



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

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
Newsletter 4th July 2025

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## A message from our Principal



Dear parents and families,

This week school has been bristling with activity despite us edging closer to the end of the school year. The children have all met their 'new' teacher as part of our transition 'moving up' afternoon on Wednesday, and we also welcomed our new Reception class into school. The moving up afternoon was a great success and it always strikes me how grown up the children look in what will be their new class in September. The children really have all grown as children of God and progressed so much in so many ways throughout the year and we are all so proud of them. Year 6 have also spent time at their secondary school - which is always a proud moment for me when I receive such positive reports back from their next school. Of course, there are so many activities and events remaining before the end of the year. Please do keep your eye on the school calendar so that you are aware of everything coming up [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Calendar](#)

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic visit to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Thursday this week. They had a great time and represented our school impeccably. There will be photos on our Instagram page very soon.

Thank you to all of the parents who have completed the parent survey that has been sent to all Emmaus schools this week. We have received over 55 replies so far and I have read each one. Your views on our successes and areas that we can continue to improve on are highly important and always discussed at a senior level and acted upon where possible. The link to the survey is here

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yzpMTB1gnUK8UBkrjXrTK2A-1ki-yT5BlqJCY5RKfq1UQzNBTjU1Vk9DQUJVTfQ3R0pZN1IOUDVJVy4u> The survey is anonymous so if there are any areas that I would wish to discuss with a parent I do not know who has written them! As such, please do get in touch if there is an area that you wish to raise - we can usually resolve things very quickly. One area noted by a small number of parents is further information about what the children are learning during the year. The link to the study plans on the school website is below; but we will look at ways to develop this further

[St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Curriculum Plans](#)

Finally, tomorrow is our annual PTA summer fayre - Joechella!! Lots of information is available on the PTA Facebook page and the PTA noticeboard. We look forward to seeing you at what is always a wonderful afternoon and great fundraiser.

Have a great weekend.

**Mr. A Wilkes**

**Principal**

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



## 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!











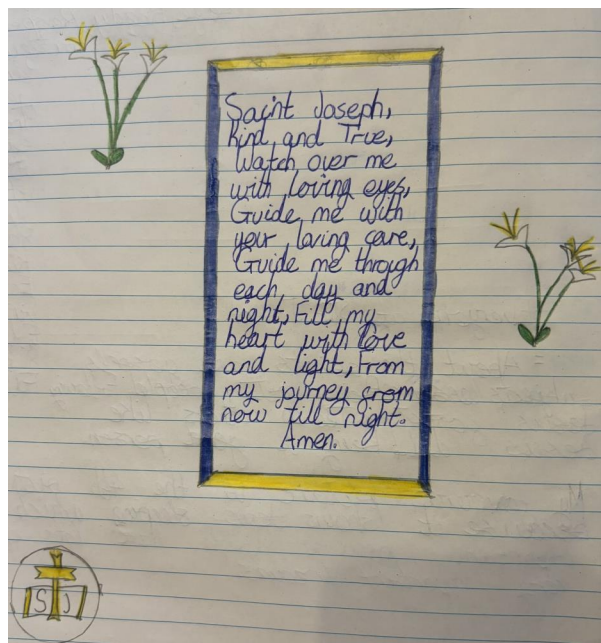
2 - CAFOD Big Lent Walk

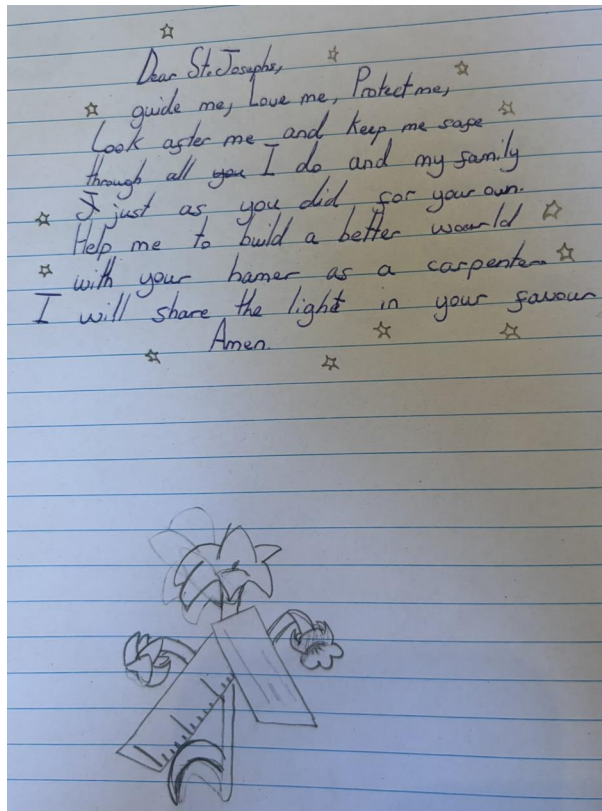


*3 - Our new Virtual School Tour - take a look!*



## The Catholic Life of our school











4 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

Twitter/X @StJoStourbridge

Our Lady and All Saints Church welcomes you! Latest newsletter [OLAS-Bulletin-29th-June-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 - 14th Week of Ordinary Time | Year C Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**



72 people are sent out on a mission by Jesus to towns and villages all over the place. They are sent on ahead to prepare the way for Jesus and his disciples.

Jesus tells these people that there is much work to do, but not enough people to do it. "There is a large harvest, but few workers to gather it in." He is asking for their help.

Jesus tells them to travel light without a purse, bag or sandals and not to greet anyone they meet on the road as they are in a hurry. There is no time to waste.

Imagine you are one of those people – how do you feel about this mission? How do you think the 72 people felt when they heard Jesus' words and warnings?

The 72 followers are told that they might not be welcome in every town. Not everyone will want to hear their message. Why do you think this might be?

Making a change can be hard. People often like to stick with what they know. The disciples are asking the people they visit to change their lives and to follow Jesus now. But the people might be too busy to listen, or just not ready to change their ways. They might be more concerned about having the latest things, getting more money, rather than listening to Jesus' message.

The 72 people hoped they would be welcomed, but Jesus warned them it might not always be that way. Do you always welcome others? Or can you sometimes be like those who turned the 72 away?

Think about how you welcome visitors at home and school. Do you offer them a drink or something to eat? Do you give them a special chair to sit in? What do you do?

Some people around the world are forced to leave their homes because of fighting, floods or because there is no food or work where they live. They travel to other countries in search of a safe home and a better life.

Is it easy to be welcoming to people who come to our country in search of a safe home? What could we do to be welcoming to them?

This week try to make sure that you are always welcoming to others. What will you do? And how will you go out and follow Jesus, sharing his good news with others?

*We pray for the Church: that it may follow Jesus' example and share his good news while welcoming all people. Lord in your mercy...*

*We pray for world leaders: that they may work more closely together to meet the needs of all their people. Lord in your mercy...*

*We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may look for God in all people that we meet and treat them as we would wish to be treated. 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 our Messiah, you call us to follow you. Help us to be welcoming to others and to spend time listening to and following your word. Amen.

## 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!

	Gospel values	Good work
Reception	Maeva	Sophie
Year 1	Elsie	Nell & Leah
Year 2	Tommy	Emily & Alistair
Year 3	Louie	Anne-Marie
Year 4	Francesca	Peony
Year 5	Amelia	Josh

**Year 6**

**Transition days**

## PE and School Sport



### **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						
16						
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!



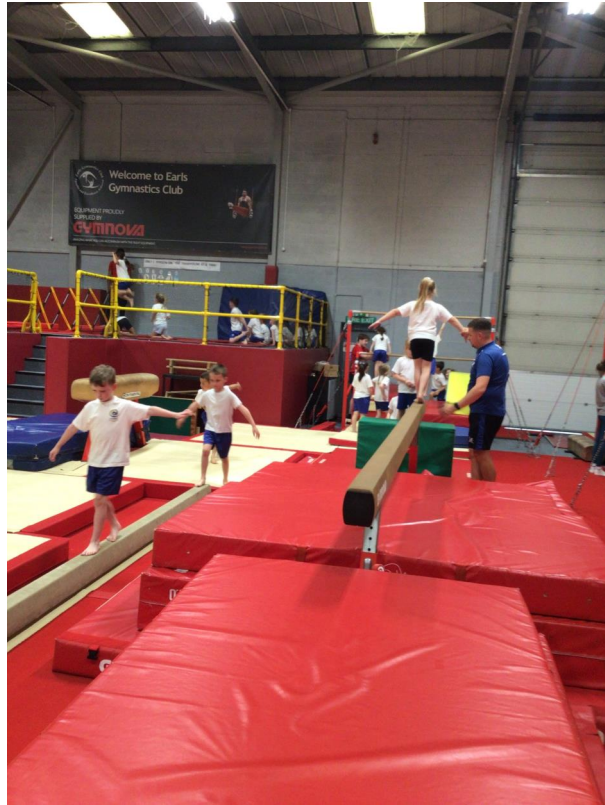


*7 - Our girls braved the wind and torrential rain to perform brilliantly in the Dudley 7-a-side competition. We were so proud of them! Well done girls!*



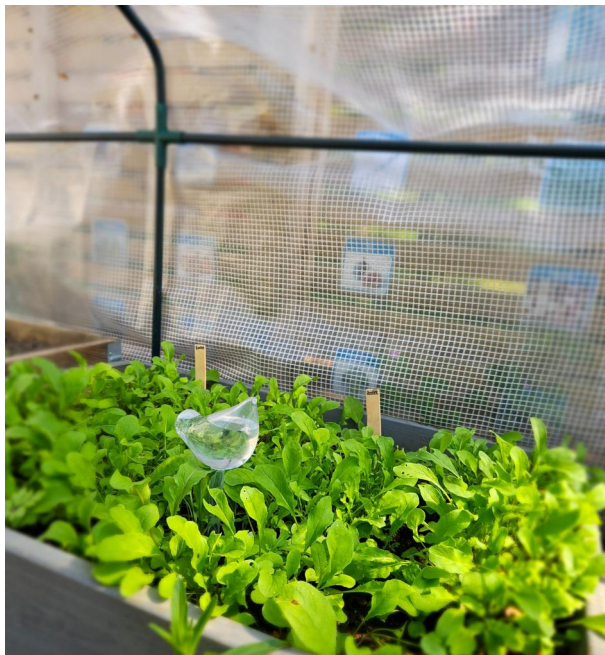




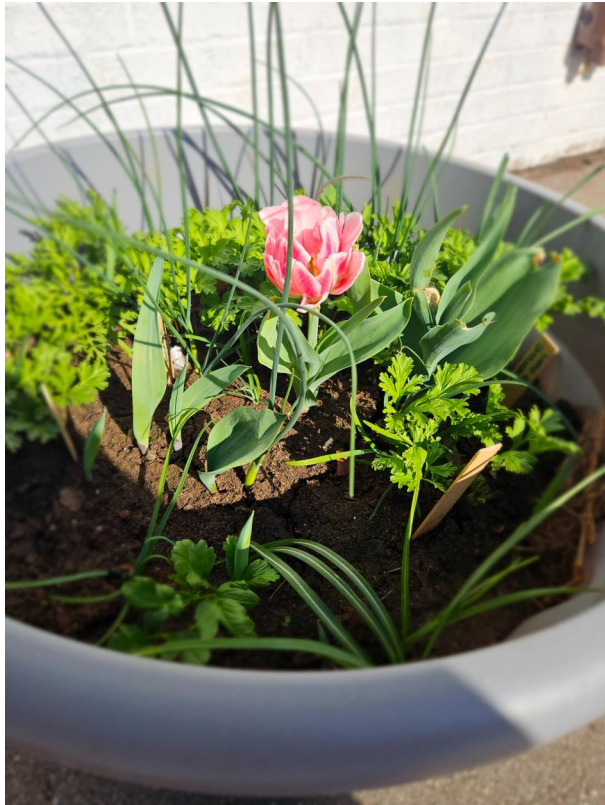


Gardening club



























## Attendance



Congratulations to **Year 2** who have achieved the highest attendance this week. You will receive an extra play time!

**Attendance for the whole school for this week is 97.49%**

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 96.8%

Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 99.3%

Year 3: 96.6%

Year 4: 98%

Year 5: 98.3%

Year 6: 98%

*\*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 \(st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk\)](https://st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-stourbridge.co.uk/calendar)

**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

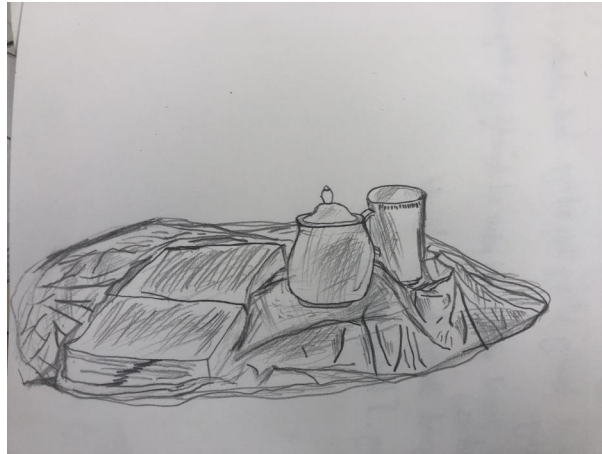


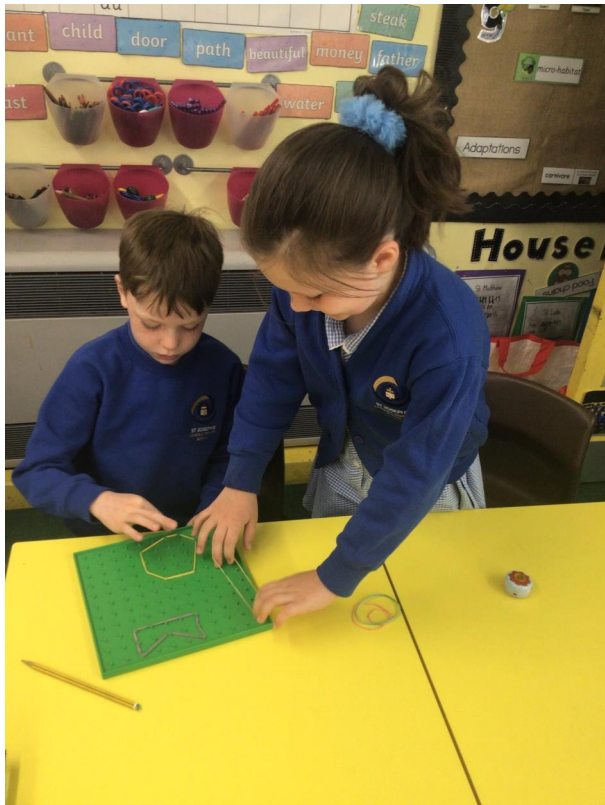
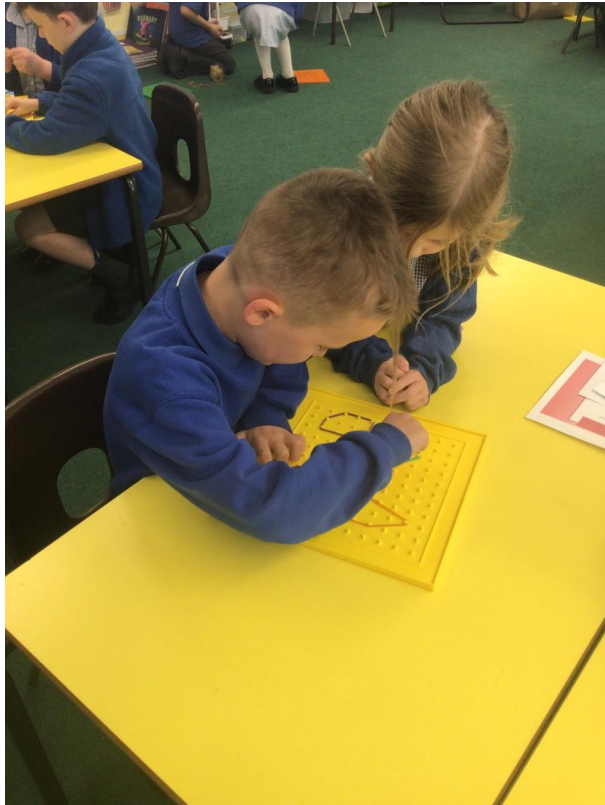
Our curriculum is rooted in the teachings of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teachings so we make links with the children's learning to areas such as caring for our world, the dignity of workers, developments for the common good and more.



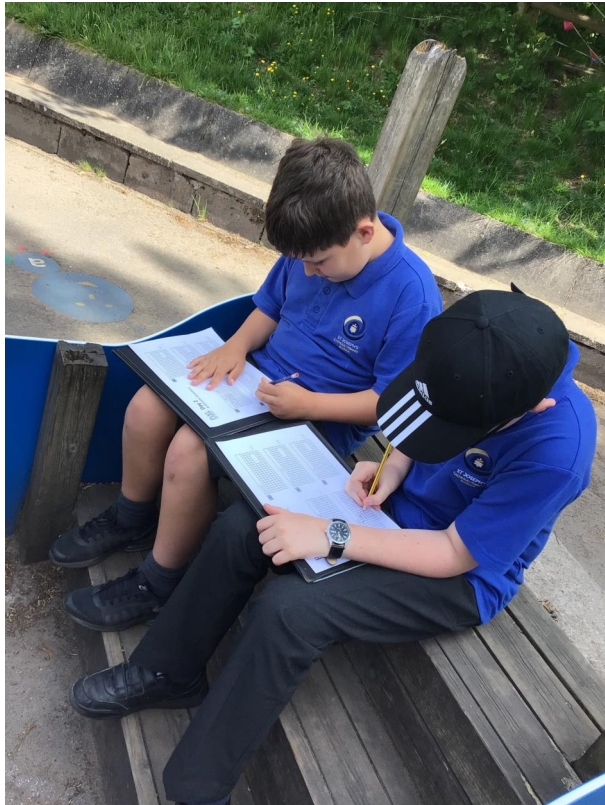
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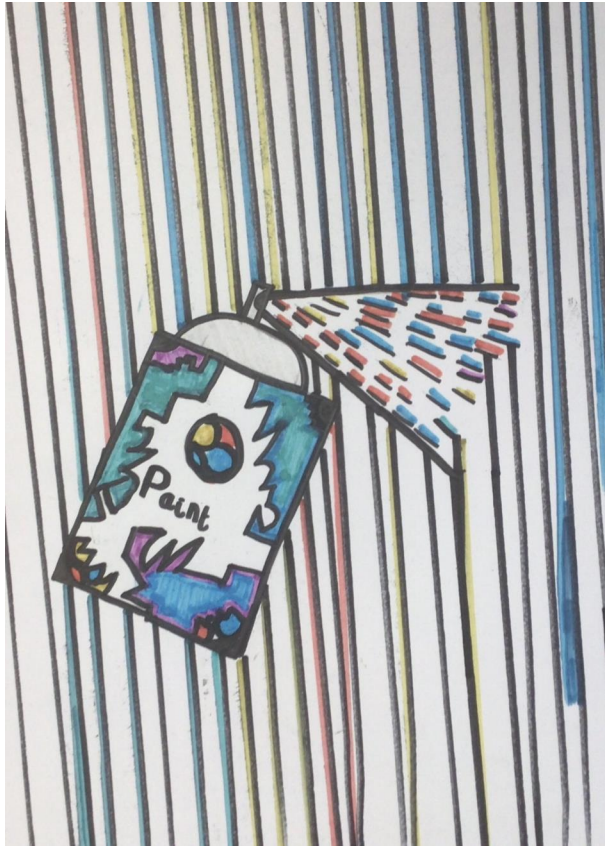












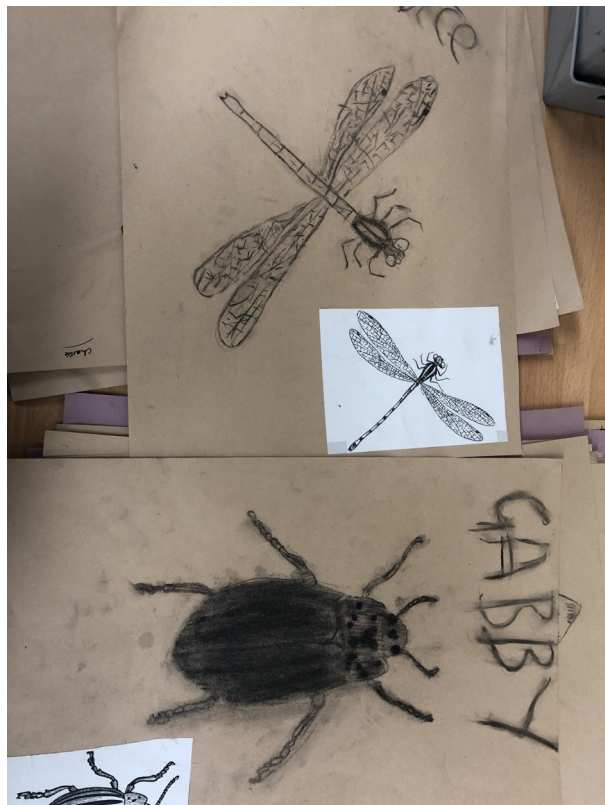




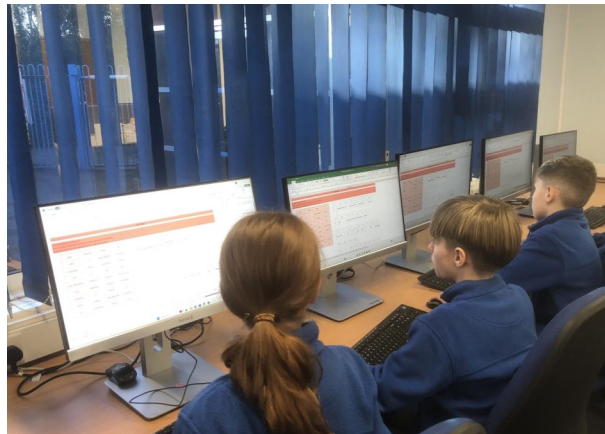
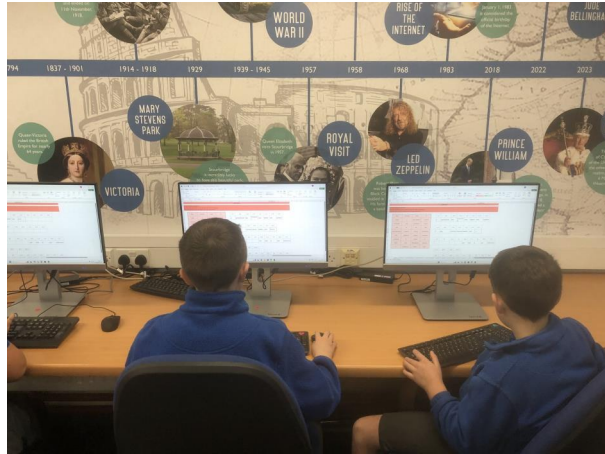
















PTA updates - Please scroll through the images below for a host of updates from our wonderful PTA.







## 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

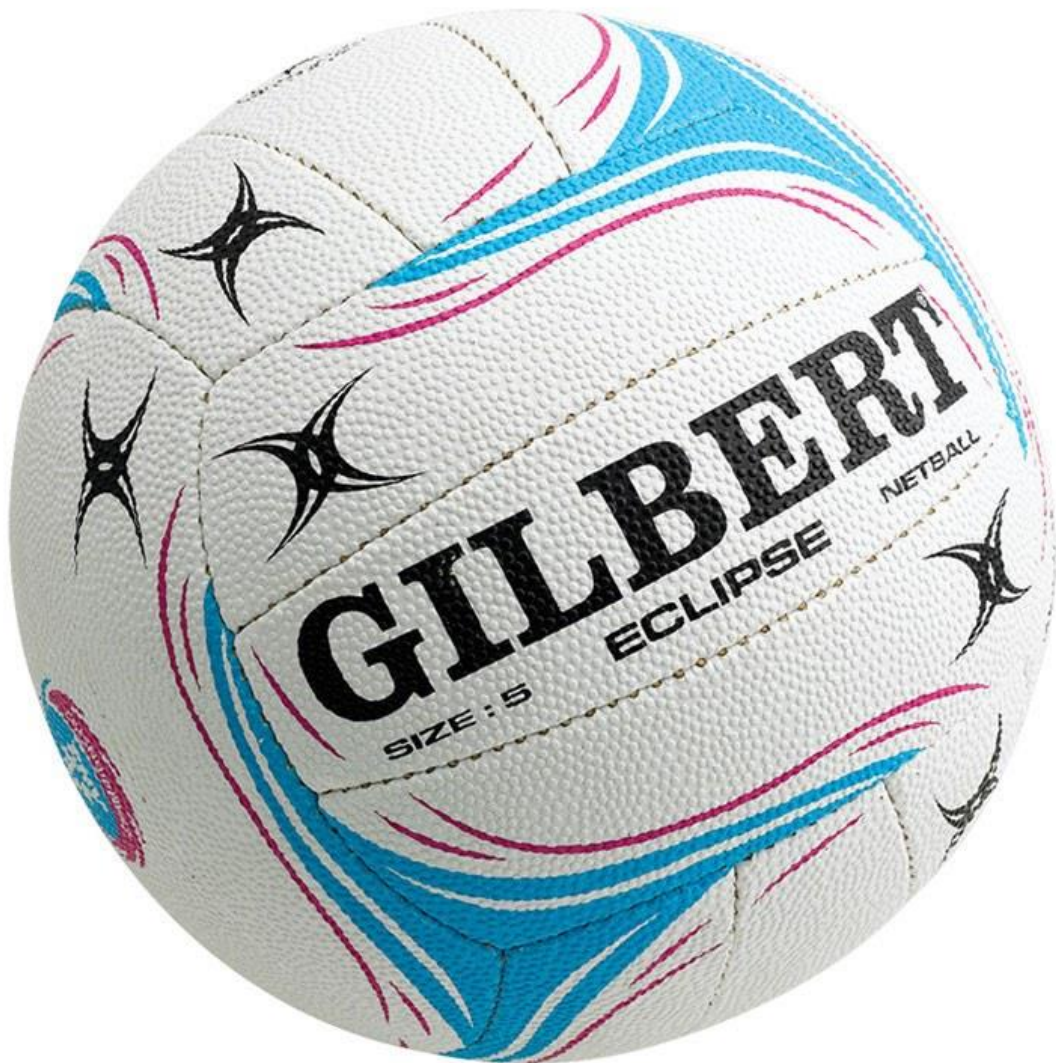
Year 3 - Thursday & Friday (swimming)

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



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 🍷 Vegetarian 🌱 Vegan 🥥 Dairy Free 🍷 Gluten Free 🍷 Nut Free 🍷 Quorn					



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)



8 - Please scan for our Instagram page.

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

## 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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