



Tuesday 4th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term.

Many thanks to the huge number of you who attended Parent's Evening appointments just before half term; we hope you found it useful to find out how your child has been getting on so far this year and enjoyed looking at their work. If you were unable to attend parent's evening last half term, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment as soon as possible.

A further Parents' Evening is scheduled for the Spring Term to speak to your child's teacher and see the children's books. In the meantime, if you have any concerns about your child, please speak to their class teacher in person at the end of the school day or contact the school office who can arrange a suitable appointment.

We really hope you enjoy seeing our regular updates on the school Facebook page and 'Latest News' section of the school website. Please remember to check your child's 'Class Page' on the school website regularly, as this is where your child's teacher shares photographs of the children's learning in addition to information about homework and links you may find helpful to support your child's learning at home. A new half-termly curriculum overview for parents will be emailed out to you this week, detailing your child's learning in class between now and Christmas.

On Friday 24th October, we emailed individual attendance reports for each pupil using our new 'Insight' system. We hope you found these reports informative and welcome your feedback. Should you not have received the email with your child's attendance data, please contact our school office.

In our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and cost-effectiveness, we will increasingly utilise the Insight system for communications, such as sending End of Year Reports electronically. It is crucial that all parents ensure they can access these digital documents, allowing us to address any potential technical issues promptly.

As the weather grows colder, please ensure your child brings a warm coat, hat and gloves to school each day to wear at playtimes. Please make sure you label all items with your child's name. Thank you for your support with this!

Please make a note of the **many** important dates for this half term at the end of this newsletter - as ever, there is lots planned in the weeks ahead and especially in the lead up to Christmas!

Advance Notice - Spring Term Parents Evening

Spring Term Parents Evening Appointments will be available to book closer to the time from 2pm - 6pm on the following date:

Tuesday 10th March 2026



Catholic Life

This half term, we will be focussing on the virtues: **Learned & Wise.**

Learned, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Each week, one child from each class who has demonstrated these virtues will be celebrated in our celebration assembly on Friday morning. Parents of chosen children will be notified and invited to attend.



November is the month dedicated to Holy Souls in the Church's Liturgical year.

All Saints Day: On Sunday November 2nd, we celebrated All Saints Day. On this day, and in school yesterday, we commemorated the lives of holy men and women who have been recognised by the Church as people of virtue. Pope Francis said saints, "are not perfect models, but are people whose lives God has crossed," and can be compared with the stained-glass windows of a church, "which allow light to enter in different shades of colour."

Holy Souls: The Feast of Holy Souls was commemorated on November 3rd. Throughout November, we pray for repose of the soul of those who have died and for the souls of those in purgatory. We also pray for faith and hope of new life with God in heaven.

Remembrance Day: The children will learn about the importance of Remembrance Day in their classes. The school Liturgy Leaders will lead the children in a special Liturgy of Remembrance for all those who died in service on 11th November.



Staffing News

I am delighted to share an important piece of news that many of you have been waiting for.... I am delighted to announce the wonderful arrival of Miss Edwards' daughter, Maisie Jocelyn.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Miss Edwards and her partner on this precious moment. Both mommy and baby are doing well!





What's been going on in school recently?

In addition to all the fantastic learning in our classrooms, we have also been learning outside the classroom; here are a few of the highlights from the last few weeks before half term...

Black History Month: During the month of October, each class spent time learning about a key figure in Black History. Years 1 - 6 also took part in a Black History Dance Workshop.

Learning about Diwali: The whole school were involved in a special day in school to help us all. Our children in Early Years and Year 1 spent time learning about the Sikh and Hindu festival of Diwali. They enjoyed dancing, dressing up, making Rangoli patterns with chalk, having Mehndi patterns drawn on their hands, decorating diva lamps and trying some tasty Indian food.

Woodlands Adventure: Our Year Four pupils had an amazing day at 'Woodlands' before half term. They had a fantastic team-building day- completing an assault course, orienteering, climbing high ropes and having a go at the 'leap of faith'!

Owl Visit: Reception Class welcomed Shropshire Falconry into school. The children were wide-eyed with excitement watching and helping to fly a variety of owls around the school hall!

Safety Seymour & the CO Crew: As part of our learning in PSHE, we had a whole school assembly and class workshops to help us learn about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide and how to keep ourselves and our families safe. Year 2 pupils were also given Carbon Monoxide alarms to use in their family homes.

Road Safety: Our Reception children and some of their parents took part in special Road Safety workshops in the local area, thanks to Walsall Council. They were taught about the importance of holding hands with a grown up, not crossing between parked cars and remembering to 'Stop, look and listen' before crossing roads.

Litter Picking: As part of their Geography work, learning about sustainability and looking after our environment, Year 6 pupils, supported by staff, parents and Walsall Council, headed out into the local area picking litter. A huge amount of litter was collected! Well done, Year 6 for playing your part in looking after God's creation.

Art at St Thomas More: Year 4 visited St Thomas More School and worked with the staff in the Art Department to create clay tiles, inspired by the artist Cezanne.

Swimming: Year 3 have been improving their swimming skills this half term, it has been fantastic to see the progress they have made since they started school swimming lessons in Year 2. Well done, Year 3! This half term it is Year 4's turn for swimming lessons. Please note that swimming is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum for PE in schools.



Year 1 Parents Meeting - Phonics screening Check

Year 1 parents are encouraged to attend an important meeting on Tuesday 18th November at 3.30pm in the Year 1 classroom. Miss Perry will explain all about the national 'Phonics Screening Check' that pupils take in the summer term. This is a great chance to understand the test and find out how best to help your child prepare.

We hope you can join us and work with us to support your child on their reading journey.



EYFS & KS1 Nativity Plays & KS2 Carol Service

Christmas will be here before we know it!

The following dates have been set for families to come and watch the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 retell the story of the birth of Jesus in their own special way...

Monday 8th December at 2pm
Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am
Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am

Information about how to order tickets for Nativity Plays will be sent out to you very soon.

KS2 Pupils (Years 3 - 6) will lead a Carol Service at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Darlaston on **Tuesday 16th December at 2pm**. Families are warmly encouraged to attend, no tickets are necessary. Come along and listen to the children's beautiful singing ... there will also be a chance to join in with a few carols yourselves too!





WOLVES SLEEPOUT!



On Friday 14th November, a group of St Joseph's staff: Mrs Hannett, Mrs Cornes, Miss Goodwin, Mrs Perks, Mrs Rasool, Mrs Kaur and Mrs Corfield have all committed to spending the night out in the cold on the stands of the Molineux!

St Joseph's has a long tradition of supporting the work of the Good Shepherd, Wolverhampton with providing donations and funds. Being of service to those who are vulnerable in our community, the poor, the homeless and those who are in need, is at the core of our Catholic Ethos.

Inspired by the staff and pupils at St Thomas More, who have taken part in this fundraising challenge for the last few years, St Joseph's staff decided to join them, along with members of the parish community.

We will keep you updated throughout that evening on the school Facebook page! Your support and encouragement will go a long way to helping us through a cold, but hopefully dry night!

We would be hugely grateful of any donations you can make to support us on our challenge through our joint fundraising page by clicking on the link below.

<https://wolvesfoundation.enthuse.com/pf/kathryn-chesters-bfac5>

Dates for your diary...

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 6 to Mass at St Joseph's Church at 10am. Parents & Carers are welcome
Thursday 6 th November	School Photographer - Individual photos and siblings. Any parents who wish to have younger siblings who do not attend St Joseph's are welcome to bring them along to the school hall at 8.30am.
Thursday 6 th November	Year 4 Singing Workshop -in preparation for Walsall Arena Christmas Event
Friday 7 th November	Flu Vaccinations in school
Friday 7 th November	Reception Eye tests in school

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Monday 10 th November	'Odd Sock Day' for Anti-Bullying Awareness (no cost involved ... just send children to school in odd socks please!)
Monday 10 th November	Local Police visit to Year 6 to help them with their History work 'Crime and Punishment'
Monday 10 th November	Walsall FC Football Cup
Tuesday 11th November	Year 5 to Mass at St Joseph's Church at 10am. Parents & Carers are welcome
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Liturgy in school
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 5 DT Day
Thursday 13 th November	Year 3 DT Day
Friday 14 th November	St Joseph's staff group take part in the sponsored Wolves Sleepout at the Molineux!
Monday 17th November & Tuesday 18th November	Year 3 Learn to Ride Workshops - registered pupils need to bring their bikes, helmets and practical clothes to school on both days.
Monday 17 th November	Year 4 Bike Fix Workshop - Pupils do not need any equipment for this and will all take part.
Tuesday 18th November	Year 1 Phonics Meeting for Parents at 3.30pm
Tuesday 18th November	Year 4 to Mass at St Joseph's Church at 10am. Parents & Carers are welcome
Wednesday 19 th November	Year 4 DT Day
Wednesday 19 th November	Food for Life Event for School Council members
Wednesday 19 th November & Thursday 20 th November	Bikeability Level 1 & 2 for registered Year 6 pupils. Pupils need to bring their bikes, helmets and practical clothes to school on both days.
Thursday 20th November	Year 1 & 2 children - Online Safety Assembly with Walsall Council. Parents of pupils in Year 1 & 2 are invited to attend.
Friday 21 st November	Year 5 visit to National Space Centre
Friday 21 st November	We join other schools online to celebrate the Finale of the Jubilee of Hope
Sunday 23rd November	Sacramental Commitment Mass for Year 3 pupils enrolled in the programme for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. 11.30am at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wolverhampton.
Monday 24 th November	Flu vaccine catch-up for anyone who was absent on 7 th November
Tuesday 25th November	Year 3 to Mass at St Joseph's Church at 10am. Parents & Carers are welcome
Tuesday 25th November	Year 4 Music Performance at Walsall Arena 'Once upon a Christmas' (7pm start for Parents who have booked tickets)
Tuesday 25th November	Nursery and Reception Advent Stay & Pray for Parents & Carers at 2.45pm
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 6 DT Day
Friday 28 th November	St Andrew's Day - Children in St Andrew's House come to school in their own clothes to celebrate their House Patron Saint
Monday 1st December	Key Stage Two Online Safety Assembly with Walsall Council. Parents of pupils in Years 3 - 6 are invited to attend.
Tuesday 2nd December	Whole School Advent Mass in school at 2.30pm - Parents & carers welcome
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 2 DT Day
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 3 & 4 Advent Stay & Pray for Parents & Carers at 2.45pm



Thursday 4 th December	Year 1 - Year 6 Theatre Visit to The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton to watch Sleeping Beauty. More details to follow. Please note, pupils will need to be collected late from school on this day. (In previous years this has been approx. 5.30pm but we await more information from the theatre about the running time of the show, nearer to the time)
Friday 5 th December	Own Clothes Day - Children are asked to donate items to make our Christmas Fair a big success! EYFS & KS1 pupils - Donations of Christmas chocolate please (Selection boxes, boxes / bars / tubs of chocolate) KS2 pupils - Donations of bottles for the Bottle Tombola - full ones please! - Alcohol, fizzy drinks, squash etc.
Monday 8 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity for Parents at 2pm
Tuesday 9 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity for Parents at 9.30am
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 5 & 6 Advent Stay & Pray for Parents & Carers at 2.45pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner Day!
Thursday 11 th December	Year 1 DT Day
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Dress up day - come to school in your Christmas jumper/ dress/ t-shirt or just with a bit of tinsel in your hair or a Santa hat on! St Joseph's School & Parish Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please come along and support this event after school in the hall.
Monday 15 th December	Nursery & Reception Christmas Visit to Tanglewood
Monday 15 th December	Year 1 & 2 Advent Stay & Pray for Parents & Carers at 2.45pm
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Service in St Joseph's Church, Darlaston at 2pm. Families, parishioners and friends welcome
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Craft afternoon
Thursday 18 th December	Class Christmas Parties during the afternoon-Children to wear uniform to school but they may bring 'party clothes' or Christmas outfits with them in a bag to change into after lunch.
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Culture Day - children are encouraged to come to school wearing something that reflects their own culture e.g. national dress, colours of the flag etc. A day to celebrate our differences and be proud of our cultural background! On this day the children will spend time learning about Christmas celebrations around the world. Break up for Christmas!
Monday 5 th January	School closed to pupils - Staff Training Day
Tuesday 6 th January	School re-opens to pupils for the Spring Term