



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter September 8th 2023

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents,

I would like to start this week's newsletter by offering a very warm welcome to St Joseph's to our returning and new families. I hope that you find that our school is welcoming, kind, compassionate and inclusive. Please do come and speak to us to discuss any concern - we are always happy to assist in anyway that we can.

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break - although such is life that the weather has taken a turn for the better now that we have returned!

The children have settled in beautifully this week and look very smart and grown up in their new uniforms and classes. Well done children, you have returned to school in a very focussed manner and keen to learn and enjoy your time this year. During prayer and liturgy this week, I discussed with the children the importance of using our God given talents and not burying them away - I hope that the children take this on board and develop all of their talents this year and understand the importance of practise and resilience is vital. I'm sure that they will.

Thank you to Father Philip who celebrated Mass with us this morning on Our Lady's birthday, despite a late plane arrival home last night. Thank you Father. Our 'open air' Mass on the playground was a great experience and helped us all to feel close to God's creation.

Please check our Social Media channels for updates, including new signage in our school hall!

I have included some updates below and a full diary will be available next week. Thank you to parents for following our school uniform and haircut guidelines. They remain below for this week in case anyone still has some uniform to purchase.

Uniform:

Uniform, PE kit and haircut expectations:

We have an official school uniform as listed and details of which can be requested from the school office.

It is essential that all clothing is marked with the child's name.

Dark grey skirt, pinafore or trousers.

Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt with St Joseph's Emmaus logo.

Royal blue polo shirt with St Joseph's Emmaus logo.

White, grey or royal blue ankle socks, knee socks or tights.

Black Sensible school shoes.

Key Stage 2 children must wear trainers or alternative footwear at playtimes.

During the Summer Term girls may wear blue and white gingham dresses.

P.E. Kit - White tee shirt with St Joseph's Emmaus logo and royal blue shorts Black plimsolls (trainers for Key Stage 2)

No child is allowed to wear earrings or jewellery during a P.E. or swimming lessons.

Children must remove and replace their own studded earrings.

Sweatshirts, polo shirts, tee shirts, book bags and shorts are all available from the school office.

Royal Blue Fleeces and Royal Blue Cardigans, both with St Joseph's Emmaus logo, may also be ordered via the school office.

Hair should be of conventional style (long hair must be tied back) and no Jo-jo bows should be worn.

Children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are allowed to wear their PE kit to school along with their school jumper and blue/grey plain tracksuit bottoms on PE days to reduce the number of items being brought into school. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should bring their PE kit to change into in a PE 'pump' bag - this is to support them with the vital life skill of getting changed independently.

Please could I ask that this is closely adhered to to ensure the high standards at our school are maintained. Thank you.

Updates:

September TEN:TEN Newsletter Here is the September newsletter from Ten:Ten. This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout July and suggests ways to support your family prayer times www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Have a great weekend.

God bless

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal

St Joseph's Open Day- Wednesday October 4th. All are welcome!



ST. JOSEPHS
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OPEN MORNING
WED 4TH OCTOBER 2023
9.30 - 11am

We look forward to welcoming you on a tour of our school.

Meet our Principal & discover the brilliant education awaiting your child here at St. Joseph's Primary School!

☎ 01384 431980
✉ Info_stjosephs@emmausmac.com



1 - Please share the date and time with anyone who has a child that will begin in Reception in September 2024. St Joseph's welcomes children of all faiths and from all nursery/pre school settings.

Reminder- Family Mass takes place each Saturday at 5:00pm. Please come and join us! The latest Parish newsletter can be found at this link [OLAS-Bulletin-3rd-September-2023.pdf](#)

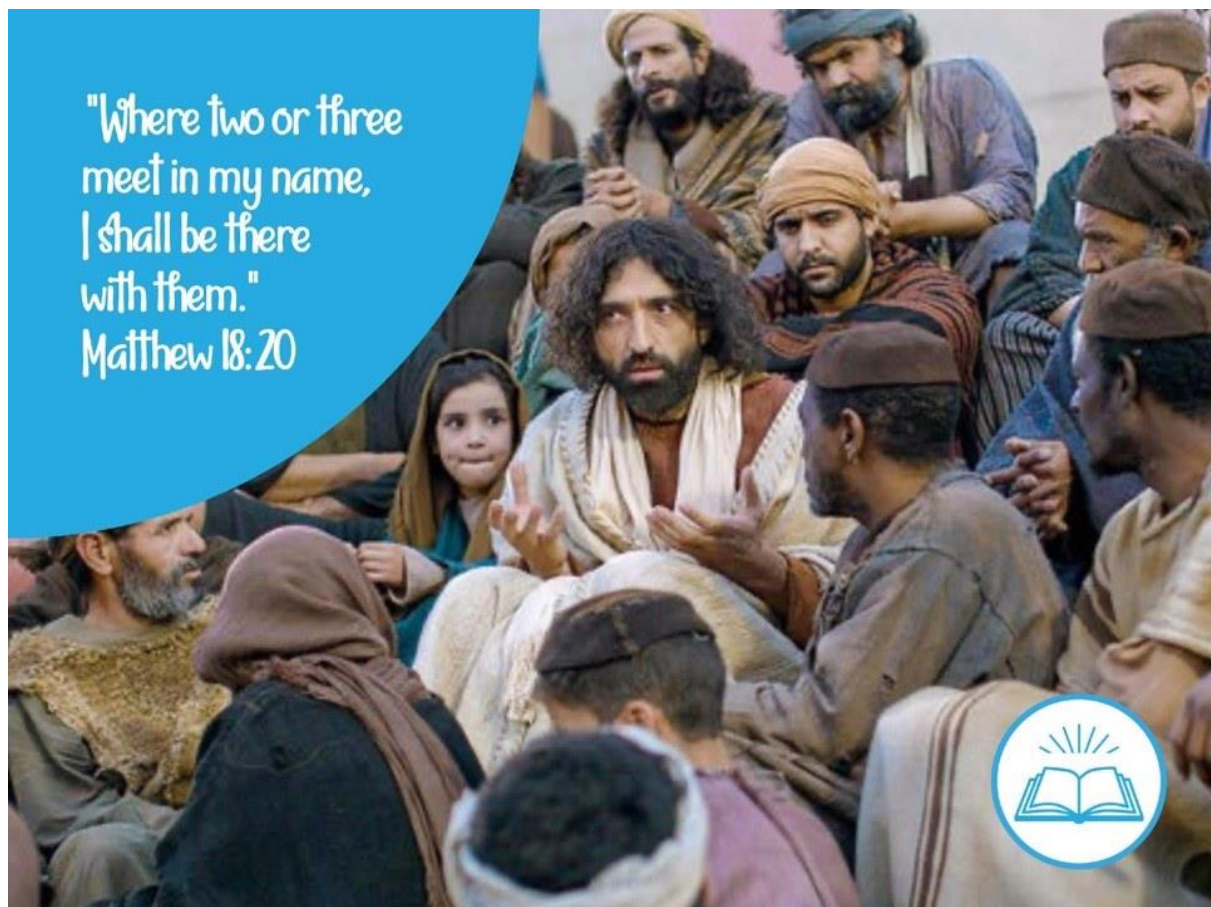




2 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

Children's liturgy - The twenty third Sunday in ordinary time Matthew 18: 15-20



Jesus says that God listens to and answers our prayers.

What does Jesus say about when two or three people meet together in his name?

Jesus says that he is there with them. What do you think it means to meet together in Jesus' name?

However we meet people, whether it's to pray, to learn, to sing, or to talk, or to do something else together, if we invite Jesus in, then he will be with us, listening to us and guiding us.

Can you think of a time when you meet together with others in Jesus' name? Can you tell me a bit about it?

We can meet together in Jesus' name at church, at home and at school. Can you think of any other places where this happens?

Spending time with others is really important.

If Jesus is with us, when we gather together, how can we make sure we listen to him and do what he asks of us?

In the coming week, when you join together in Jesus' name with other people to pray or to sing, remember that all around the world other children are also joining together in Jesus' name. Say a prayer for them: that all children around the world may live happy and healthy lives, in peace and free from poverty.

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that everyone may know that she works in Jesus' name, who came to bring good news to the poor. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our brothers and sisters around the world: that they may all have the chance to live happy and healthy lives, in peace and safety and free from poverty. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may invite Jesus to be with us in all we do, and that we may treat all people as they would wish to be treated. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: Christ Jesus, we thank you for being with us. Watch over us and all our sisters and brothers around the world. Help us to work together in peace and unity, so all people may live free from poverty. Amen.

Reflection adapted from Cafod children's liturgy

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)

Live Simply Update



Each of the children in school have written their pledge for how they are going to continue to Live Simply in the academic year.

Our Gardening club is coming soon! The seeds and greenhouse has arrived and we will shortly begin growing to show our commitment to living sustainably! More news to follow!

CST – The Common Good – The fruits of the earth belong to everyone.



3 - https://www.google.co.uk/url?q=https://news.cision.com/soles4souls/r/edison--new-jersey-s-adi-logistics-warehouse-collecting-shoes-and-apparel-for-soles4souls--the-nashv,c9282924&sa=U&ved=0ahUKewjd59fHzazjAhVDxYUKHQ_fChEQwW4IjAG&usq=AOvVaw2W5T00AzSs4RRVmMtKat9N

Thank you to everyone who donated shoes that will be taken to families in Romania and the Gambia.

“You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to them what is theirs.” **Saint Ambrose (340-397 AD)**

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 be returning next week.

Year group	Gospel values	Good work
Reception		
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6		

Diary Dates -Autumn Term



*All Masses will be added next week

Monday 4th September - Inset day school closed to pupils

Tuesday 5th September - Inset day school closed to pupils

Wednesday 6th September - School opens for pupils.

Wednesday 6th September 1st half of Reception class to stay in school until midday (Separate letter to be sent to parents)

Thursday 7th September 2nd half of Reception class to stay in school until midday (Separate letter to be sent to parents)

Friday 8th September - All of Reception class to stay in school and have lunch - collection time 12:30pm

Monday 11th September - All of Reception class to stay in school for full day (and for the rest of the week)

Monday 18th September - Harvest donation to be brought into school please to be donated to Stourbridge Food Bank

Tuesday 19th September - Mr Hodgson (HCHS Principal) visiting Year 6

Monday 25th September - Little Way Week (Acts of kindness)

Wednesday 27th September - Year 6 MAC sports at Hagley

Wednesday 4th October - St Joseph's Open Day

Friday 6th October - Inset Day

Friday 27th October - final day of the first half of the autumn term

Half term - Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November

PTA updates



We are very lucky to benefit from such an active and passionate PTA - thank you for your ongoing support to our school!

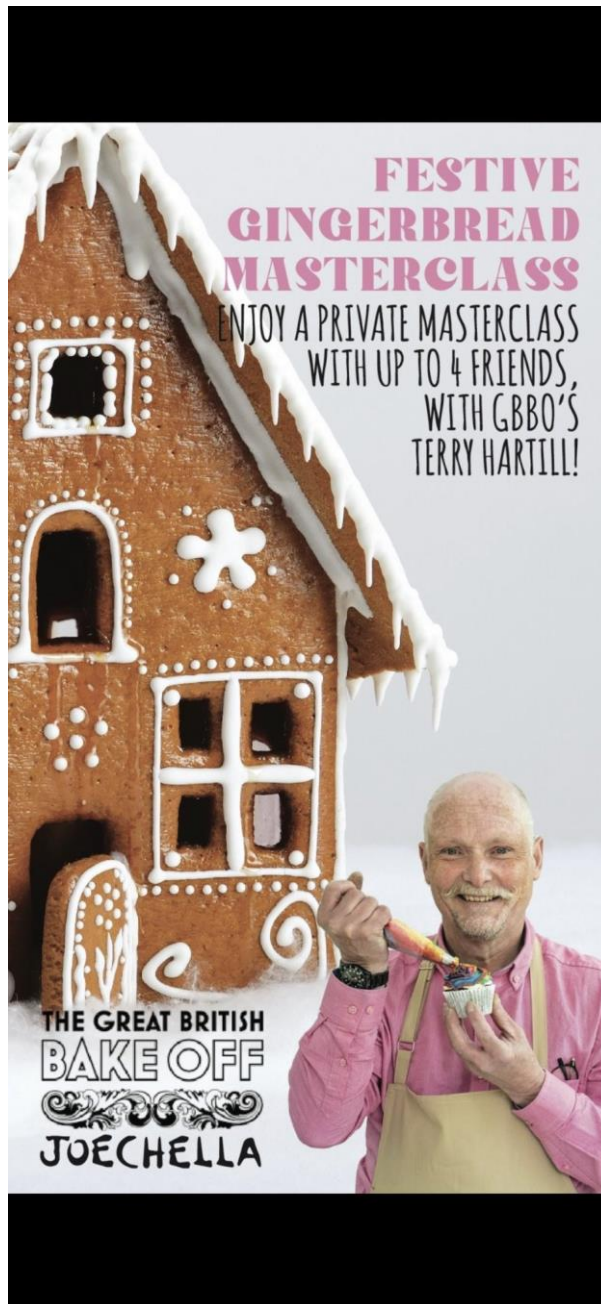
Please see the below videos for how our outside area has been transformed in school with thanks to the PTA! We have lots of exciting plans including a gardening club, vegetable patch, the use of a greenhouse, a pond area, new benches to listen to stories from the storytelling chair and areas for children to be responsible for. All showing how we are caring for our common home - how wonderful!

Please also see then auction for a private masterclass with #GBBO Terry Hartill!!!

Thank you so much to our fantastic PTA!



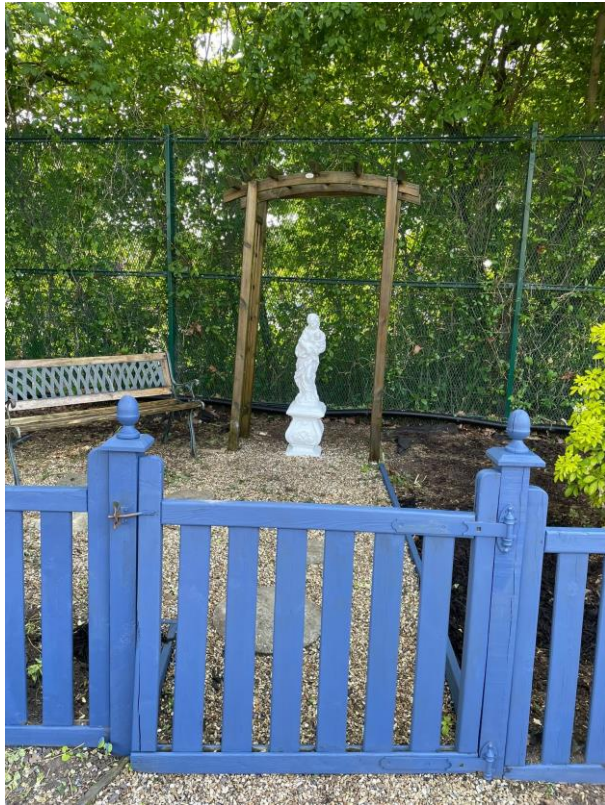
4 - Joechella was a huge success! Thank you all for supporting the PTA - over £2000 has been raised so far with further funds to be raised.

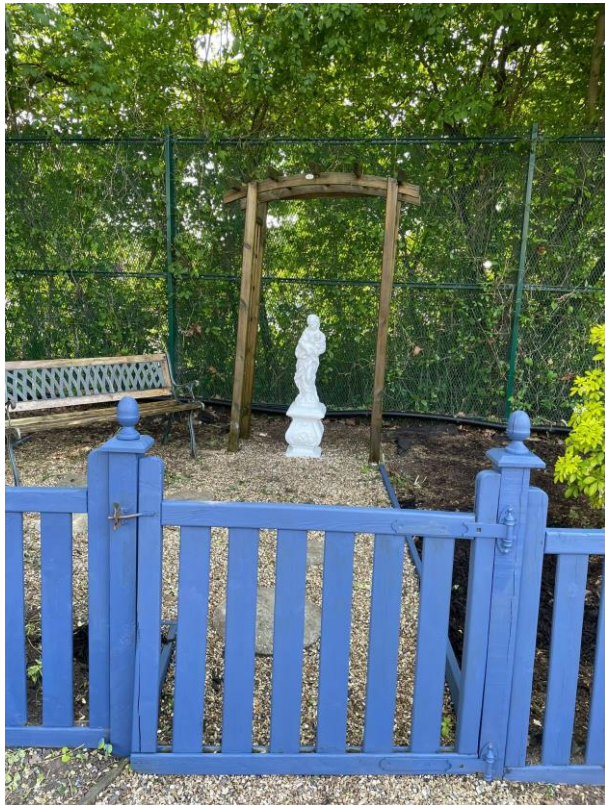


Please see the link below for an update on the PTA outdoor projects for the rest of this year. If you can help in any way, please do let your class PTA representative know. Thank you to the PTA for preparing this wonderful slideshow! [OUTDOOR PROJECTS \(canva.com\)](https://www.canva.com)



Thank you so much to the PTA who joined us last Saturday and helped out with the outdoor area at school. The school environment looks absolutely wonderful and the children had a brilliant surprise on Monday morning! Thank you PTA!





PE Timetable



Please take note of your child's PE days for this half term.

Reception Class - Friday

Year 1 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 2 - Monday & Tuesday

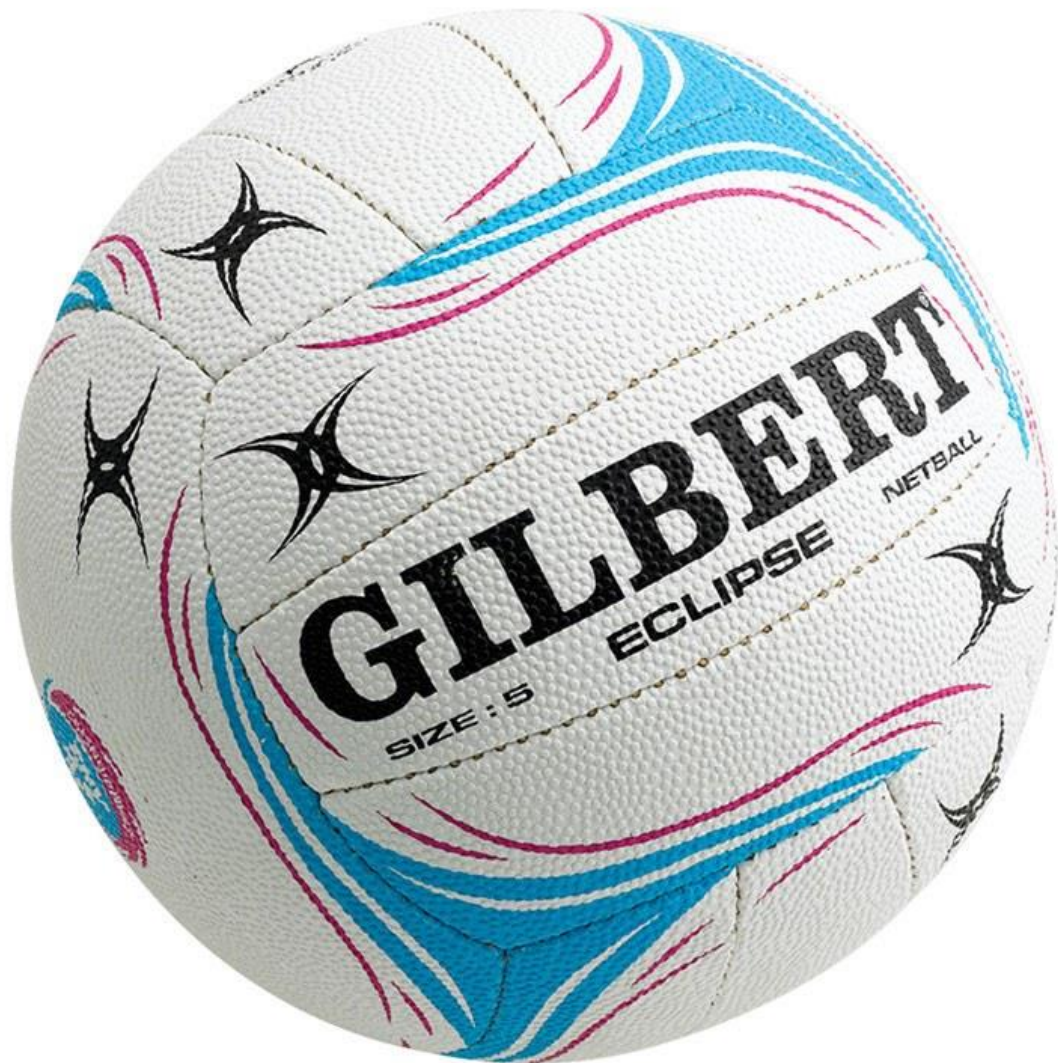
Year 3 - Thursday & Friday

Year 4 - Monday & Friday

Year 5 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 6 - Wednesday & Friday

Clubs



Lunchtime Clubs:

Monday - KS2 Choir (Mrs Cangiano)

Tuesday - Cricket Club - Years 4/5 & 6

Tuesday - Y6 leading 'Mindfulness group'

Thursday - Football training with Mr Wilkes - Years 4/5 & 6

Friday - KS1 Choir (Mrs Cangiano)

****A lunchtime gardening club is to soon begin. Please contact the school office if you would like for your child to be included in this club!***

If your child is interested in joining any of our Before & After school clubs, please contact the school office for more details.

Tuesday 8am - KS2 Gymnastics (spaces)

Wednesday 8am - Dodgeball - Years 1-6

Thursday 8am - KS1 Gymnastics(spaces)

Thursday 3.15-4.15 - Year 5&6 Netball

Friday 8am - Archery Club - Years 1-6

Friday 3.15-4.45pm - Years 1-4 Football

Tuesday & Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm - Irish Dancing

Our new caterers and lunch menu



The children have been delighted with our new lunch menu at school. 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- Autumn term



Menu autumn






WEEK 1

Allergy information available on request

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main				
Margherita Pizza (v)	Cottage Pie	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Crispy Beef Noodles	Fish and Chips
Vegetarian				
Teriyaki Noodles with Edamame (v)	Shepherdess Pie (v)	Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Cheese and Tomato Quesadilla with Mexican Rice (v)	Veggie Nuggets and Chips (v)
3rd Options				
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
Deli				
Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese
Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables
Iced Carrot Cake	Flapjack	Plum Pudding Cake	Jelly Crunch Pot	Apple Crumble and Custard
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

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

30th Oct, 20th Nov, 11th Dec, 1st Jan, 22nd Jan, 12th Feb, 4th Mar, 25th Mar






WEEK 2

Allergy information available on request

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main				
Macaroni Cheese (v)	Pork Sausage and Mashed Potatoes	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Fish and Chips
Vegetarian				
Mild Chickpea Coconut Curry with Rice (v)	Vegan Sausage and Mashed Potatoes (v)	Roasted Vegetable Tart with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Veggie Curry with Rice (v)	Cheese Toastie and Chips (v)
3rd Options				
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
Deli				
Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese
Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables
Vegan Sweet Potato and Ginger Cake	Fruit Shortbread	Cinnamon Toast Bake	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie	Fruit Jelly
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

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

6th Nov, 27th Nov, 18th Dec, 8th Jan, 29th Jan, 19th Feb, 11th Mar

Allergy information available on request

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main				
Ratatouille Pasta Bake (v)	Meat Feast Pizza	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Gyros	Fish and Chips
Vegetarian				
Korean Cauliflower with Rice (v)	Veggie Pizza (v)	Mediterranean Gnocchi Bake (v)	Mushroom and Spinach Enchilada (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel with Chips (v)
3rd Options				
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Salmon Mayo or Coleslaw
Deli				
Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese
Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables
Sticky Orange Cake	Gainsborough Tart	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Cinnamon Fruit Pudding	Chocolate Mousse
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

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



Attendance



Congratulations to Reception, Year 1 & Year 4 who have achieved the highest attendance this week. You will receive an extra play time!

Attendance for the whole school for this week is 98.06%.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 100%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 97.2%

Year 3: 96.1%

Year 4: 100%

Year 5: 97.8%

Year 6: 96.7%

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.

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.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary 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

This week we have emailed you with information on how to sign up for resources, courses and webinars around online safety using the National Online Safety platform. I will shortly add suggested resources to your parent 'watch list' which I believe will be of great support to us all as we keep our children safe in an ever changing environment online. 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.

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.



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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