



Friday 3rd July

Our Emmaus and Diocese Mission

Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice

Dear Parents

Thank you for your understanding and patience last week when the children were able to be collected after lunchtime due to the intense heat. As a parent of 3 children myself, I completely understand the impact that sudden changes can have on working families and everyone at school very much appreciated the kind words and understanding we received.

Next week threatens to also be very warm. I have emailed all parents today regarding the precautions that we will take in school and I can assure you we would only look to close school as a final resort to ensure the safety of all – thankfully it does not look like this will be required next week.

On a far more positive note, please keep our Year 4 children in your prayers as they prepare to meet Jesus and receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist tomorrow during their First Holy Communion. This is an incredibly profound milestone in the life of a Catholic and introduces our children to a personal relationship with Christ. We pray for the Year 4 children and families as they fully participate in our faith and experience this deep encounter with Christ tomorrow.

Questioning minds, A thirst for knowledge
BBC Visit St Joseph's



It was an incredibly exciting for us on Tuesday to welcome the BBC back to our school in preparation for the England match that took place on the evening. As you will have seen from the filming, our children are absolute stars!

I have asked the BBC to return to us in the hope of England progressing further, so, fingers crossed for late Sunday evening.

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Mary Stevens Hospice summer concert:

An incredible night of music was had when we hosted the annual Mary Stevens Hospice Summer concert. We were so very proud of our choir, who brought the house down with their singing. Thank you so much to Mrs Cangiano for her dedication and passion ensuring the children were able to share their talents in such a special way. Overall, an incredible **£987.91!**

Gifts from God

Gifts from God will return next week

Year group	Values and Virtues	Good Work
Reception	Sinead	Francesca
1	Xander	Axel
2	Arlo P	James
3	Noah	Phoebe
4	Annie	Alessandro
5	Erin	Kaiser
6	Hagley transition	Hagley transition

Attendance – Well done everyone, our whole school attendance is excellent!

Attendance	
Whole school weekly attendance	96.8%
Whole school attendance (full year)	97%
National average	94.5%
Reception weekly attendance	95.17%
Year 1 weekly attendance	96.09%
Year 2 weekly attendance	98.62%
Year 3 weekly attendance	97.67%
Year 4 weekly attendance	98.67%
Year 5 weekly attendance	98.67%
Year 6 weekly attendance	97.33%
Well done to Year 4 and Year 5 who have achieved the highest attendance this week and will receive an extra play time! Keep it up!	



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From time to time, there may be occasions that emerge when you need our support. Never hesitate to get in touch should you need our support. I am the DSL in school and Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Riley and Mrs Faux-Conduit are the DDSLs. Mrs Mitchell is also our SENCo and Mental Health Leader. School safeguarding information and our Early Help offer can be found at this link on the school website [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Safeguarding](#)

In school we are also very fortunate to have Mrs Dulson as our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant and Mental Health First Aider and can support your child in a whole manner of ways to support their wellbeing [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Mental Health and ELSA](#) . **We're here to help when you need us!**

Questioning minds

Dates for your diary – please keep an eye on the link below while dates are added: [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Calendar](#)

Questioning minds – Term Dates

The 2026-27 term dates can be found below:

	Starts	Half term	Ends
Autumn Term	Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Monday 26 th Oct 2026 to Fri 30 th Oct 2026	Friday 18 th December 2025
Spring Term	Monday 4 th January 2027	Monday 15 th Feb 2027 to Friday 19 th Feb 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer Term	Monday 12 th April 2027	Monday 31 st May 2027 to Friday 4 th June 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027

The following INSET Days agreed for 2026/27:

- *Tuesday 1st September 2026*
- *Wednesday 2nd September 2026*
- *Friday 2nd October 2026*
- *Friday 12th February 2027*
- *Monday 28th June 2027*

In addition to the five INSET Days listed above, a sixth INSET Day is also proposed to facilitate a MAC-wide INSET Day. The proposed date for this INSET Day will be confirmed in due course.

Inset Days

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Please note a further inset day has been added. As a Multi-Academy Company, Emmaus are able to use a 6th inset day for staff development and formation. The inset days for the rest of the academic year are as follows:

Friday 26th June

Friday 17th July

Monday 20th July

As such, school will close for pupils for the summer break on **Thursday 16th July at 3:15pm**

Have a great weekend, God bless

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