



St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

March 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term - a very busy half term!

Lent is the most important time for the school and Church. We are doing a number of things to fully prepare the children for Easter. The Lenten prayer sessions begin on Monday; these always prove to be a very reflective way to prepare ourselves for the season of Easter. All are welcome to attend. Please see the original letter for dates and classes and they are repeated in the dates section in this messenger.

This week, children from years 3 and 4 made their Sacrament of Reconciliation, well done to the children for working hard in their preparations. Year 6 have been busy preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and this will be on Monday 11th March at 6,30pm at St. Joseph's Church. The preparation sessions for First Holy Communion begin next Thursday after school with Mr Smith.

On Monday we will be sending out the envelopes for the Father Hudson 'Good Shepherd Appeal'. All donations will go to a very worthy cause. To find out more about this charity, please follow the link below. <https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/>

We have also been asked by the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service to have another fundraising initiative to support the Father Hudson society. If every child in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Birmingham donated £1, over £83,000 would be raised. Next week will be sending over details about our non-uniform day and Easter hamper raffles.

Next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite story character or their own clothes if they prefer (please see original letter sent out). Due to Mass and Survival School, we have moved World Book Day to Friday. The children will have a wonderful day. In the afternoon, parents or grandparents are welcome to come in from 2pm to share a story with their child. The celebration assembly at 2.30pm will focus on World Book Day.

Mrs Rigby
Principal



Pausing for prayer and to help our neighbour

**In his message for Lent 2024,
Pope Francis invites the faithful to “pause” for prayer and to
assist our brothers and sisters in need,
in order to change our own lives and the lives of our
communities.**

Diary Dates

March

- 1st—Celebration Assembly
- 4th – Year 6 Lenten Prayer Session 9.10am
- 5th – Year 5 Lenten Prayer Session 2.45pm
- 6th – Year 4 Lenten Prayer Session
- 6th—Recorder Festival
- 7th – Year 2 (AM) and Nursery (PM) Survival School
- 7th – KS2 Mass
- 8th - St John's World Book Day
- 8th –EYFS/KS1 Mothers Day Assembly 9.15am
- 8th—Celebration Assembly
- 11th – Year 3 Lenten Prayer Session 9.10am
- 11th—Confirmation Service 6.30pm, St Josephs Church, Goldenhill
- 12th – Year 6 Lenten Prayer Session 2.45pm
- 13th – Year 5 Lenten Prayer Session 9.10am
- 21st - Year 4 (AM) and Year 1 (PM) Survival School
- 15th—Celebration Assembly
- 18th – Year 4 Lenten Prayer Session 9.10am
- 19th – Year 3 Lenten Prayer Session
- 20th - Dance 24 at the Victoria Hall
- 21st - Year 4 (AM) and Year 1 (PM) Survival School
- 21st – EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet parade 9.15am
- 22nd—Celebration Assembly
- 22nd – Last day of school
- 25th – 28th March ASM Easter Club at St John's

April

- 2nd – 5th - ASM Easter Club at St John's
- 8th – School reopens for everyone
- 12th—Celebration Assembly
- 17th – Year 3 & Year 4 Swimming
- 19th—Celebration Assembly
- 24th - Year 3 & Year 4 Swimming
- 26th—Celebration Assembly

PE kits need to be brought into school every Monday and left in lockers for the week, full uniform to be worn everyday. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit.

Thank you.



February Attendance

Nursery	91.51%%
Reception	97.14%%
Year 1	94.10%
Year 2	99.05%
Year 3	97.60%
Year 4	92.13%
Year 5	96.82%
Year 6	93.10%



Well done Year 2 !

ASM Holiday Club

At St John's

25th - 28th March

2nd - 5th April

Book online via ASM's website
9.00am – 3.30pm (half days/full days)
they also offer wraparound care
starting at 8.00am until 5.00pm
Bookings open Monday 4th March
<https://asmsports.co.uk/holiday-clubs/#bookings>

Bookings have to be made on Scopay
48 Hours in advance.

Emergency Bookings via the Office.
01782 367267

While the weather is colder
please ensure that all
children have
suitable clothing for outdoor
play at break/lunch time eg
coats, hats and gloves.



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

IMPORTANT

Please notify the relevant office if your
address/telephone/email has changed.

**ABSENCEIF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST
TELEPHONE SCHOOL ON 01782 367267 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ABSENCE LINE.
BEFORE 09.30am stating the reason for absence.**

Please be mindful of other road users, local residents and the safety of our children when
parking around school. Please do not block residents driveways or park on the zig zag lines.

Thank you for you cooperation .

Reminders to Parents

◆ **School Uniforms**—Our full uniform range is now available at Supersport, High Street, Tunstall (including Ties and book bags).

◆ **School Dinners** -

Price per meal **£2.40** for Nursery.

Price per meal **£3.10** for years 3/4/5 & 6.

◆ **Breakfast Club** - Staffed by Mrs Copeland & Mrs Meadowcroft

◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Scopay.

Breakfast Club per child; from 7.30am £5.00 or £20 for the whole week—Children must be in by 8.30am

Drop off at 8.30am cost £1.00 (Bookable via office@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk)

◆ **After school care club**—Mon-Fri 3pm-5.45pm –Snack included. Staffed by Mrs Copeland & Mrs Bennett

◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Scopay.

Care Club per child:

from 3.00pm to 4.30pm £5.00

from 3.00pm to 5.45pm £7.50

St Margaret Ward Siblings can be dropped off from 8.10am and picked up by 3.40pm no charge.

Before or after this time charges above apply.

◆ We are a cashless school—all bookings and payments are to be made in advance via your child's Scopay account.

Late Arrivals / Early Leaving - please bring/collect your child to/from the school office. It is important that your child attends school regularly and on time in order to ensure good academic achievement. Please ensure that where possible, medical appointments are arranged outside

Please note the school has a strict no smoking policy on its grounds. This includes E-cigarettes or any other nicotine based products.

If you see anyone on the school premises when the school is closed please call the police on **101** and report the incident. Thank you for your support and cooperation

Would Parents and Carers please note that dinner money, careclub and afterschool clubs are payable in advance and should be paid online via your child's Scopay account.

School Hours: EYFS/KS1 Doors open at 8.35am need to be in by 8.40am

Nursery doors open 3.00pm Reception & KS1 Collection at 3.10pm

KS2 Doors open at 8.45am need to be in by 8.50am. Collection at 3.20pm

Office Opening Hours Monday - Thursday 08.00-16.00 Friday 08.00 - 15.30



Please note Dogs should not be brought onto school premises