

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026

SPRING TERM

This Week's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our staff, children and families as we begin a new calendar year and term together. It has been a challenging start to the term due to the weather and I thank you for your support and understanding with the decision made to close all schools across Emmaus today.

This week we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany on Tuesday whereby the children watched the Emmaus Epiphany celebration involving children across all our 14 schools. We also welcomed Fr. George to school on Thursday to celebrate a special Epiphany Mass to mark the start of our new term too.

Unfortunately, we did not receive any parent nominations for the Parent Governor positions which have become vacant at school. It is so important that we have representatives from all stakeholders to support with the strategic development of the school to be the best it can be. If you would like to find out more about the role, then please contact the school so that an informal meeting can be arranged with myself and the Chair of Governors, Mr Walker.

School will be open again on Monday 12th January 2026 to all pupils.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr Carry
Principal

Contact Info

Email: jod_office@emmausmac.com

Safeguarding email:
jod_safeguard@emmausmac.com

Phone: 01905 773572

Web: www.stjosephsdroitwich.co.uk

Facebook:
[St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/St.Joseph's-Catholic-Primary-School)



Celebration of the Word of God



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus makes a new start and begins his mission to the world. We can be sure that our efforts will always be rewarded when we take the time to make a new start with Jesus.

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday marks the end of the season of Christmas and return to Ordinary Time until 17th February when we will begin our preparations for the season of Lent.

PAX CHRISTI

Peace Sunday will be held on Sunday 18th January. The Bishops' Conference encourages us all to use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January.

Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message which will be 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. On Peace Sunday, we will be taking a collection to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting non-violence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools.

If you are unable to give on the day at Sacred Heart, then you can also donate via their website: www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/

Following St. Joseph, we grow closer to Jesus through our hard work, perseverance and kindness.



Weekly Attendance Trophy

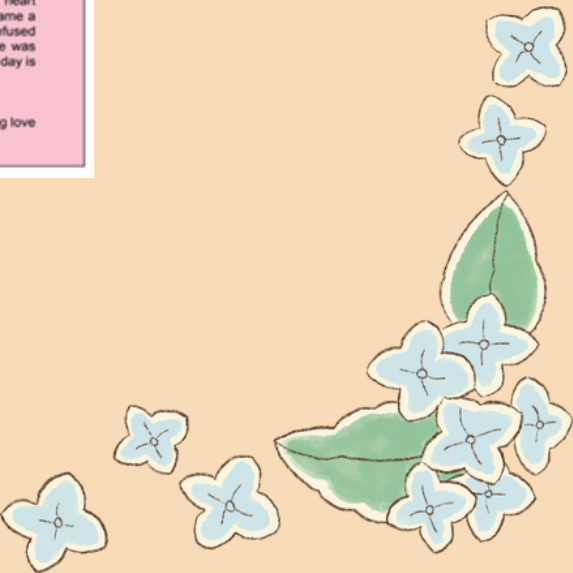
Well done to **Year 6** for the best attendance this week at **97.5%**.

House Points Weekly Winner

Congratulations to **St Cecilia** for gaining the most points this week.
502 points



Following St. Joseph, we grow closer to Jesus through our hard work, perseverance and kindness.



POEMS ABOUT READING

Each week we will have a poem about reading.



Read to me

Jane Yolen

Read to me riddles and read to me rhymes
Read to me stories of magical times

Read to me tales about castles and kings
Read to me stories of fabulous things



Read to me pirates and read to me knights
Read to me dragons and dragon-book fights

Read to me spaceships and cowboys and then
When you are finished- please read them again.





Volunteers
needed

We welcome a variety of people into school on a volunteer basis, helping with a range of tasks from listening to children read, to helping with Forest School.

At St. Joseph's, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all our staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

To become a volunteer you will be carefully vetted through a process which includes an enhanced DBS disclosure check and references will be taken up.

If you are interested in becoming a much valued volunteer at St Joseph's, then please contact the school office.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

JANUARY

MONDAY 12TH JANUARY

Year 6 Height and Weight – School Nursing Team

EVERY MONDAY – BOARD GAME CLUB KS2

12pm–12.40pm Year 4 Classroom

EVERY TUESDAY – BOOK AND BISCUIT

3pm School Hall

EVERY WEDNESDAY UNTIL 28TH JANUARY

Year 6 top-up swimming

WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY

SEND Parents' Meeting Session 1

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY

Deadline for applications for Reception 2026

Please contact the school office if you would like a tour of the school

EVERY FRIDAY THIS HALF TERM WITH OUR SPORT EDUCATOR

Years 5 and 6 Mixed Netball Sessions (8am)

Years 1 and 2 Multi-skills Sessions (3pm–4pm)

SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY – SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY

Octave of Christian Unity – One Body, One Spirit

TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY

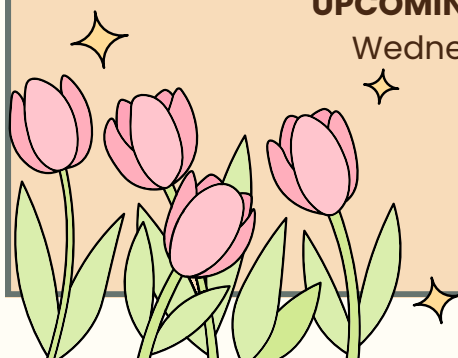
Feast Day of St. Sebastian – children can wear red to school on this day

THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY

Mass of the Day at Sacred Heart Church – Years 4 to 6

UPCOMING EVENT IN FEBRUARY – PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th February 2026



Following St. Joseph, we grow closer to Jesus through our hard work, perseverance and kindness.



BOARD GAME *Club*



Mondays
12:00-12:30PM
KS2 Only



Let's play!