

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025

AUTUMN TERM

This Week's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Autumn term, I want to thank all staff and volunteers for their continued support, care and guidance to the children at St. Joseph's. Thank you also to our parents, carers and family members for working in partnership with the school too. A final thank you for all the lovely gifts parents have given to our staff, it is greatly appreciated.

It has been a wonderful final week of Advent preparations, with Christmas parties, our Nativity Mass and Carol Concert at Sacred Heart yesterday evening.

On a more sombre note, I have been concerned with the attendance percentages of many children in our school, with around 17% of children classed as persistent absence (below 90%) and about 20% at risk (93% or lower). Our updated Attendance Policy can be found on the school website within the 'Key Information-Policies' tab which outlines the expectations by all stakeholders.

The Spring term begins at 8.30am on Monday 5th January 2026. Our Year 6 children will starting a four-week block of Top Up swimming in the first week and we will also have a start of the term Mass on Thursday 8th January at 10.30am.

We will also have a 'Sport Educator' working in the school on Fridays from the first week back. This will include a breakfast and after school club for different key stage as well as supporting our newly appointed Year 5 'Play Makers' at lunchtimes. Further details to follow.

Wishing all our staff, children and families a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.

Mr Carry
Principal

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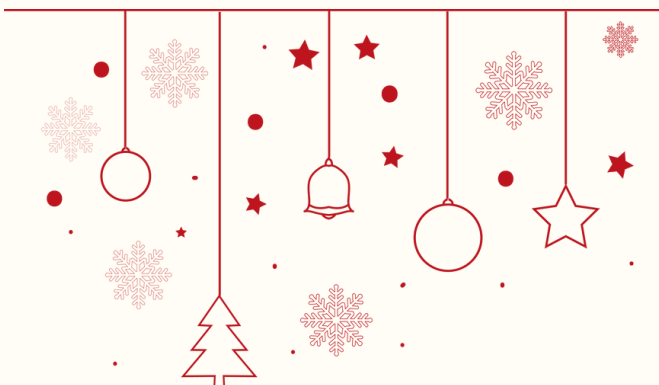
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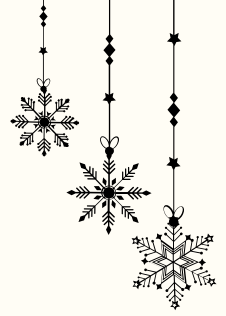
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Celebration of the Word of God



This Sunday's Gospel tells us something about Mary who was chosen by God to be the mother of his Son, Jesus (the name 'Jesus' means 'the LORD saves').

God made man, the Word made flesh, is the fundamental truth of our faith.

Our vocation is to grasp in greater depth the central mystery of faith
- God in our midst, in our flesh.

The Word became flesh so that we might know God's love. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.' John 3:16

The Word became flesh to become our role model of holiness.
'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.' Matthew 11:29



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Gifts of God Awards

	Discipleship	I Am A Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching – Dignity of the Human Person
Year 1	Autumn	Viza	Jax
Year 2	Aria-Jane	Hettie	AJ
Year 3	Enzo	Joshua	Logan
Year 4	Enzo	Toby	Morgan
Year 5	Mollie	Amelie	Bobby
Year 6	Clara	Finn	Gareth

Weekly Attendance Trophy

Well done to **Reception** for the best attendance this week at **94.54%**.

House Points Weekly Winner

Congratulations to **St. Sebastian House** for gaining the most points this week.
593 points



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MINI VINNIES' NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



Autumn Term – Fundraising

MACMILLAN COFFEE

Thank you to all our families and staff who supported us with our coffee afternoon. We raised £50.00. Thank you to everyone for your support.

ADVENT MOVIE NIGHTS

This term we held two movie nights with the aim to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. A special thank you to all our friends in KS1 and KS2 for supporting us. We've raised £255.00

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

During the season of Advent, our school community was asked to donate tinned food to support the homeless in the Midlands. Thank you everyone for their generous donations.

HAVEN CARE HOME

This week, St Joseph's choir and the Mini Vinnies sang some Christmas carols at Haven Care Home. The children wanted to remind the residents that they are never forgotten during the Christmas. The event brought smiles and festive cheer to the care home. Thank you to Mrs McCracken and Miss Young for organising choir.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

We made Christmas cards for the resident of Haven Care Home in Droitwich in the hope to spread some festive cheer. We hope our cards will brighten the Christmas season and remind everyone at Haven that they cared for appreciated.

RED WEDNESDAY

The Mini Vinnies attended the Red Wednesday Mass in Birmingham in solidarity with all those persecuted for their faith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mini Vinnies lead prayers on Mondays at 12:00pm. All are welcome to attend.
- Mini Vinnies will be writing a new school prayer to Saint Joseph.
- Please look out for some of our fundraising events in the Spring term. We are looking forward to turning concern into action.

Christmas Wishes

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and may 2026 be filled with health and happiness. Thank you for supporting the Mini Vinnies!



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'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night
before Christmas,
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung
by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas
soon would be there;
The children were nestled
all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums
danced in their heads.



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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

JANUARY

Every Tuesday – Book And Biscuit (3pm–3.20pm) BACK 6th JAN

You are welcome to collect your child and pop along to the hall to hear them read and share a book.

A member of staff will be on hand to welcome you.

Monday 5th January 2026

Start of the Spring term – School opens for pupils (8.30am)

Monday 5th January 2026

Board Game Club KS2
12pm–12.40pm Year 3 Class Room

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Feast of the Epiphany/ End of the Year of Jubilee

Wednesday 7th January 2026

Top Up swimming for Year 6. Please ensure that children are in school for 8.30am as the lessons start at 9am

Thursday 8th January 2026

Start of school term Mass (10.30am)

Sunday 11th January 2026

Baptism of the Lord



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BOARD GAME *Club*



Mondays
12:00-12:30PM
KS2 Only



Let's play!