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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 9th May 2025

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents and families,

"Habemus Papam: We have a Pope!" News of the new Holy Father can be found below.

This week in school we have focussed on commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE day. The children have learnt about the war itself, the end of the war and the great celebrations that followed VE day. We have also focussed on Human Dignity and why as Christ's light in our world we have the responsibility to always seek peace. Today, we have completed our celebrations by wearing red, white and blue and singing our Jubilee song in Gifts from God assembly. I hope that this has sparked a curiosity in the children this week of the importance of remembering the ultimate sacrifice made by those at war, as well as the resilience and strength of those on the home front. We will remember them.

Thank you for all of the kind messages and comments that we have received following the publication of the CSI report last week. We are 'over the moon' with the Outstanding outcome in all categories and sub categories, and the parent comments that the inspectors added to the report filled all of us with such great pride. Our school truly is a place of partnership and collaboration for the benefit of all of the children and community that we serve. <u>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Catholic Schools Inspectorate Report</u>

Have a great weekend.

Lastly - Great news regarding our Y5/Y6 boys football team can be found in the PE section below.

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</u> <u>Life Events 2024-2025</u>

Updates:

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





1 - Please join us this Sunday for our sponsored walk! All are welcome - do sign up and support our school and PTA!

Pope Leo XIV



It was wonderful to hear and then see that white smoke was billowing from the Sistine Chapel chimney yesterday afternoon! We welcome our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV - the first American Pope! What a momentous occasion for us all to be able share as Pope Leo's first address spoke of peace and asking us to be Christ's light in the world.

Let us pray for our new Holy Father. "Habemus Papam: We have a Pope!"

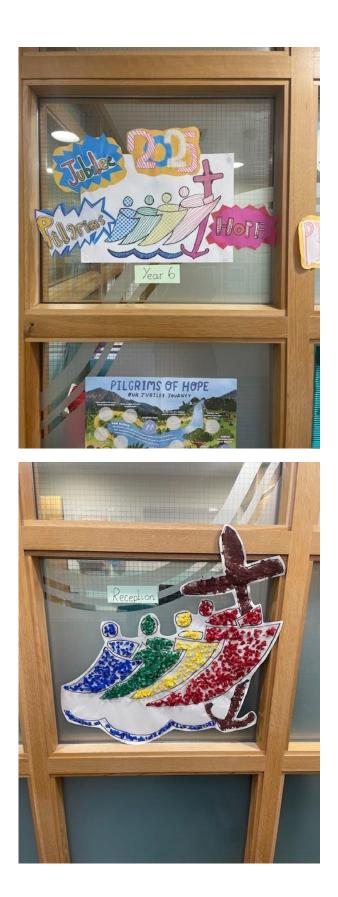


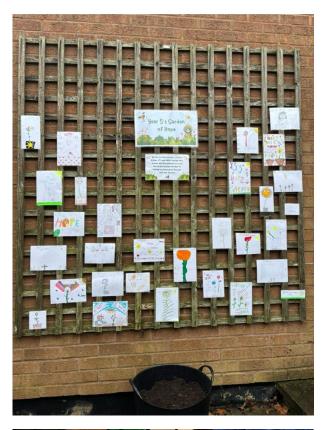
2 - A prayer for the new Holy Father from Cafod.



Year of Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope











3 - CAFOD Big Lent Walk





The Catholic Life of our school





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5 - 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.



6 - 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.







7 - Our new peace garden fence!



8 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

Twitter/X @StJoStourbridge

Our Lady and All Saints Church welcomes you! Latest newsletter <u>OLAS-Bulletin-4th-May-2025.pdf</u> Mass Times - Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am. Scripture Reflection - <u>OLAS-MAY-25-</u> <u>SCRIPTURE-COMMENTARIES.pdf</u>



Children's liturgy - 4th Week of Easter | Year C | John 10:27-30



Today Jesus talks about sheep. Jesus didn't spend his time looking after sheep out in the fields, so who do you think Jesus' sheep are? Who is he talking about?

Jesus is a shepherd of people. He shows us the way to live our lives. He looks after us and cares for us, just as a shepherd looks after their sheep.

What does Jesus say about his sheep in the gospel reading today?

Jesus says that his sheep listen to his voice.

How do we listen to Jesus in our lives?

Jesus also says that he knows his sheep and that they will never be lost. What do you think this means?

Jesus cares for every one of us. No matter who we are or from where we come.

We are all different from each other, but we are also very alike. We all need enough food and water to live. We all like to have fun with our friends. We are all part of the same global family and so we are all very special and important. Jesus loves and cares for us all.

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus loves and cares for all of us, no matter who or where we are? What do you think this means for how we should treat each other?

Jesus asks us to treat other people as we would wish to be treated. This week, let's try to listen to what Jesus is saying to us, and share the love that he has for us all with others.

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may welcome and care for everyone as Jesus did – like a shepherd cares for their sheep. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our world: that all people may love and respect one another as members of the same global family. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may listen to Jesus in our lives and treat all people as brothers and sisters. 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

Lord Jesus, help us to listen to and follow you and to care for each other, so that all members of our global family may live together in peace. Amen.

Gifts from God



Gifts from God returns after Easter - well done to everyone who has received a certificate this term!

	Gospel values	Good work			
Reception	Orla	Donovan			
Year 1	Nellie	Nancy			
Year 2	lssy	Tommy			
Year 3	Jamie	Soraya			
Year 4	Bethan	Elienne			
Year 5	Isla L	Darci M			
Year 6	Flo	Emily			

PE and School Sport



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
- St Joseph's 6-0 The Ridge Primary

Great news - our boys came in first place in the league, and now qualify for the quarter final of the Campbell cup where they will play against Cotwall End Primary School. Good luck boys, and well done so far!

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!

Mixed Mixed Primary Leagues / Campbell Cup								
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1	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	3	3	0	0	9		
2	Greenfield Perimary 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		

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9 - 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!



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





11 - 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 !

 $\label{eq:constraint} \textit{Our aim is} \quad \textit{'everyone playing rugby safely to the level they want to'}$

We believe we offer a safe inclusive environment for everyone to enjoy what this great sport has to offer.

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 01384 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.

Kind regards, Dr Steve Mann



info@stourbridgerugby.com

01384 395000

On behalf on the SRFC Committee.

Gardening club





















Attendance

100%	Attendance Certificate Awarded to for Perfect Attendance!
Date	Signature

Congratulations to **Year 5 & Year 6** who have achieved the highest attendance this week. You will receive an extra play time!

Attendance for the whole school for this week is 97.99%

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 95.5%

- Year 1: 99.1%
- Year 2: 99.2%
- Year 3: 94.8%
- Year 4: 96.7%
- Year 5: 100%
- Year 6: 100%

*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 <u>School</u> <u>attendance advice | Dudley Council</u>

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	13	14	15	16	17	18
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*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)

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: P 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



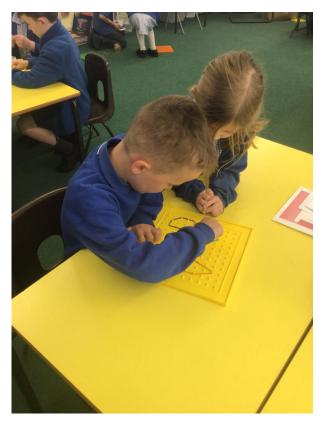
Our curriculum is rooted in the teachings of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teachings so we make links with the children's learning to areas such as caring for our world, the dignity of workers, developments for the common good and more.

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.

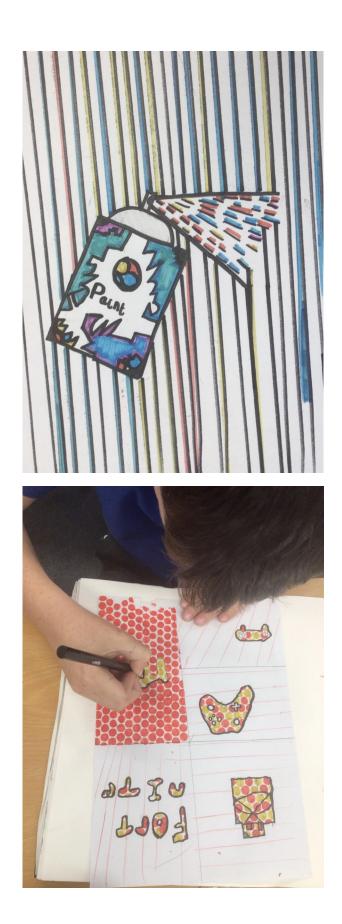
<u>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Curriculum Plans (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)</u>











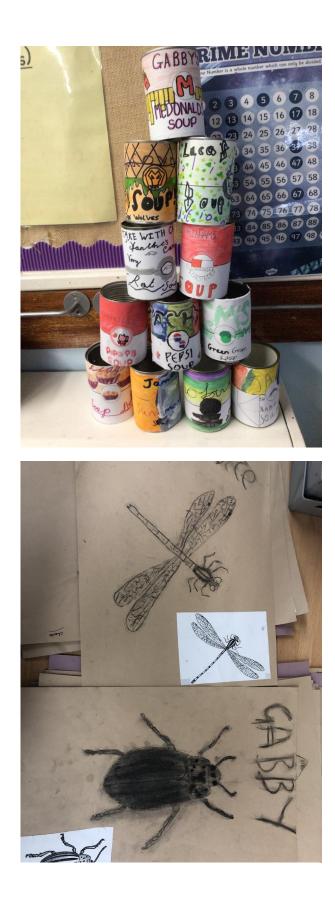


























PTA updates - Please scroll through the images below for a host of updates from our wonderful PTA.



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Our PTA Newsletter link



12 - Join us for our Sponsored Walk event!



13 - Monday 19th May at 7:00 PM The White Horse Pub

We'd love for you to join us for a planning meeting!

Can you help run a stall, create a game, or source supplies? Maybe your company could sponsor the event, or you've got brilliant ideas to share?

Whatever your skills or suggestions, come along and have your say - everyone's welcome!

PE Timetable - Summer 1st half term



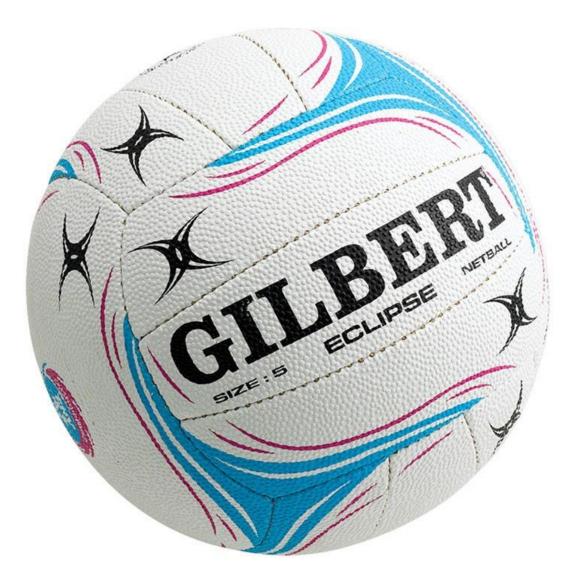
Please take note of your child's PE days for this half term.

(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 & Tuesday
- Year 2 Tuesday & Friday
- Year 3 Tuesday & Friday (swimming)
- Year 4 Tuesday & Wednesday
- Year 5 Tuesday & Wednesday
- Year 6 Monday & 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) - spaces available 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.

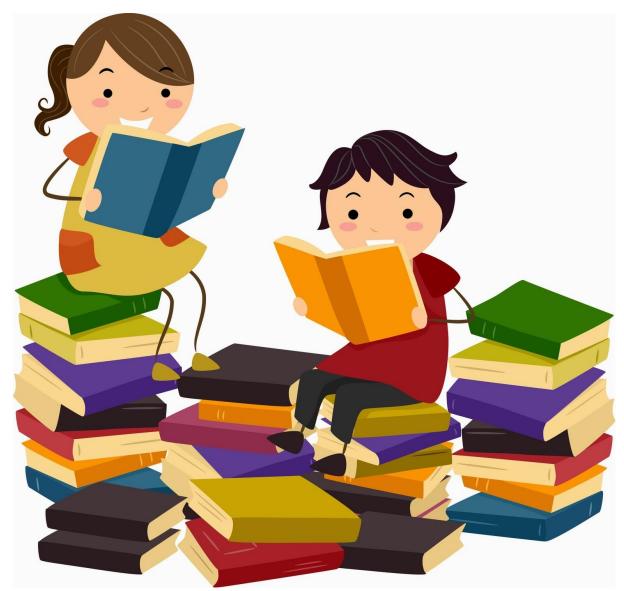
New school menu for Summer Term



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Roasted Tomato Pasta Bake 🙄	Chicken Curry	Roast Chicken	Meat Feast Pizza	Fish Fingers with Chips
Beanie Burrito & Wedges ()	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry 🔮	Cheese & Potato Pasty 🕐	Cheese & Tomato Pizza 🛇	Vegetarian Burger & Chips 😋
Seasonal Vegetables	Green Beans	Broccoli	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas & Baked Beans
Jacket Potatoes & Deli	Jacket Potatoes & Deli	Jacket Potatoes & Deli	Jacket Potatoes & Deli	Jacket Potatoes & Deli
Chocolate & Banana Brownie 🕐	Oaty Lemon Cookie 😋	Fruity Crunch Pot 🔮	Iced Lemon Cake 🙄	Fruity Yoghurt Trifle 💟
		Fruit & Yoghurt		

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
	Mac 'n'	Chicken	Roast	Beef	Fish Fingers	
	Cheese 🕐	& Sweetcom Pie	Chicken	Lasagne	& Chips	
	C Five Bean Chilli	Stir Fry Vegetables	Handmade Vegetarian	Hearty Sausage	Jerk Hot Dog	
	& Rice 🙄	& Noodles 🔮	Sausage Roll ⊘	Pasta Bake	& Chips 🙄	
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Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Carrots & Peas	Broccoli	Peas & Baked Beans	
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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 <u>www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals</u>

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)



14 - 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.

Telephone-01384 431980

Email - info_stjosephs@emmausmac.com