



Friday 8th May

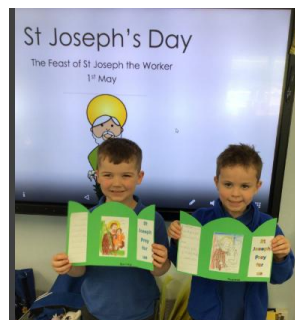
Our Emmaus and Diocese Mission

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

Dear Parents

Thank you to all governors, parents, family members, and volunteers who supported us on our pilgrimage walk to Our Lady and All Saints Church for our St Joseph's Feast Day Mass. What a beautiful occasion it was. Father Philip commented to me how reverent the children were in church and numerous members of the public described the children as a 'credit to the school' for how sensibly they walked with our older children supporting our youngest. It certainly was a 'military operation' as Father said!

Throughout the day, the children reflected on St Joseph the Worker, a courageous and dedicated man who cared for Jesus and Mary and is a great example to us all to listen to who God is calling us to be – and to work hard at 'being' this person. The children considered their own vocation and how they may use their gifts and talents for others in their lives. And, of course, the children were delighted to be treated to an ice cream at the end of the day courtesy of our wonderful PTA!



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Questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge

Have a look at some of activities that have been place across school this week:

Year 5 Healthy Eating in DT:

Year 5 used their learning about healthy eating to create their own healthy pasta sauce. They safely chopped their ingredients and are looking forward to eating their delicious sauce for dinner tonight!



Year 6 visit to Wolverhampton Art Gallery and Rainforest project showcase:

Year 6 visited Wolverhampton Art Gallery to enhance their learning about pop art. We saw real life Warhol, Lichtenstein, Hockney, Caulfield and more. Year 6 also showcased their Rainforest projects for the school community and parents.



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Year 3 exploring the outdoor classroom

Year 3 have enjoyed using the outdoor classroom this afternoon to set up their plant investigations and plant nasturtium seeds.



Kind Hearts, A Thirst For Knowledge

Please keep Year 6 in your prayers this weekend as they prepare to take their end of KS2 assessments (SATs) next week. Thank you to Mrs Hickman for preparing the children so well. You are already stars and we have no doubt you will take the tests in their stride next week. We are already so very proud of you.

Loving Jesus,

*as our Year 6 children prepare for their SATs,
we ask you to calm their worries and give them peace.*

Remind them that they are never alone—

you walk side by side with them in every classroom and every challenge.

*Help them to stay calm, focused, and confident,
knowing that doing their best is always enough.*

*Thank you for our school family at St Joseph's,
who support, encourage, and take great pride in each child.*

*Jesus, we thank you for loving them always
and for being so proud of who they are.*

Amen.

Pilgrims of Hope

Gospel reflection: John 14:15-21

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In today's reading Jesus is trying to prepare his disciples for what is coming next – his death on the cross and his rising again.

*Can you remember some of what he tells the disciples?
He tells them that if they love him, they must keep his commandments.
Can you remember the commandments that Jesus has given us?
Jesus asked us to love God and to love one another.*

*How do you show your love for others? How do others show their love for you?
It is often easy to show our love for those people who are close to us. We can be kind and generous to our friends, we can listen to our parents, carers and teachers.
We can share with our brother or sister.*

And they show their love for us by comforting us when we are upset, by looking after us, and by sharing their things with us too.

But we are all God's children. God loves each and every one of us because we are all special. And so we need to do our best to show our love for all people, not just those who are close by. We are all part of one big global family.

*How do you think we can show our love for all the members of our global family?
We can show our love by caring for our world, which is the home that all people share. We can try to make the world a fairer place, by making sure world leaders and others who have power know that we want them to make a difference.*

We can give money to charities who work with people who are poor or sick around the world. We can stand up for what we believe in and try to make a change so that all people feel loved, respected and supported to build the life that they want for themselves and their family.

How will you show your love for others, both here and around the world in the coming week?

Amen.

Adapted from Cafod children's liturgy

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Gifts from God will return after Easter.

Year group	Values and Virtues	Good Work
Reception	Olivia	Orla
1	Jude	Arthur
2	Leah	Orlaith
3	Vivienne	Alistair
4	Flo	Joshua
5	Amelia	Hugo
6	Trip	Trip

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

Attendance	
Whole school weekly attendance	98.75%
Whole school attendance (full year)	97%
National average	94.7%
Reception weekly attendance	100%
Year 1 weekly attendance	100%
Year 2 weekly attendance	98.7%
Year 3 weekly attendance	95.8%
Year 4 weekly attendance	100%
Year 5 weekly attendance	100%
Year 6 weekly attendance	97.1%
Well done to Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 who have achieved the highest attendance this week and will receive an extra play time! Keep it up!	

Kind Hearts, A hunger for Justice

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!**

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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

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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