

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 4th April

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# A message from our Principal



Dear parents and families,

I hope that you all had a great week - it has just been wonderful that the spring weather has continued into April!

Thank you to all parents who completed the parent survey during our Catholic School's Inspection this week, and for the well wishes and support that you provided to us during a very busy week. The support of our parents and school community is so very much appreciated We will be able to share the final report with when it is back with us in school which should not be too long after the Easter break.

Well done to our Year 3 children who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week, and to our Year 4, 5 and 6 children who have also confessed in order to prepare to meet Jesus at Easter. Year 5 are also preparing to meet Jesus at Easter and have in fact have just returned from Hagley Catholic High School where they have walked the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to Liam for organising this important opportunity and Mr Hodgson and Mr Beehan for transporting our children. Our Year 3 children next week will also lead us in The Three Tress which I am sure will be very emotive and reflective for us all.

Finally, well done to our Y5/Y6 boys football team who continued their good form with a 2-0 home victory against Greenfield.

Have a great weekend.

### Mr. A Wilkes

### **Principal**

Our school website is regularly updated - spring 2 study plans are now added! Please have a look here - St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Home (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

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

### **Updates:**

Term dates - Term dates and insets are available on the calendar section of the school website <u>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Calendar</u>

### 2025-26 Term dates will be announced very shortly

**March TEN:TEN Newsletter** The March newsletter from Ten:Ten to support you with prayer at home hhttps://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

# Thank you to our generous school community

On behalf of all at St Joseph's I wanted to express our sincere thanks for the recent very kind donations that we have received.

The PTA, along with a parent who is a trustee of a charity, donated funding for the trim trail and mud kitchen. This is already in use in school and each class will have the opportunity to use this area as the weather progressively improves in the coming weeks.

Mr Chris Sargent and Mr Pete Trinham kindly purchased the new football kit that both the boys and girls teams in Year 5 and Year 6 have played in this year. The children are so proud of their new kit, and this will benefit children in school for many years to come. Mr Sargent of course donates a lot of his time to train and coach our boys football team which we are extremely grateful for.

And, a parent generously donated the funding required to install the new fence around the Peace garden at the front of school which I am sure you will all agree makes such a huge improvement to his area of school where we wish to promote quiet, prayerful reflection for our school community.

We are blessed at St Joseph's to have such a kind, caring and generous community. Thank you all so much.

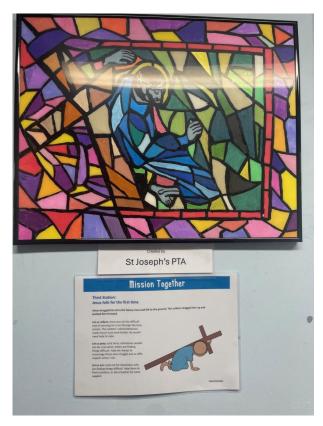
# St Joseph's - Stations of the Cross

This Lent, as a school community we have joined together to recreate the Stations of the Cross which are now displayed around school. In the images below, you will see examples from our classes in school as well as Pre school, the PTA and the school staff. Next week, we will be Pilgrims of Hope and make our way around the Stations of the Cross to focus our

minds as we journey through Lent. Thank you everybody who has contributed to our wonderful stations!



1 - Pre School



2 - PTA



3 - School Staff



4 - Reception



5 - Year 1



6 - Year 2



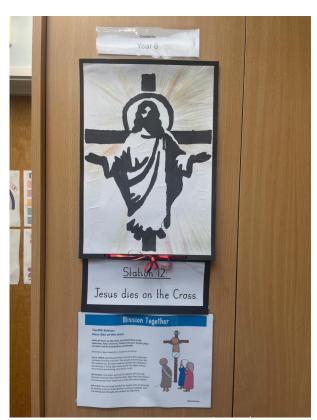
7 - Year 3



8 - Year 4



9 - Year 5



10 - Year 6



11 - Year 6











**Year of Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope** 





















12 - CAFOD Big Lent Walk



13 - CAFOD Big Lent Walk





14 - Our new Virtual School Tour - take a look!











15 - Our new peace garden fence!







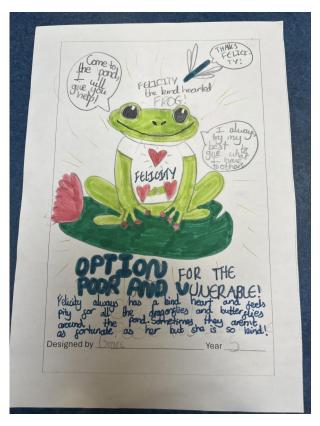
The Catholic Life of our school





16 - Grandparents Afternoon Tea

A big thank you to the Caritas Ambassadors and Y2 for leading and organising the Grandparents Afternoon Tea. Y2 sang beautifully and the Caritas Ambassadors prepared the room and served our special guests. A lovely celebration of our community! We were delighted to invite members of the Senior Lunch group from the Parish as well. Thank you Mrs Hayley for supplying the yummy cakes!



17 - 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.



18 - 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.







19 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

Twitter/X @StJoStourbridge

Our Lady and All Saints Church welcomes you! Latest newsletter <a href="OLAS-Bulletin-23rd-March-2025-Third-Sunday-in-Lent.pdf">OLAS-Bulletin-23rd-March-2025-Third-Sunday-in-Lent.pdf</a> <a href="Mass-Times">Mass</a> <a href="Times">Times</a> - Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am. Scripture <a href="Reflection">Reflection</a> - <a href="Scripture-Commentaries-March-2025.pdf">Scripture-Commentaries-March-2025.pdf</a>



Children's liturgy - Children's liturgy - 5th Week of Lent | Year C Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



The scribes and Pharisees bring a woman to Jesus who has done something wrong. The law says that she should be punished, but the Pharisees ask Jesus what he would do. What does Jesus say?

Jesus says that the person who has done nothing wrong themselves, should be the person who throws the first stone at the woman.

Why do you think Jesus says this? What happens next?

Slowly, all the scribes and Pharisees leave, until just the woman and Jesus are left. What does Jesus say to the woman?

Jesus says that he will not punish her either, but that she should go away and try to do the right thing from now on. How do you think the woman felt when she heard this? Is it easy to change?

We have all done things wrong. Can you think of a time when you did something wrong? Don't say it out loud, but keep it in your head. How did it feel when you knew you had done something wrong? What happened next? Did you get told off? How did it feel when you had said sorry, and been forgiven? Will you try not to do whatever it was again?

Jesus knows that none of us are perfect. He forgives us for the things that we have done wrong and no matter what he always loves us. But he also asks us to change, to try our hardest not to do the wrong thing again.

Jesus asks us not to judge people who have done something wrong, because we all do wrong things sometimes. Instead we should try to forgive them, as God forgives us. But we should also try to help them see that they need to change, so that they no longer hurt others.

We all have times when we are treated unfairly and it hurts. We also all have times when we are not quite as nice to others as we should be.

Let us try to forgive those who treat us unfairly and to follow Jesus' example of love for all people. But let's also try to make a change – to do what is right, and to help others to feel God's love in the way that we treat them.

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that she may follow Jesus' example and show understanding and forgiveness to all people. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all people throughout the world: that we may treat one another with love, respect and fairness so that everyone has an equal chance in life. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, our family and our friends: that we may always try our best to do what is right, so that the world becomes a fairer place for all to live. 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:** God of love, you forgive us when we go wrong, and encourage us to try again to be better. Guide us to do what is right and to make this world a fairer place for all who live in it. Amen

# **Gifts from God**



	Gospel values	Good work
Reception	India	Xander
Year 1	Emily	Orlaith
Year 2	Vivienne	Zara
Year 3	Maisie	Florence
Year 4	Elisa	Erin
Year 5	Leo	Oscar
Year 6	Lloyd	Xanthe



Year 5 and Year 6 boys football training 3:15-4:15pm Tuesday evenings

## **Boys football fixtures**

## **League Fixture**

Thursday 27th February

St Joseph's 6-1 Rufford Primary 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

St Joseph's 2-0 Greenfield

Year 5 and Year 6 Dudley Schools Cross Country - Thursday 27th March

Boys finished 12th

Girls finished 12th

Overall - we finished 11th out of 39 schools. Well done everyone, we are so proud of you!

Well done girls! We finished 3rd overall in the league. A great effort and we're all very proud of you!



20 - 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!



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





22 - 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 1334 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



Gardening club is supporting the Year groups to make their garden area beautiful for the Springtime! We have planted Bluebells, Daffodils and Alliums to make our school environment colourful and welcoming. Children loved planting them, learning how to care for the bulbs and using their teamwork skills.

- Thank you for your kind donations of the mud kitchen supplies. It is looking well stocked with pots, pans, utensils and cake moulds. Your donation will create awe and wonder for all children to enjoy.
- Thank you for the spring bulbs and seeds that have been donated, hopefully come springtime the school with be full of colourful blooms.

It may have been cold this week in Garden club, but we felt the Spring was on its way.

We planted lots of bulbs ready for the Spring, to brighten up the Key Stage Two playground.

We discussed how filling half a large pot with another pot and leaves helps to save on how much compost is needed.

Lots more Spring blubs to be planted over the coming weeks.

Mrs Bailey and Miss Biniek

# **Update from Mrs Bailey and Miss Biniek**



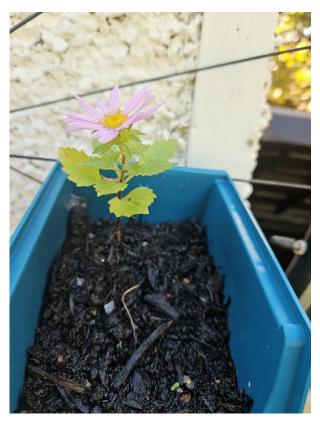








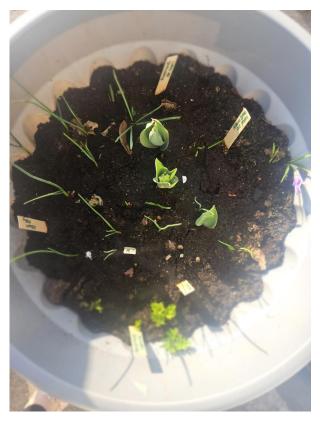
















# **Attendance**



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

#### Attendance for the whole school for this week is 97.85%

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 95.5%

Year 1: 97.5%

Year 2: 97.3%

Year 3: 97.3%

Year 4: 98.7%

Year 5: 99.7%

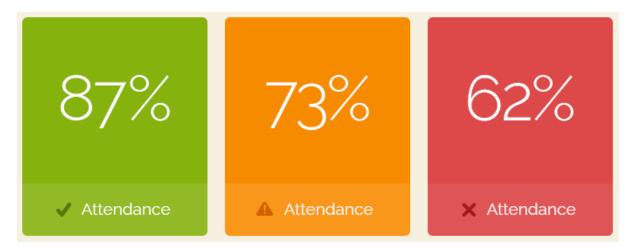
Year 6: 98.3%

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.

#### **Persistent Absence**



**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 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.

WOnce attendance falls below 90% pupils become Persistent Absentees. As part of our duty of care, parents will be written to highlighting their child's attendance has fallen below 90% and that we will be monitoring their attendance monthly. If your child's attendance continues to remain below 90% we will have no alternative but to refer to ESS (Dudley Education Support Service).

if your child arrives at school after the close of registers at 9.05am, an unauthorised late mark is registered and this will count as an absence.

Please see how absences affect children's learning:-

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year – Less than 30 Hours of Learning Lost

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best levels/grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

95%: 10 days absence a year - 50 Hours of Learning Lost

These pupils are less likely to achieve their target levels/grades and will start to find it difficult to maintain a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2-week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.

90%: 19 days absence a year - 95 Hours of Learning Lost

The Government classes pupils in this group as "Persistent Absentees", and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work and achieve their target levels/grades. Parents of young people in this group could also face the possibility of legal action being taken, including the issuing of Penalty Notices and Fines.

Please support your child by ensuring they arrive at school each morning on time.

## 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.

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

Dudley term dates - 2024/25 <u>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Dudley Term</u>
<u>Dates 2023-24 and 2024-25 (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)</u>

**INSET DAYS 2024/25** 

Monday 21st July (5)

# 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.



https://www.canva.com/design/DAGX5qiwrhU/3KWIxXl93ah9t DahTSvIw/edit?utm content=DAGX5qiwrhU&utm campaign=designshare&utm medium=link2&utm source=sharebutton

#### Our PTA Newsletter link



23 - Join us for our Sponsored Walk event!



 $24- The\ Wonderdome\ Planetarium\ has\ visited\ school\ today!\ What\ an\ incredible\ experience\ for\ our\ children\ .$ 



25 - Over £230 raised at the Reindeer dash!





# PE Timetable - Spring 2nd 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 - Tuesday** 

Year 1 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 2 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday (swimming)

Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5 - Monday & Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday & Friday

## Clubs



#### **Lunchtime Clubs:**

Monday-

Tuesday - Year 5 and 6 boys and girls cross country

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 autumn 2 and spring term

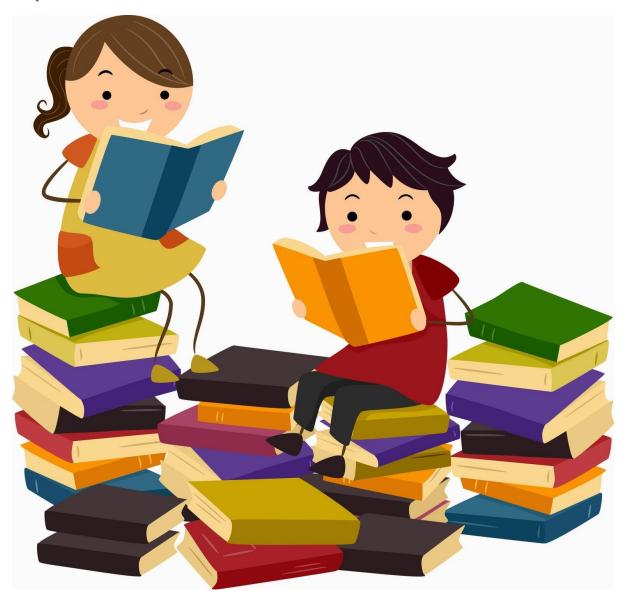








# **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**



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 <a href="www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals">www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals</a>

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)



26 - 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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