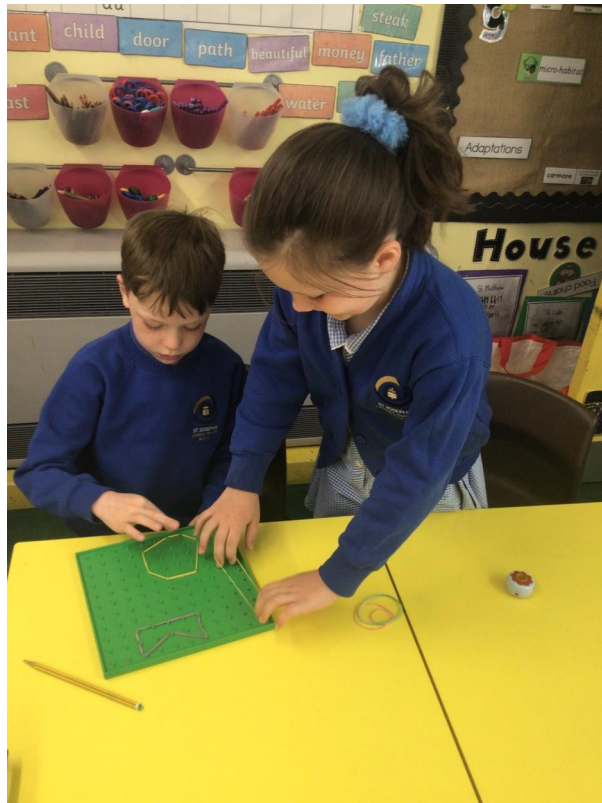
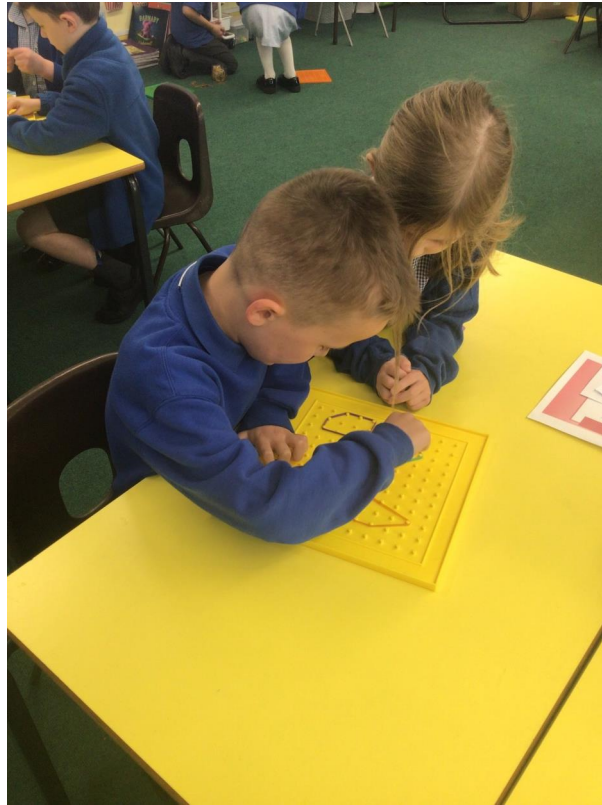
You can view your child's learning in all areas at the link below.

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

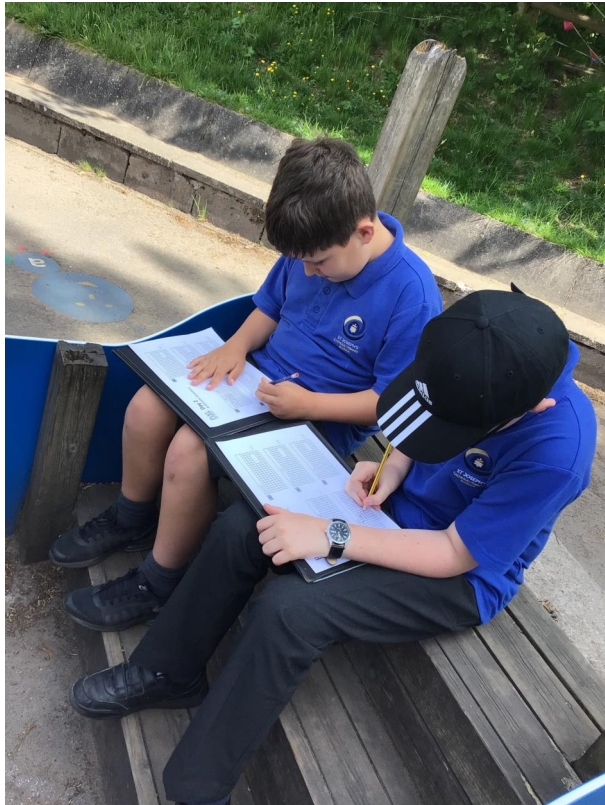




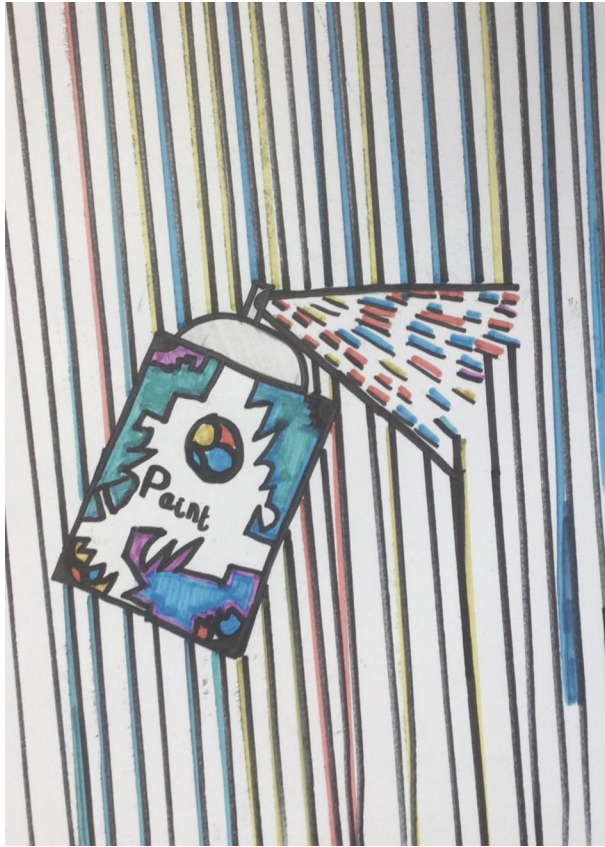










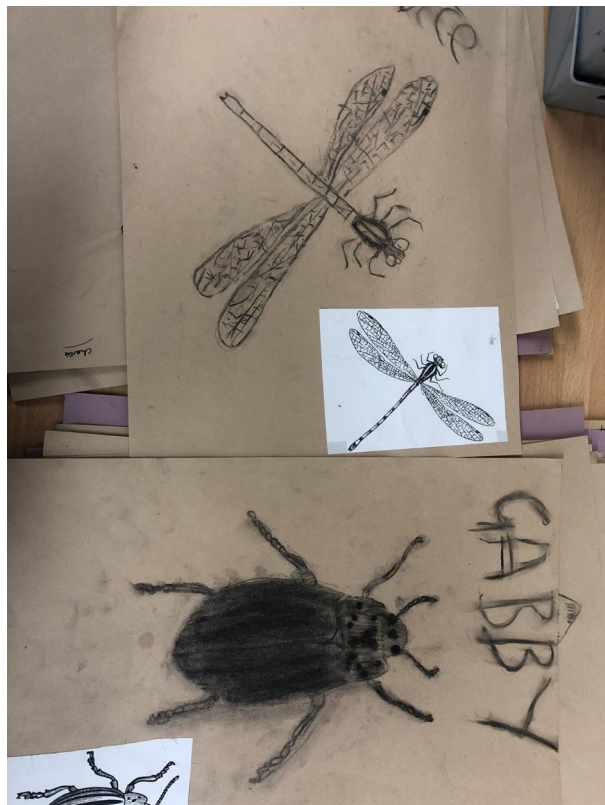


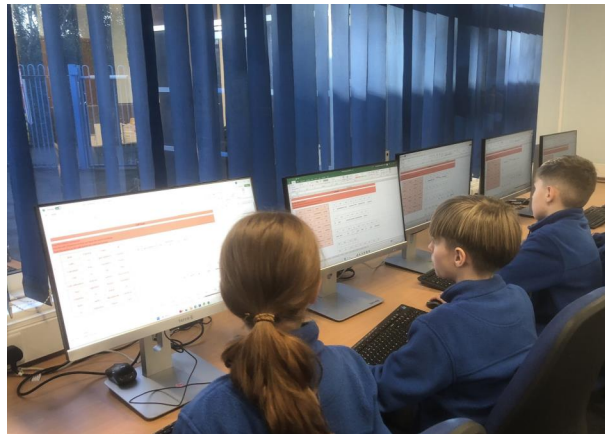
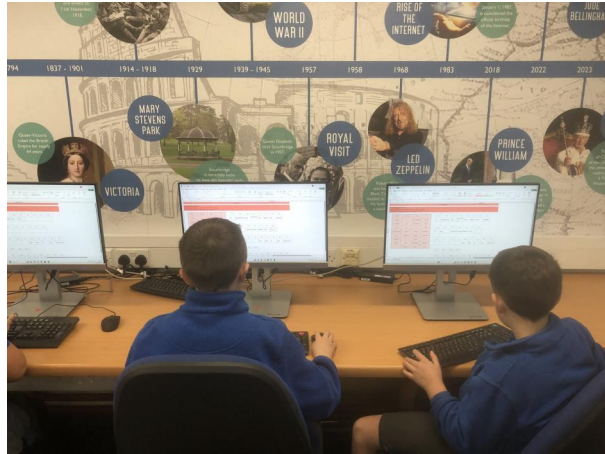


















PTA updates - Please scroll through the images below for a host of updates from our wonderful PTA.







## PE Timetable - Summer 2nd 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 & Tuesday

Year 1 - Monday & Thursday

Year 2 - Tuesday & Friday

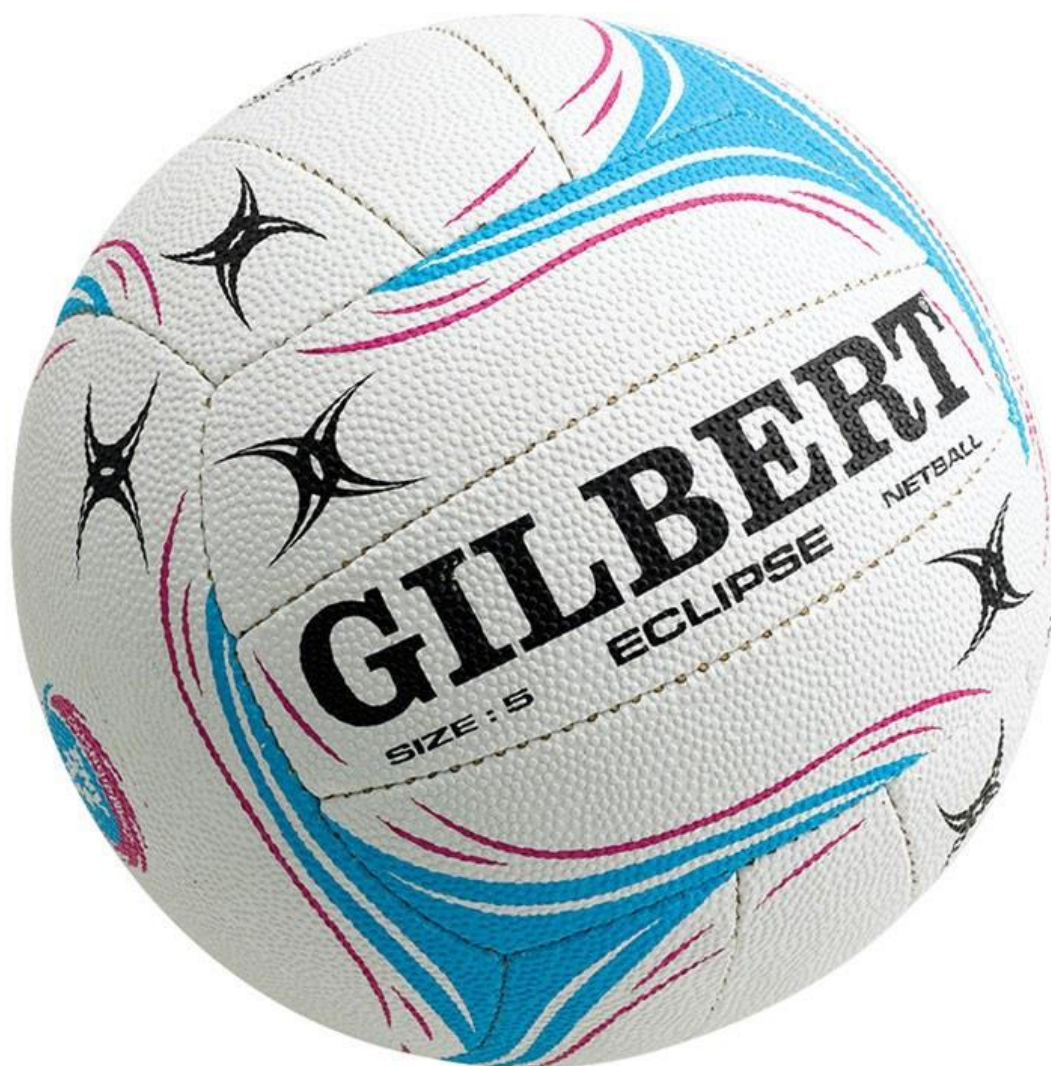
Year 3 - Thursday & Friday (swimming)

Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 6 - Tuesday & Friday

## Clubs



**Lunchtime Clubs:**

Monday-

Tuesday - KS2 Cricket (just trainers needed)

Thursday- Mass band Y4/5/6 (Mrs Cangiano)

Friday - Bible group (KS1)

**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 - Years 1-3

Monday 3:15-4.15pm - Netball Club - Years 4-6

Tuesday 8am - KS2 Gymnastics (R&B) -spaces available

Tuesday 3.15-4.30 - Irish Dancing (Full)

Tuesday 3:15-4:30pm - Year 5 and Year 6 boys football

Wednesday 8am - Dodgeball - Years 4-6 (Mark Bennett)

Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm - Irish Dancing (Full)

Thursday 8am - KS1 Gymnastics (RB)

Friday 8am - Archery Club - Years 1-6 (Mark Bennett)

Friday 3.15-4.45pm - Years 1-4 Football (Your sport)

Our school lunch menu



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WIC 01/09, 22/09, 13/10, 03/11, 24/11, 15/12, 05/01, 26/01

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza O	Southern Baked Chicken & Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic	Fish Fingers with Ch ips
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Roasted Tomato & Basil Pasta	Southern Baked Halloumi Burger & Wedges O	Garden Fresh Vegetable & Potat) Pie O, Roast Potatoes	Hearty Sausage Pasta Bake	Breakfast Wrap & Chips
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Creamy Leek & CIEese Pie	Authentic Chickpea & Spinach Curry, Rice O	Golden Sausage Roll & Roast Potatæs	Hearty Spaghetti & Meatballs	BBQ Cheesy Corn Flatbread & Chips O
Wedges & Sweetco m	Roasted Cauliflower	Savoy Cabbage & Roasted Squash	Focaccia & Green Beans	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans
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New school menu for Autumn Term



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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,

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



The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) for this school are: Mr A Wilkes (DSL), Mrs R Mitchell (DDSL) and Mrs M Riley (DDSL)







Dudley Early Help Strategy

[EARLY HELP STRATEGY | healthandwellbeing \(dudleyhealthandwellbeing.org.uk\)](https://healthandwellbeing.dudleyhealthandwellbeing.org.uk)

St Joseph's Early Help Strategy

[St Joseph's Early Help.pdf \(st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk\)](https://st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk/St%20Joseph's%20Early%20Help.pdf)



*8 - Please scan for our Instagram page.*

*Twitter @StJoStourbridge*

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.

## Contact us



Mr Wilkes and Mrs Mitchell 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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