



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

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
Newsletter 11th April

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## A message from our Principal



Dear parents and families,

As we reach the end of the spring term, we can look back with pride on a term where so much has been achieved by our children and staff. During the Y3 performance of The Three Trees, the craft eggstravaganza afternoon and the children's reading and Mass band performance this morning, I felt such pride at how talented our children are. There have been so many other examples too across school of our children achieving well in their learning, being creative, developing sporting skills and enjoying their friendships. Well done children on such a positive term! Hopefully some of the images included in this newsletter bring some of those achievements to life a little.

Serving others and responding to the demands of Catholic Social Teaching has certainly been an area where our children have flourished this Lent. This morning, Mr Lodge (LGB member) collected a high number of Easter eggs that have been donated to Stourbridge Foodbank; Our non-uniform day and last night's craft event raised a total of £250.30 for the great work undertaken by Father Hudson's Caritas, and our sponsored Big Lent Walk for Cafod raised £555 - a great total!

Thank you for all of the support that you provide to our school - it is so gratefully received. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very peaceful and happy Easter, and I look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday 28th April for the start of the summer term.

*Risen Lord Jesus, With hearts full of gratitude, we thank You for the gift of Easter — For the triumph of life over death, hope over despair, and light over darkness.*

*As we celebrate Your resurrection, Fill our hearts with renewed purpose and courage, Help us to be bearers of hope in our school and beyond, And guide us always in Your light.*

*May the joy of Easter remain with us in all we do, In our learning, our serving, and our praying. We place our trust in You, Lord of life and love. Amen.*

Have a wonderful Easter.

**Mr. A Wilkes**

**Principal**

**Update school bags:**

*We have noticed that the school bags in KS1 in particular have started to get bigger and bigger, which impacts on the amount of space that we have in our cloakroom and corridor. Although I appreciate that you have bought them for this year, from September Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be asked to only have a book bag. Their PE kit bag can be left in school along with their trainers for the trim trail.*

Our school website is regularly updated - spring 2 study plans are now added! Please have a look here - [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Home \(st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk\)](http://st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

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

**Updates:**

**Term dates - Term dates and insets are available on the calendar section of the school website** [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Calendar](#)

**2025-26 Term dates - available below in the diary section. They have also been emailed to parents.**

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



## Art Club

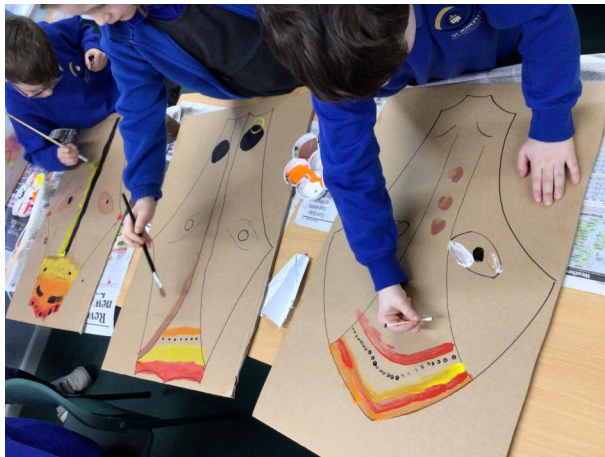


### *Message of thanks from Mrs Miles*

*Over the past 18 months, Art Club has tackled painting and printing projects, collage and clay and helped to make props for school plays. I'm extremely proud of all of the participants and it's been a pleasure to spend my Thursday afternoons with them. Art club has wrapped up for the time being but I'd like to thank Mrs Cangiano for her support and for allowing us to take over her classroom on a Thursday afternoon! It is so inspiring to see the imagination and creativity from everyone involved in Art Club.*

Can I also express my thanks to Mrs Miles for all of the care, commitment and creativity that she brings to art club. Art club has provided the opportunity for the children to be creative, develop their talents and express their curiosity within art and design. I'm sure everyone who has attended will join me in thanking Mrs Miles for providing this opportunity for our children.





Arbor



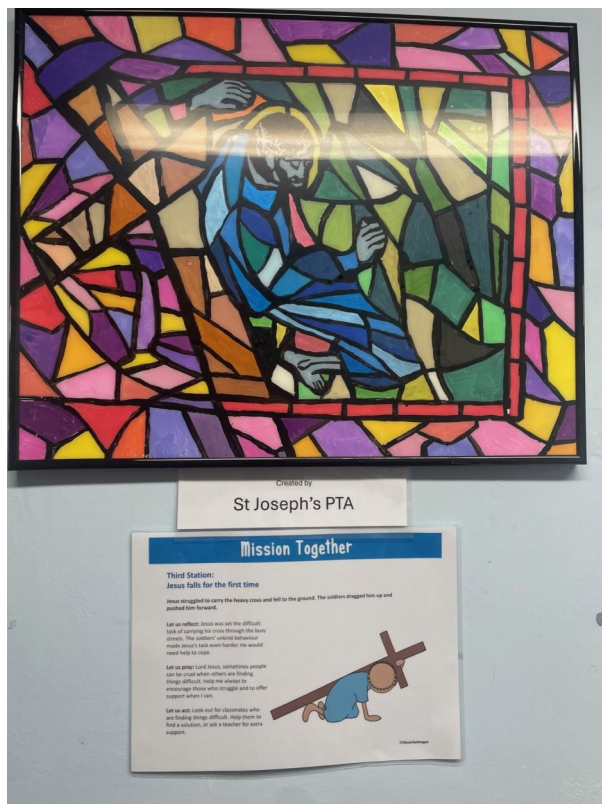
Please ensure that all of your consents are up to date on Arbor. We are continuing to use this platform regularly so please do ensure that you are fully up to date!

### St Joseph's - Stations of the Cross

This Lent, as a school community we have joined together to recreate the Stations of the Cross which are now displayed around school. In the images below, you will see examples from our classes in school as well as Pre school, the PTA and the school staff. This week in school week, we have been Pilgrims of Hope and made our way around the Stations of the Cross focussing our minds on Jesus's great love for us shown in his passion and resurrection. Thank you everybody who has contributed to our wonderful stations!



1 - Pre School



2 - PTA





3 - School Staff



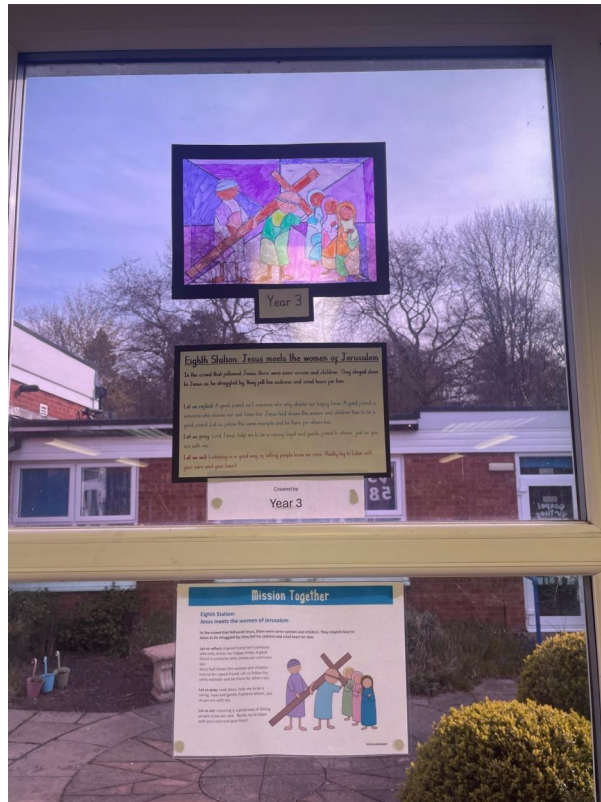
4 - Reception



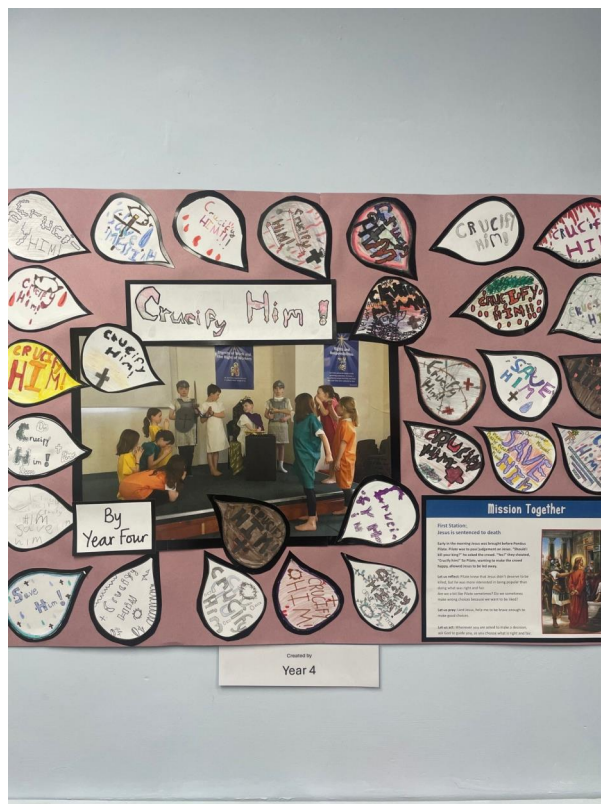
5 - Year 1



6 - Year 2

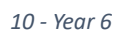


7 - Year 3



8 - Year 4









11 - Year 6



12 - Our Y5 children also visited Hagley Catholic High School to walk the Stations of the Cross led by Year 8 pupils and Liam Thomas (Lay Chaplain). Thank you to Mr Hodgson (Principal at Hagley Catholic High School) for transporting us to and from Hagley!

## Year of Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope















*13 - CAFOD Big Lent Walk*



*14 - CAFOD Big Lent Walk*





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

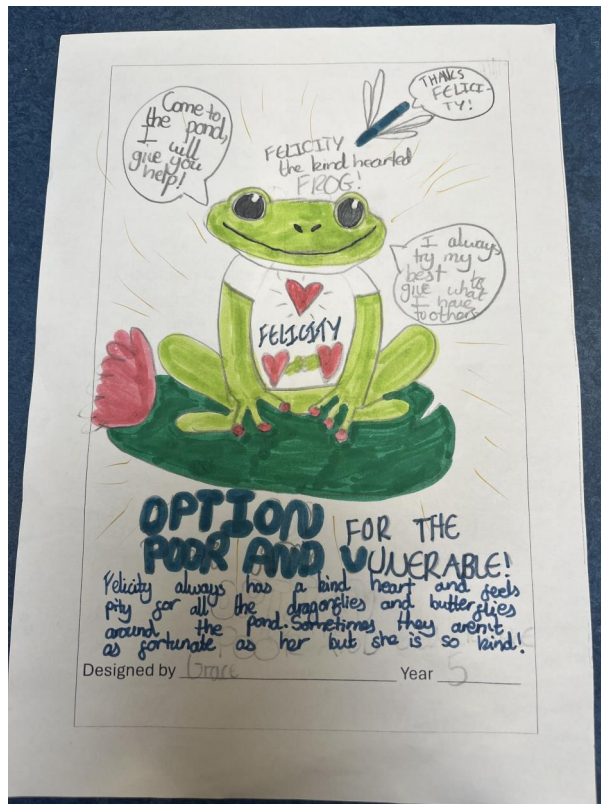


## The Catholic Life of our school



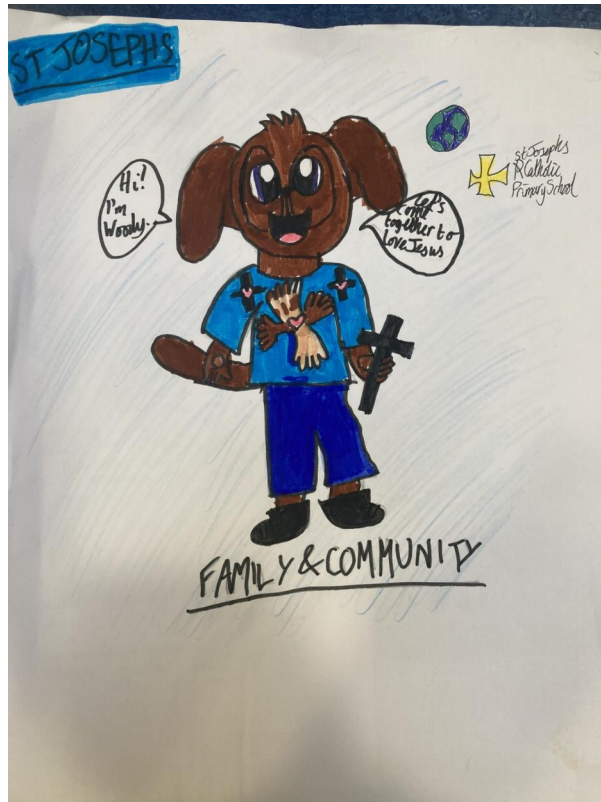
16 - Grandparents Afternoon Tea

*A big thank you to the Caritas Ambassadors and Y2 for leading and organising the Grandparents Afternoon Tea. Y2 sang beautifully and the Caritas Ambassadors prepared the room and served our special guests. A lovely celebration of our community! We were delighted to invite members of the Senior Lunch group from the Parish as well. Thank you Mrs Hayley for supplying the yummy cakes!*



17 - Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Well done to Grace (Y5) for designing the winning entry to create our new Catholic Social Teaching mascot for Option for the Poor and Vulnerable this half term. Your design will now be used across the school.



18 - Well done to Flynn (Y6) for designing the winning entry to create our own Catholic Social Teaching mascot for Family and Community! Your design will now be used across the school.









19 - Our new peace garden fence!





20 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

Twitter/X @StJoStourbridge

Our Lady and All Saints Church welcomes you! Latest newsletter [OLAS-Bulletin-23rd-March-2025-Third-Sunday-in-Lent.pdf](#) **Mass Times - Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am.** Scripture Reflection - [Scripture-Commentaries-March-2025.pdf](#)



## **Children's liturgy - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C) | Luke 19:28-40**



Today is a special day, when we hear two readings from Saint Luke's Gospel. The second one is called the Passion and tells the story of how Jesus was arrested, tried, crucified, died and was buried.

But we also heard another gospel story at the beginning of Mass. Can you remember what happened in that reading?

We heard how Jesus sent the disciples off to borrow a donkey, and to say that, "The Master needs it", if they were asked where they were taking it. How do you think the disciples felt when everything happened just as Jesus said it would?

Then Jesus entered into Jerusalem on this donkey, while the people shouted their praises to God. How do you think Jesus must have felt to hear the people shouting his praises and welcoming him into the city?

Why do you think the disciples were so happy and joyful?

Can you think of a time when someone important or special came to visit you at home or at school? How did you welcome them? Did you sing a song, wave flags, shout and cheer?

What would you do to welcome Jesus if he arrived here today?

Jesus is in all of us, so every time we meet someone and welcome them, we are welcoming Jesus. We are asked by God to treat all people as we would like to be treated.

Can you think of a time when you have not treated someone as you would like to be treated? Have you ever stopped people from joining in your game, or sharing in your toys or in your group? Is that very welcoming?

So, this week how do you think we can make all the people we spend time with at home, at school and elsewhere feel welcome?

And because Jesus is part of every person, we need to also welcome people all over the world. We can hold all people in our hearts when we pray and do what we can to live our lives so that all people feel welcome.

And just like the disciples we need to live as Jesus asks us to. This might sometimes mean being a bit different to others, as we try to share God's love and make the world a fairer place for all people. But let's try to do our best. And if anyone asks us why we are doing this we can say "The Master needs it."

Let's try to welcome all people as we would welcome Jesus – with love, kindness and respect.

We pray for our Church: that she may follow Jesus' example of welcome and love for all.  
Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may look for Jesus within others and treat them as we would wish to be treated. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may welcome all people with respect and love as Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem. Lord, in your mercy...

In this Jubilee Year, we pray that we may be signs of hope in our world through all that we do and how we treat one another. Lord, in your mercy...

**Closing prayer:** Christ Jesus, open our hearts so we may sing your praise. Help us to welcome you into our lives, and to see you in all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Amen.



## Gifts from God



Gifts from God returns after Easter - well done to everyone who has received a certificate this term!

Gospel values

Good work

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6



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

**Boys football fixtures**

**League Fixtures**

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

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

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

**Girls football fixtures**

Tuesday 21st January - Girls fixtures (week 1)

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!**

**Year 5 and Year 6 Dudley Schools Cross Country - Thursday 27th March**

Boys finished 12th

Girls finished 12th

Overall - we finished 11th out of 39 schools. Well done everyone, we are so proud of you!





21 - 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!



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



23 - 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!





Dear Parents / Carer/ Young Person

Here at Stourbridge Rugby Club, we are keen to spread our love for Rugby, far and wide. We offer Rugby from the year children start school, through primary & senior school, then Adult rugby right up to OAP's ! It really is a sport that you make friends for life !

*Our aim is 'everyone playing rugby safely to the level they want to'*

We believe we offer a safe inclusive environment for everyone to enjoy what this great sport has to offer.

We are getting in touch with you as we are pleased to offer you **FREE** admission with your children to come and enjoy rugby here at Stourton Park. Take a look at the remaining fixtures for this season.....

HOME FIXTURES 1st XV 24-25 SEASON	
16 NOV NUNEATON	10 JAN BRIDGNORTH
20 NOV SILVERHILL	15 FEB SYSTON
14 DEC BROMSGROVE	22 MAR KENILWORTH
04 JAN DERBY	

All Home fixtures are a 2.30pm kick off, with bar opening and food available to purchase from 1pm. We also offer Pre Match dining in the Clubhouse if you would like to sit down for lunch before the match, just call the office on **01384 395000** for further information or check out our website. [www.stourbridgerugby.com](http://www.stourbridgerugby.com) for the latest menu.

To get free entry to one of our home games please call the office or email [info@stourbridgerugby.com](mailto:info@stourbridgerugby.com), we just need your contact details and the school that your child attends. We will then make sure your name is down on the "Free entry" list for your chosen fixture.

Thanks in advance for coming to watch this fabulous game, we hope you have a fantastic time.

Kind regards,

Dr Steve Mann  
On behalf on the SRFC Committee.



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## Gardening club























## Attendance



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

**Attendance for the whole school for this week is 96.9%**

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 100%

Year 1: 96.43%

Year 2: 96%

Year 3: 98%

Year 4: 98.67%

Year 5: 97.67%

Year 6: 96.67%

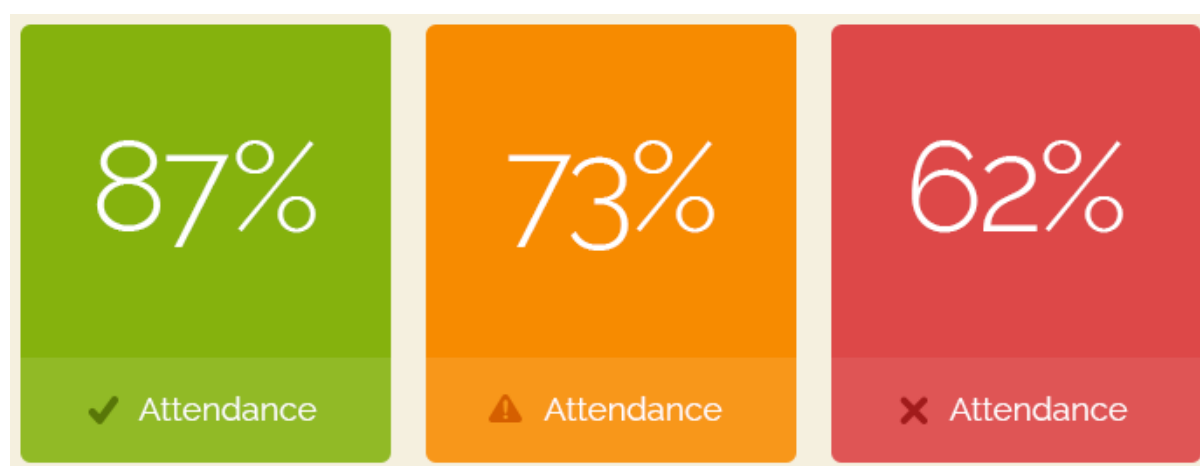
*\*Please note, as per our policy, letters will be sent whereby your child's attendance is causing a concern and you may be invited into school to discuss any potential barriers further.*

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/carers 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/carers for signing in purposes.

## Persistent Absence



**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.**

Once attendance falls below 90% pupils become Persistent Absentees. As part of our duty of care, parents will be written to highlighting their child's attendance has fallen below 90% and that we will be monitoring their attendance monthly. If your child's attendance continues to remain below 90% we will have no alternative but to refer to ESS (Dudley Education Support Service).

if your child arrives at school after the close of registers at 9.05am, an unauthorised late mark is registered and this will count as an absence.

Please see how absences affect children's learning:-

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year – Less than 30 Hours of Learning Lost

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best levels/grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

95%: 10 days absence a year – 50 Hours of Learning Lost

These pupils are less likely to achieve their target levels/grades and will start to find it difficult to maintain a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2-week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.

90%: 19 days absence a year – 95 Hours of Learning Lost

The Government classes pupils in this group as “Persistent Absentees”, and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work and achieve their target levels/grades. **Parents of young people in this group could also face the possibility of legal action being taken, including the issuing of Penalty Notices and Fines.**

Please support your child by ensuring they arrive at school each morning on time.



## 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.

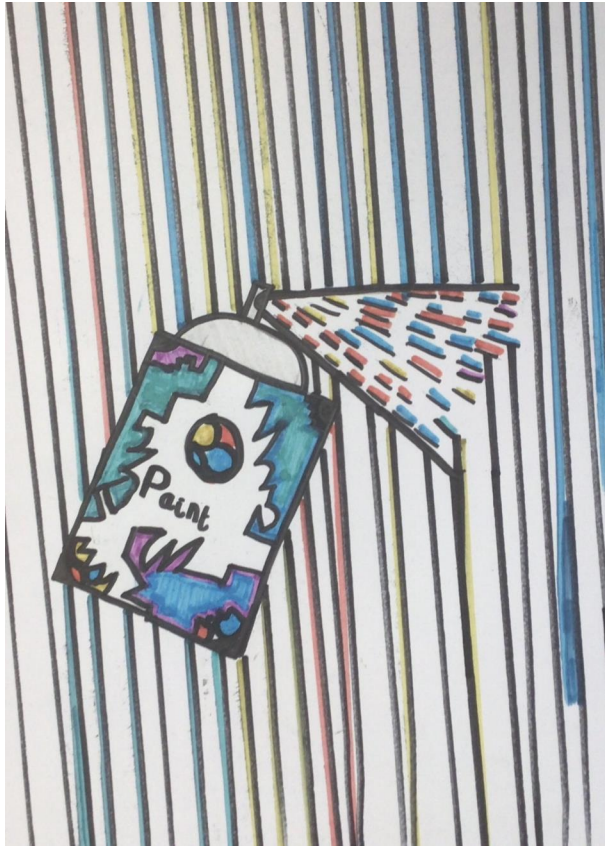


To bring the curriculum to life, we also plan for educational visits and visitors that enrich learning further.

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)



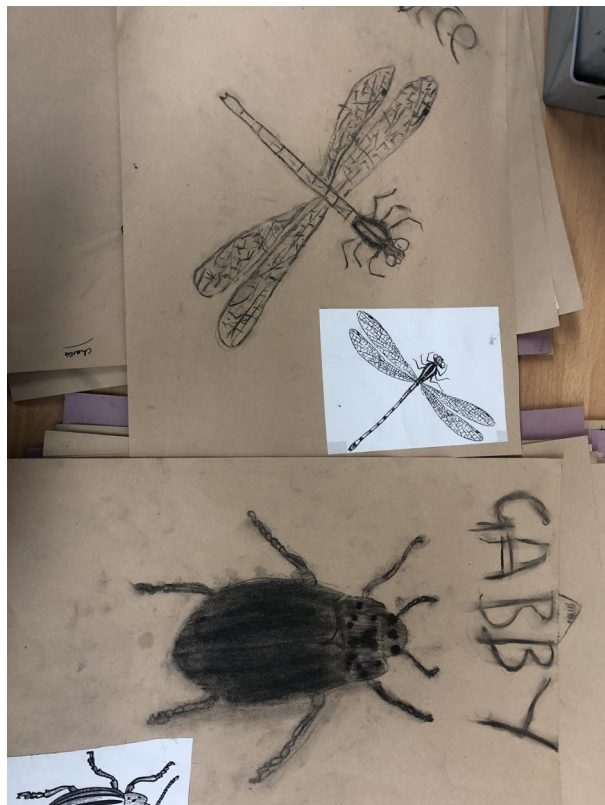




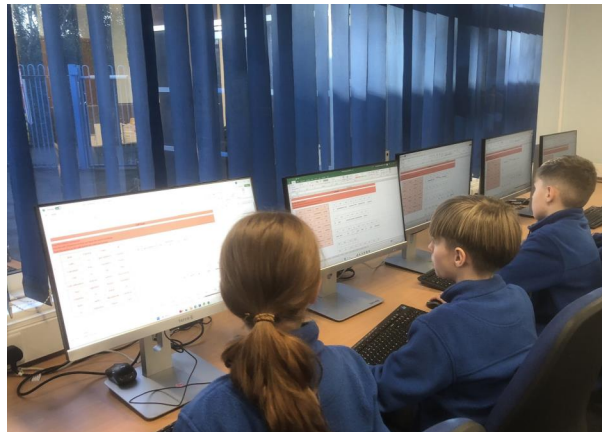
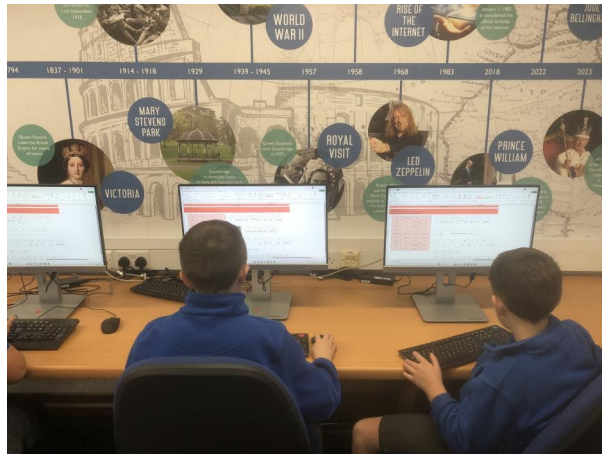




















PTA updates - Please scroll through the images below for a host of updates from our wonderful PTA.



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Our PTA Newsletter link



24 - Join us for our Sponsored Walk event!



25 - The Wonderdome Planetarium has visited school today! What an incredible experience for our children .



26 - Over £230 raised at the Reindeer dash!





## 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 - Tuesday

Year 1 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 2 - Tuesday & Thursday

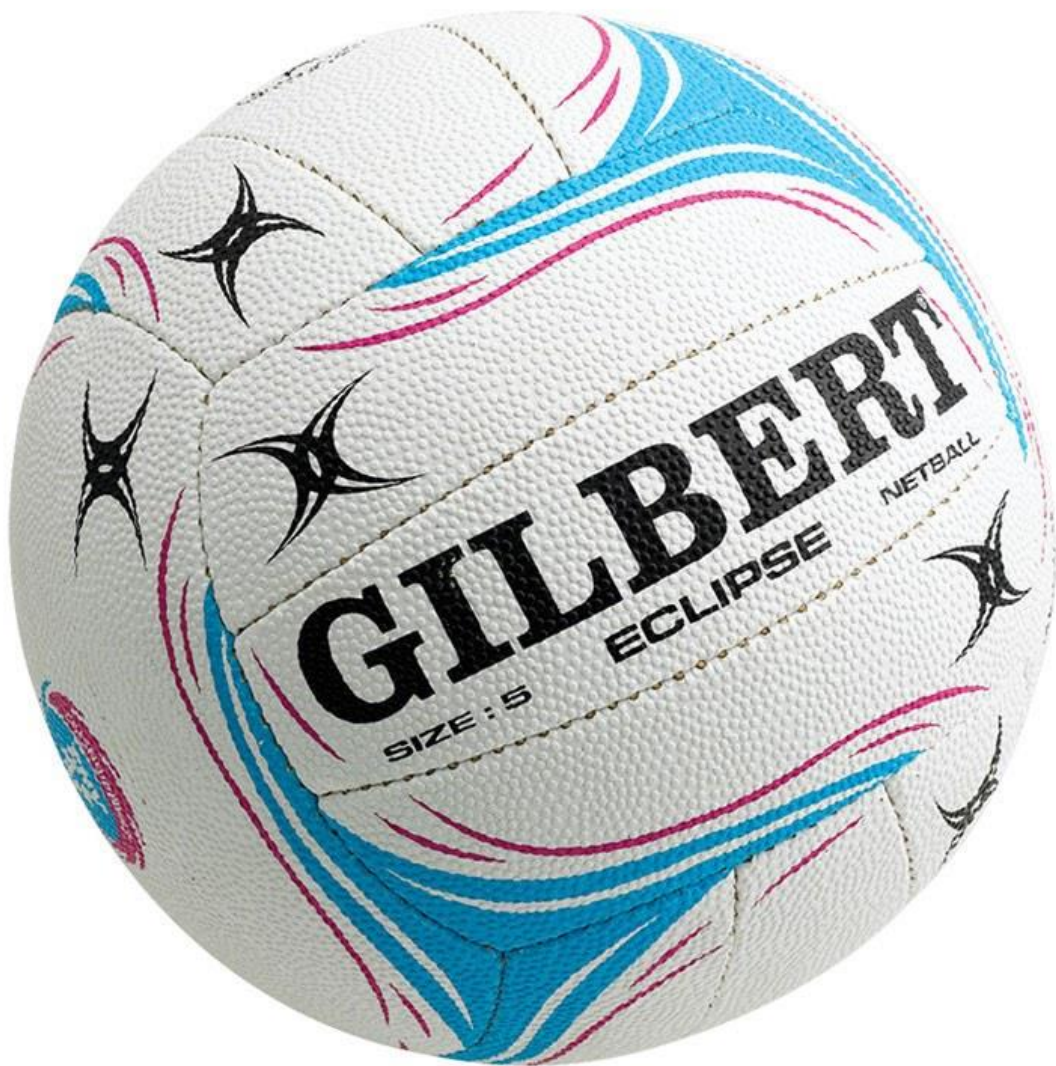
Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday (swimming)

Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5 - Monday & Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday & Friday

## Clubs



### **Lunchtime Clubs:**

Monday-

Tuesday - Year 5 and 6 boys and girls cricket from the start of the summer term

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

Friday - Bible group (KS1) Youth Play Leaders training sessions (KS2)

**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) - spaces available

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

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

## 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.



New school menu for Summer Term



LUNCH Week 1					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Roasted Tomato Pasta Bake	Chicken Curry	Roast Chicken	Meat Feast Pizza	Fish Fingers with Chips
MAIN 2	Beanito Burrito & Wedges	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry	Cheese & Potato Pasty	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegetarian Burger & Chips
VEG	Seasonal Vegetables	Green Beans	Broccoli	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas & Baked Beans
3 <sup>rd</sup> OPTION	Jacket Potatoes & Dill	Jacket Potatoes & Dill	Jacket Potatoes & Dill	Jacket Potatoes & Dill	Jacket Potatoes & Dill
DESSERT	Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Oaty Lemon Cookie	Fruity Crumble Pot	Iced Lemon Cake	Fruity Yoghurt Torte
Fruit & Yoghurt					
Week commencing 21.04, 12.05, 02.06, 23.06, 14.07, 15.09, 06.10					
MENU KEY					

LUNCH Week 2					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Mac 'n' Cheese	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie	Roast Chicken	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers & Chips
MAIN 2	Five Bean Chili & Rice	Stir Fry Vegetables & Noodles	Handmade Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Hearty Sausage Pasta Bake	Jerk Hot Dog & Chips
VEG	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Sliced Carrots	Spring Greens & Peas	Peas & Baked Beans
DESSERT 1 <sup>st</sup> OPTION	Jacket Potatoes & Dill	Jacket Potatoes & Dill	Jacket Potatoes & Dill	Jacket Potatoes & Dill	Jacket Potatoes & Dill
DESSERT 2 <sup>nd</sup> OPTION	Fruit Crunch Pot	Spiced Ginger Cake	Fruit Shortbread	Chocolate Oaty Bake	Vanilla Ice Cream
Fruit & Yoghurt					
Week commencing 28.04, 19.05, 09.06, 30.06, 01.09, 22.09, 13.10					
MENU KEY  Vegetarian  Plant-based  New Item  Gluten-free  Dairy-free  Vegan  Quorn					

LUNCH Week 3					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chicken Wrap & Rice	Roast Chicken	Pasta Bolognese	Fish & Chips
MAIN 2	Stir Fry Noodles	Vegetable Frittata	Vegetarian Meatballs & Spaghetti	Summer Quiche & New Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel & Chips
VEG	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Carrots & Peas	Broccoli	Peas & Baked Beans
DESSERT 1 <sup>st</sup> OPTION	Jacket Potatoes & Dill	Jacket Potatoes & Dill	Jacket Potatoes & Dill	Jacket Potatoes & Dill	Jacket Potatoes & Dill
DESSERT 2 <sup>nd</sup> OPTION	Rich Chocolate Brownie	Fruity Upside-Down Pudding	Fruit Cookie	Chocolate & Cherry Mousse	Fruity Trifle
Fruit & Yoghurt					
Week commencing 05.05, 26.05, 16.06, 07.07, 08.09, 29.09, 20.10					
MENU KEY  Vegetarian  Plant-based  New Item  Gluten-free  Dairy-free  Vegan  Quorn					

## 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)





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## 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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