

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025

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This Week's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Trust and Birmingham Diocesan Education Service Mission will be at the heart of our school in terms of the 'why' we do things as part of the Diocesan strategy.

Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

Carol and Tracey from the NSPCC visited the school on Tuesday morning to deliver workshops on the programme 'Speak out. Stay safe' to support our children in keeping themselves safe and knowing where to access help if needed. It is important for our children to have 'Questioning Minds' and to have the confidence to share concerns with a trusted adult if they need to talk to someone.

We are also looking to launch a 'Walking Bus' but the Police were concerned with the start location at the Leisure Centre due to the refurbishment of the site. PCSO Radford came into school to look at possible options moving forwards. On the theme of physical activity, our Year 2 children also took part in a Multi-skills festival at Westacre School on Wednesday afternoon to develop the fundamental skills of agility, balance and coordination.

Our Mini Vinnies attended the Red Wednesday Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral along with many other children from across the Diocese to show support for Christians who are persecuted for their faith. Children and staff wore red ribbons in school to show our 'thirst for justice.'

Today, we celebrated the Year of Jubilee Finale online event with thousands of other children from across the Diocese. This coming Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday. It also marks the end of the liturgical year and next weekend we will start our Advent journey. On Monday 1st December, the children will be able to wear purple to school to mark the beginning of the Season of Advent. During the season of Advent, we will be showing 'kind hearts' through our charitable outreach as part of a family of diocesan schools our collaborative social action mission to support Father Hudson's Caritas (FHC). This year, we will be asking for donations of non-perishable food items, including dried foods (such as pasta and rice), sauces, tinned foods, biscuits, crisps and any suitable Christmas food items. The donated food will be used to create hampers for distribution across FHC projects before Christmas.

Take care and have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Carry
Principal

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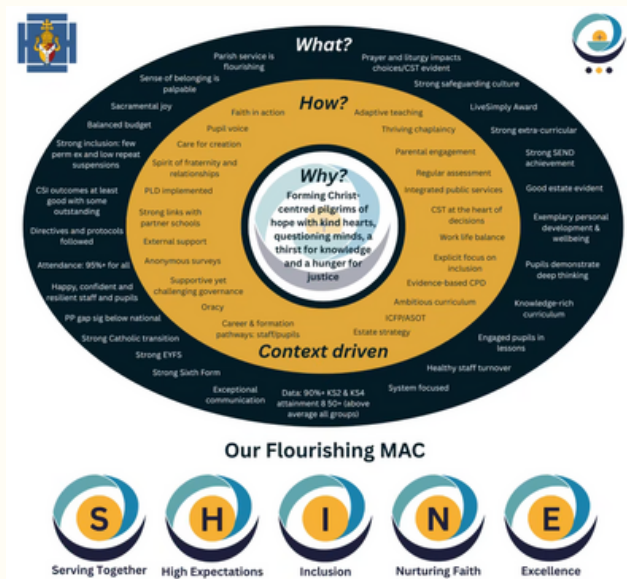
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Our Trust and Diocesan Mission



The new Diocesan and Trust Mission: Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice; will be at the centre of all that we do as a school, as part of a Trust and wider Diocese.

Feast of Christ the King and World Youth Sunday

As Pope Leo's recent Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexisti te*, reminds us, Christ says to those who feel they have little power: 'yet I have loved you'.

World Youth Sunday recognises that our young people may not have influence in worldly terms, but they are deeply loved by God, called by name and entrusted with gifts that can renew the Church. As we enter the season of Advent, we are called to watch, wait and prepare with hope, allowing Christ to be born anew in our communities, our schools and in the hearts of our pupils and staff. Together, these moments remind us of the Church's trust in the faith, energy, and witness of those we teach, and of the promise that Christ's light is always drawing near.

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



Reverse Advent Calendar

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

During the season of Advent, we will be collecting non-perishable food items, including dried foods (such as pasta and rice), sauces, tinned foods, biscuits, crisps and any suitable Christmas food items.

All food donated will be to support of Fr. Hudson's Caritas.

Thank you for your support!



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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Every Tuesday – Book And Biscuit (3pm–3.20pm)

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.

Every Tuesday 3pm–4pm – Lego Club (Year 1 upwards) Back on the 2nd December

Every Tuesday – Year 5 swimming

Last session on Tuesday 9th December

Sunday 23rd November

Feast of Christ the King / National Youth Sunday

w/c Monday 24th November

UK Parliament Week

Thursday 27th November

Local Governing Body Meeting

Sunday 30th November

First Sunday of Advent

Monday 1st December

Children wear purple to school to mark the beginning of Advent

Wednesday 3rd December

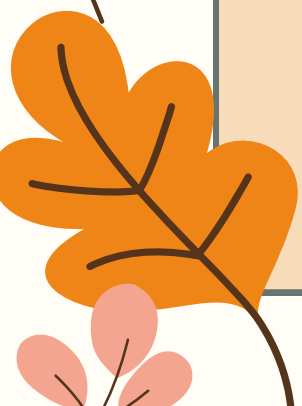
Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop David Evans
(meeting with the children at 6.30pm)

Thursday 11th December

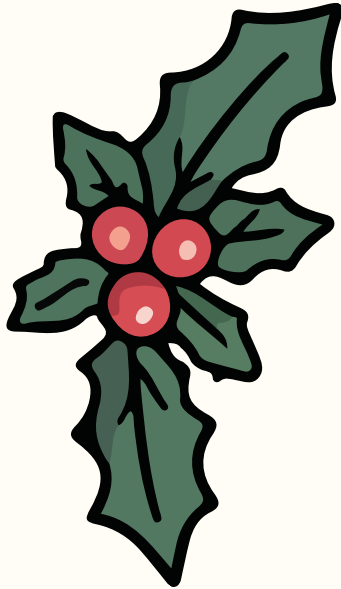
KS1 Movie Night 3pm–5.15pm £3 a ticket (Letters to go home next week)
Tickets on sale from the 1st December

Friday 12th December

KS2 Movie Night 3pm–5.15pm £3 a ticket (Letters to go home next week)
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Droitwich Spa Town Council

FREE parking from 12:00pm on Wychavon car parks

Christmas
LIGHT SWITCH ON
Droitwich Spa
SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2025

St. Richard's House
12:00-5:00 - Santa's Grotto
Victoria Square
10:00-5:00 - Market Stalls
12:00-6:00 - Funfair
St. Andrew's Church
4:30-5:30 - Community Choir 'Celebration of Christmas'
St. Andrew's Shopping Centre
2:30-3:00 - The Salvation Army Band
3:15-3:45 - The Star Project
3:45 - 4:15 - Norbury Theatre
4:15-4:45 - Westacre Middle School Choir
4:45-5:00 - SB Danceworks
5:00-5:15 - ENTW9
5:15-6:00 - I-Sing Choir
6:00pm - Light Switch On

Seasons Greetings from Droitwich Spa

The Hive
Christmas Fayre
Sunday
30th November 2025
10am - 3pm

Come along to The Hive Library on the 30th November and hear Father Christmas tell stories, watch Christopher's Christmas puppet show*, make some Christmas crafts, shop for Christmas gifts at our local market and much more. Make this a family day out and get into the Christmas spirit.

*Booking required for puppet show. For more information visit: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/events/hive-christmas-fayre> or use this QR code

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The Hive

