

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026

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This Week's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been continuing our preparations on our Lenten journey as a school community. On Monday, Year 3 walked into Droitwich Town Centre to pass on some donations of toys and games to a local charity shop - a real act of almsgiving. During the afternoon of the same day, Year 3 also led a beautiful assembly celebrating and thanking their mothers. On Thursday, we celebrated our Patronal Feast Day which included a Mass celebrated by Fr. George. The children were also reminded about the impact of St. Joseph on the Holy Family during our Key Stage Assemblies. Today, the children were able to wear their own clothes as part of our fundraising for Fr. Hudson Caritas. Thank you for your support in the donations to this Diocesan charity.

Next week, we will be holding events as part of our Holy Week together as a school. On Monday, the children will be able to wear an Easter bonnet/hat to school and parade this in the morning to parents at around 8.50am. Parents are welcome to wait outside the school entrance or along the KS1 playground. On Thursday, the children in Years 4 to 6 will have the opportunity to go to Confession with Fr. George to help with their own preparations before Easter. Finally, our Mini Vinnie group will be leading Stations of the Cross with the school in the afternoon on Thursday too.

We will also be holding our termly Rock Steady Concert on Wednesday morning starting at 9.30am. On the last day of term, we will be holding a special assembly at 9.10am and finishing for the term at 3pm. Children will be allowed to bring in a game/toy to school on this day - no electronic items please.

The Summer term will start on Monday 13th April and we are planning to start a Year 4 Multi Sports Club at 8am on the Monday morning as well as a Year 3 Gymnastics Club on the same day led by our Sport Educator, Mr Hughes. Letters will be sent out to parents next week as places are limited to 20 per club.

Please encourage your child to walk, park and stride, cycle or scoot to school next week as part of the Big Walk and Wheel fortnight.

We also have a Sports Camp running the first four days of the Easter holidays here at school led by RB Gym and Sport - a reputable organisation who are supporting us with our PE and School Sport programmes this year. For further information, please see the details within this week's newsletter or scan the QR code on the large banner outside the school gates.

Have a wonderful weekend and God Bless.

Mr Carry
Principal



Celebration of the Word of God



As well as showing the power given to Jesus by his Father, this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of Jesus' humanity. Jesus was upset by Lazarus' death and wept for him. His compassion for Lazarus and Lazarus' family mirrors his compassion for each one of us when we are upset. We too can experience Jesus' compassion through other people and through spending time with God in prayer.

Compassion is an attractive quality. Our own example in daily life can help our children become more compassionate. St Vincent de Paul reminds us, "We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion."

*Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of everlasting life. Please help us to be more compassionate as we journey through Lent together.
Amen.*



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Gifts of God Awards

	Discipleship Intentional & Prophetic	I Am a Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching Solidarity	Promoting Reading for Pleasure
Year 1	Jaden	Jovina	Patrick	Autumn
Year 2	Tala	Ramayah	Reggie	Anna
Year 3	Henry	Logan	Bethan	Jackson
Year 4	Morgan	Finn	Panashe	Jasper
Year 5	Imogen	Amelie	Mollie	Kaia
Year 6	Conrad	-	Daniel	Thea W

Weekly Attendance Trophy

Well done to **Year 1** once again for the best attendance this week at **97.16%**

House Points Weekly Winner

Congratulations to St. Cecilia house for gaining the most points not only this week but also for the Spring term.



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Thank You

MRS TOLLEY

Thank you for your dedication and hard work in
the last 30 years.
You will be missed!

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Mrs Tolley will be retiring on Friday 27th March

St. Joseph's Easter Bonnet Parade



WHERE: St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
School Playground

WHEN: Monday 23rd March 2026

TIME: 8:50am



An incredibly special invite

Who: All children at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Droitwich

What: An opportunity to express yourself as an individual

How:

- o In a collage, painting or drawing that represents you
- o A clip talking about something you are passionate about
- o A poem or a short piece of writing about something you believe in
- o A song, dance or special talent that you wish to share

When: To be handed in on, or before, the first Monday after the Easter Break (13th April)



A note for parents

Individual Liberty is one of the five British Values.

British Values are considered important in helping people who live in the U.K live a happy, healthy and safe life.

Please send any videos or images to the school office. Any physical items, children can bring straight to me.

We will celebrate all of your wonderful work once we return after Easter. More details to follow!

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ECO Council News



On Thursday Eco Council had a special delivery of growing equipment from Ross the founder of The Plant Pod & Get Children Growing Project.

As part of this years project, he was offering schools free growing resourses including growing kits desgined for class or school garden growing.

We look forward to seeing what the children can grow!

Many thanks to Mrs Leech and Mrs Whittaker for organising this.



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DROITWICH ACTIVE WELLBEING WEEK!

Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April 2026
Enjoy Our Free Events - Booking Required for Selected Activities!

**Monday
30th March**



Easter Egg Hunt (booking required) - scour Lido Park for prizes and treats. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Location: Droitwich Lido Park, (meet at the bandstand) - 10:00 - 11:15

Book Here



Drink and Doodle - bring whatever project you're working on and make friends - hosted by Droitwich Arts Network.
Location: Droitwich Library, WR9 8DQ - 13:00 - 15:00

**Tuesday
31st March**



Bicycle Repair Hub - bring your bikes for checks, minor repairs and security marking.
Kids Kitchen - interactive cooking sessions for young children and their parents.
Location: Rotary House, WR9 7BD - 10:30 - 12:30 (both events)

**Wednesday
1st April**



Brompton Buddy Rides - a fun, short, social and traffic free ride with a member of our staff. One person at a time (we will provide the Brompton.. and a free hot drink!).
Location: Droitwich Library, WR9 8DQ - 10:00 - 12:00

Droitwich History Walk (12 pax) - a guided historical walk through Droitwich exploring the town's rich heritage, famous salt history, and notable landmarks.
Location: Droitwich Heritage Centre, WR9 8DS - 11:00 - 12:30

**Thursday
2nd April**

Led Walk + Arts and Crafts (booking required) - a family walk for adults and children to enjoy a nature walk and be creative.
Location: Meet outside Westlands Community Centre, WR9 9BF 10:00 - 11:30



Pal Fitness Education CIC will also be hosting **HAF Easter Camps** in Droitwich. Visit their website or HAF Worcestershire to book a spot!

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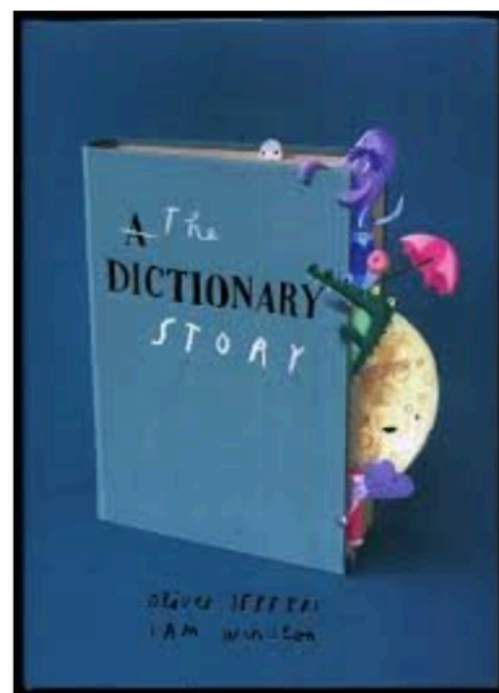
Dear Parents and Carers,

April 13th is National Scrabble Day & we would like to celebrate all things words on our first day back after the Easter break!!

- All children are welcome to come to school dressed up as a word
- All family members are welcome to come into classes during morning drop off to play word games 8.30 - 9am
- Children will parade the school grounds at 9am for parents and carers to see and celebrate the amazing dress ups!
- Lunchtime Scrabble and Bananagrams club will take place!

Many thanks for your support,

The St Joseph's Team



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MULTI SPORTS ACTIVITY CAMPS

RB Holiday Camps combine Sports, Arts & Crafts and Team Games to provide children with the opportunity to stay physically active, build friendships and most importantly, have fun during every school holiday.

30th March - 2nd April 2026
7th - 10th April 2026

Venues:

- ✓ Hurst Green Primary (Halesowen)
- ✓ St Josephs Catholic Primary (Stourbridge)
- ✓ St Catherine's CofE Primary (Kidderminster)
- ✓ St Josephs Catholic Primary (Droitwich)

Theme Days:

Army (01/04/26)
Disney (08/04/26)

rbholidaycamps.co.uk 0121 695 1394 info@rbholidaycamps.co.uk



Camp Pricing

Timings	4 Day Early Booking Offer *	Standard Prices
Long Day 8am - 6pm	£144	Day - £40 Week - £160
School Day 9:30am - 6:00pm	£108	Day - £30 Week - £120
Half Day ** 8am - 12pm 12:30pm - 4:30pm	£81	Day - £22.50 Week - £90
Half Day ** 9am - 12pm 12:30pm - 3:30pm	£73.80	Day - £20.50 Week - £82

* Early Booking Offer expires Sunday 8th March 2026

** 4 year olds can only book half day Camps



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MENINGITIS + SEPTICAEMIA

Meningitis
NOW

Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. Septicaemia is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream to cause blood poisoning. They can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, cold hands and feet and headaches, can look similar to common illnesses like colds or flu. But someone with meningitis or septicaemia will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?

- fever
- a very bad headache (this alone is not a reason to get medical help)
- vomiting
- stiff neck
- dislike of bright lights
- rash (DO NOT wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical advice)
- confusion, delirium
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness
- fits

SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?

- fever and shivering
- severe pains and aches in limbs and joints
- vomiting
- very cold hands and feet
- pale or blotchy skin
- rapid breathing
- diarrhoea and stomach cramps
- red or purple 'bruised' or blotchy rash on skin that does not fade under pressure - do the glass test. On dark skin, check paler areas of the skin, such as the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, inside the mouth (roof), and the eyelids
- difficulty walking or standing
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness

If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently.

EARLY TREATMENT CAN BE LIFE-SAVING.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Pre-School

AVAILABILITY
FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION
FORM OR TO BOOK TO HAVE A
LOOK AROUND OUR LOVELY
PRE-SCHOOL

Email: jod_office@emmausmac.com

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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

MARCH

w/c Monday 23rd March

School Holy Week

Monday 23rd March

Easter Bonnet Parade (8.45am)

Wednesday 25th March

Rock Steady Concert 9.30am

Thursday 26th March

Confessions for Years 4 to 6 (and staff)
Stations of the Cross (led by the Mini Vinnies)

Friday 27th March

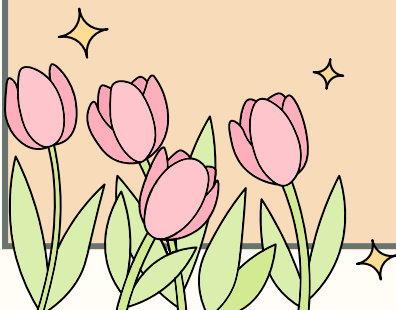
End of the Spring term (3pm)

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

PALM SUNDAY / BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS

MONDAY 13TH APRIL

SUMMER TERM BEGINS – GATES OPEN AT 8.30AM



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