

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 6th June 2025

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents and families,

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year - where is the time going!

The second half of the summer term is always incredibly busy with lots of important and exciting events coming up. Please do keep your eye on our online calendar to ensure that you know of the school events coming up - such as First Holy communion dates, school trips, art exhibition, moving up day, Steam week, sports days, PTA Joechella summer fayre and our annual prize giving mornings. All of the upcoming dates can be found here: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Calendar

One of the areas that I would like to celebrate this week are the number of children who come to tell about successes that they have outside of school. This week I have spoken to children about success in music, dancing and football (I was delighted to hear one of our children has joined the Aston Villa academy!) It is always wonderful and brings such joy to hear of the children sharing their talents outside of school, and demonstrating resilience, perseverance and such confidence. WELL DONE, we are so very proud of all our our children at St Joseph's.

Have a great weekend.

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.

Summer study plans! Please have a look here - <u>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School</u> <u>Stourbridge - Home (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)</u>

Catholic Life events PowerPoint - <u>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Catholic Life Events 2024-2025</u>

Updates:

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





Dear Parents,

As our annual STEAM Week approaches, we are looking for parents who work in science, technology, engineering, art or maths to visit our children during the week of 16th June. We would like parents to talk a little about their job or lead a short activity. In the past, parents have demonstrated how rockets and steam trains work, made paper aeroplanes with the children and even created bubbling volcanoes!

If you are able to offer your time and expertise, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Mrs Cangiano or Miss Taylor via the school office.

Parent Governors needed!



Dear parents

The Articles of Association and Scheme of Delegation requires that the local governing body must include parent governor(s) who have been elected by the parents of registered pupils of the school and who are themselves parents of registered pupils of the school at the time of their election.

There are currently 2 vacancies and you are therefore invited to take part in the election of 2 parent governor(s) for this school who will serve on the local governing body for 4 years unless they resign the post in the interim.

Nomination forms are available from the school office and must be returned to the school no later than 12 pm on 19th June. Should you require any further information please contact Mr J Coyne Chair of Governors icoyne@emmausmac.com

In addition, please see the promotional video that provides information on the need across the Diocese for **foundation** governors and directors - **"School Governance across the Archdiocese**We are delighted to share with you a new promotional video to support the recruitment of governors across the Archdiocese. **We need more foundation governors and directors to carry out a vital part of our Mission.** The full-length video can be accessed via this link: **Governance Promotion**

Year of Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope





1 - On **Wednesday 25th June**, we are making a special **whole school pilgrimage** to our parish church, **Our Lady and All Saint**s where we will celebrate 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. You are very welcome to join us down at church at 10am for mass.





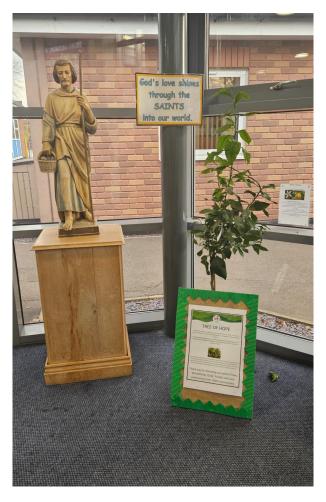








2 - CAFOD Big Lent Walk

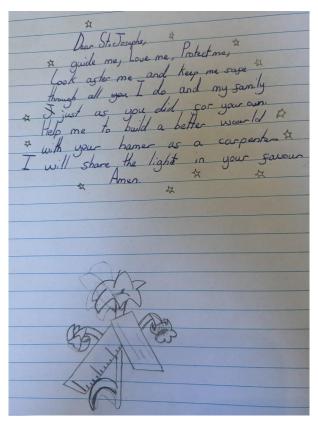




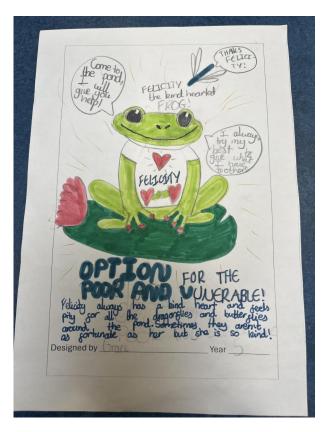
The Catholic Life of our school











4 - 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.



5 - Well done to Flynne (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.



6 - Let all Catholics around the world, especially in our Catholic community, unite in prayer for our Holy Father, asking the Lord to strengthen him as Pope Leo XIV shepherds the people of God with wisdom, compassion, and courage. May Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for Pope Leo XIV always.









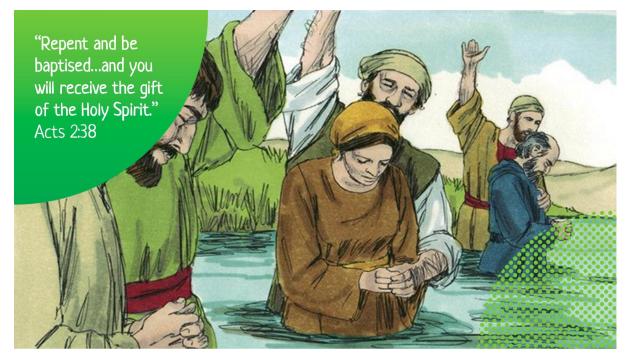
7 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

Twitter/X @StJoStourbridge

Our Lady and All Saints Church welcomes you! Latest newsletter OLAS-Bulletin-1st-June-2025.pdf Mass Times - Saturday 5pm (children's liturgy), Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am. Scripture Reflection - OLAS-JUNE-25-SCRIPTURE-COMMENTARIES.pdf



Children's liturgy - Pentecost (Year C): John 14:15-16, 23-26



Today is the feast of Pentecost. We remember that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with his disciples. Pentecost means 50 in Greek as the Holy Spirit came to the disciples 50 days after Easter.

This passage is part of the last conversations Jesus has with his disciples before he dies and so he is preparing them to live without his leadership. Jesus tells the disciples that if they love him, they will do as he has asked them. What has Jesus asked the disciples to do?

Jesus asked them to love one another as he has loved them. And he says that God will send the Holy Spirit to be with them forever and to help them. The Holy Spirit will teach the disciples everything they need to know once Jesus has left and will remind them of Jesus' words while he was with them.

Jesus also says that if we love him, his Father will love us and live with us. What do you think this means?

In some versions of this gospel story Jesus says that God will "make a home" in anyone who listens to his word. Do you think God will live in our house with us, sleep in the spare room and sit down with us to eat dinner like a guest?

Maybe not, but God lives with us in our hearts. God is always there and the Holy Spirit is always guiding us to do what is right.

How do you think we can make sure that we are welcoming God into our lives? (By listening to his word, loving God and other people etc.)

This week let's remember that God is always with us and try to listen to God's words to us. Let us be guided by the Holy Spirit, who was given to the disciples on the first Pentecost and is still with us today, to show our love for God and for other people.

How will you show your love for God in the coming week? How will you show your love for others?

We pray for the Church: that, inspired by the Holy Spirit, it may follow Jesus' example of love for all. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and shine out love for all to see. 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

Ever-loving God, send us your Spirit, give us your courage, so that we may follow you and love you all the days of our lives. Let us share this love with others throughout the world. Amen.

Gifts from God

Year 6



Gifts from God returns next week at 9.10am - 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 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 School

St Joseph's 6-0 The Ridge Primary School

St Joseph's 8-0 Cotwall End Primary School

Great news - our boys came in first place in the league, and now qualify for the Semi final of the Campbell cup where they will play against Netherbrook Primary School. Good luck boys, and well done so far! The Semi Final will be played at home on Tuesday after school.

Girls football fixtures

Tuesday 21st January - Girls fixtures (week 1)

Peters Hill 0 v 3 St Joseph's

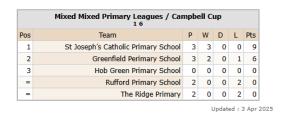
St Joseph's 0 v 1 Amblecote

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!







8 - 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!



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





10 - 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

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.....



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 1384 395000 for further information or check out our website. 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, 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.

Dr Steve Mann On behalf on the SRFC Committee.



Stourbridge Rugby Club Ltd Stourton Park Bridgnorth Road Stourton DY7 6QZ







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 96.03%

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 99.5%

Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 97.2%

Year 4: 95.3%

Year 5: 93.3%

Year 6: 92.7%

*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: <u>Emmaus MAC Attendance Policy</u> (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.

<u>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Calendar (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)</u>

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.

<u>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Curriculum Plans (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)</u>

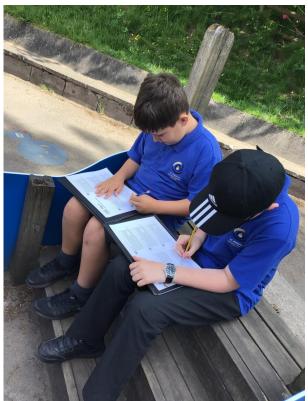


















































PTA updates - Please scroll through the images below for a host of updates from our wonderful PTA.





PE Timetable - Summer 1st half term



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

(Please remember Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 that PE kits remain in school and are sent home at half term)

Reception Class - Monday & 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 - 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 3:15-4.15pn - 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

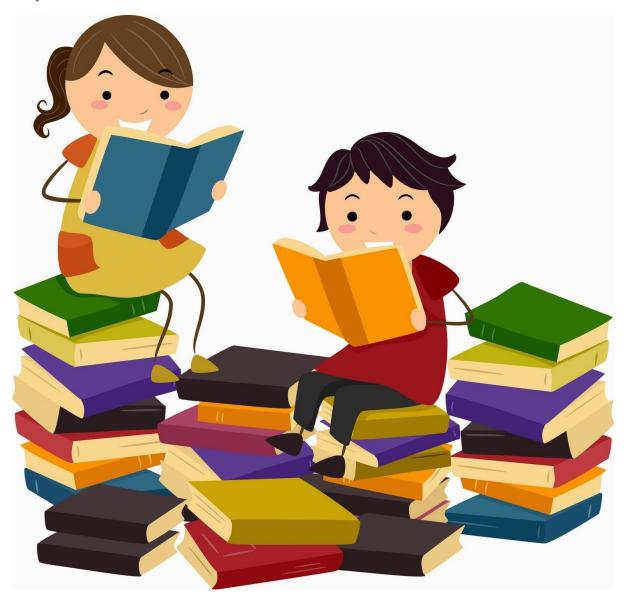








Pupil Premium and Free School Meals



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

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



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 | healthandwellebing (dudleyhealthandwellbeing.org.uk)

St Joseph's Early Help Strategy

St Joseph's Early Help.pdf (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)



11 - 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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