

Our Open Morning is next Wednesday , 9.30am to 11am! Reception applications must be submitted by 15/01/23.



St Jude's Catholic Primary School
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KEY INFORMATION

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Our next Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday next week from 3.30pm to 6pm. Please attend your appointment on time.

PE

PE days are as follows:

Nursery & Reception—Friday

Years One & Two—Monday & Thursday

Year Three—Thursday, **SWIMMING ON WEDNESDAY**

Year Four—Wednesday & Friday

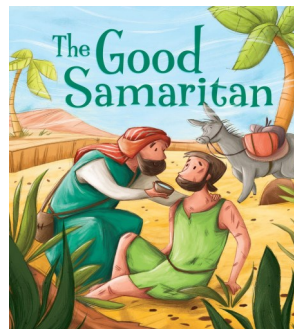
Year Five—Thursday, **SWIMMING ON WEDNESDAY**

Year Six—Tuesday & Friday

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROFILE
Compassionate & Loving

Compassionate: We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people who are in difficulty, whether they are near to us or far away.

Loving: We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern for other people by our actions and by our words.



A snapshot of school this week...



Learning about Baptism in Year Three with a re-enactment in church.

Whole school fitness in assembly.

Clarinet lesson in Year Four.



Throwing, catching and bouncing in Y2 PE!



The good Samaritan came by and saw a person in dire need of help. He gives the man medical attention and takes him to an inn. The good Samaritan cared for his neighbour, a phenomenal act of compassion. We find at school that pupils love this Bible story. This weekend, ask them what they know. Or you can watch the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8>

Stars of the Week!

Nursery - Jaycie & Kiara

Reception – Bryan & Olivia

Year 1 - Deon & Rafael

Year 2 - Kyus & Lacey

Year 3 - Luliana & Shay

Year 4 - Nyola & Keian

Year 5 - Shae & Connor

Year 6 –Brooke & Mason

Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on October 20th at 2.45pm—parents are welcome.



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
This Week	94.1%	98.1%	95.4%	97.2%	93.8%	91.1%	93.6%	94.7%
This Term	95.5%	95.4%	97.1%	92.7%	90.6%	96.7%	93.7%	94.5%
Whole Year	95.5%	95.4%	97.1%	92.7%	90.6%	96.7%	93.7%	94.5%

Secondary school applications must be submitted by October 31st. Don't leave it too late!

Come and Join Us!

Key Stage Two (Y3,4,5,6) - Stay 'n' Pray the Rosary: 14th October 3.15pm to 4pm. (Letters sent today, permission slips MUST be completed and places are limited. Please return on Monday 10th).

Reception Reading and Phonics Workshop: 14th October at 9.10am

Now that reading books have been sent out in Reception, we want to make sure that everyone works together to support the children on their learning journey with us!

Nursery Stay 'n' Pray Workshop: 17th October at 9am

Year One Stay 'n' Pray Workshop: 20th October at 9.10am

The children would love you to join them as we share what life in our lovely Catholic school is all about! You don't need to know anything about being a Catholic, and we would love you to spend time with your child in the classroom environment.

Reception Celebration Lunch: 20th October at 11.30am

A letter will follow next week about this important celebration of the children's first half term with us!

FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

October 11th—Harvest Mass

October 12th—Open morning 9.30-11am

October 13th—Parents' Evening 3.30pm—6pm

October 14th—Reception Reading & Phonics Workshop
Rosary Stay 'n' Pray

October 17th—Nursery Stay 'n' Pray—9am

October 19th—Open afternoon 3.30—5pm

October 20th—St. Jude's Feast Day celebration
Pupils break for half-term

October 20th—Year One Stay 'n' Pray—9.10am

October 20th—Reception celebration lunch—11.30am

October 21st—Teacher Training Day. **SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS.**

w/c 24th October—Half-term week

October 31st—Pupils return to school

October 31st—Y6 residential to Alton Castle

November 10th—Whole School Retreat

w/c November 14th—Anti-Bullying Week

November 14th—Type Onesie Day

November 27th—the start of Advent

December 2nd—non-uniform day in exchange for either £1 or a gift for the Christmas Boutique

December 9th—Christmas Jumper Day

December 13th—Christmas Dinner—Nursery, Reception, Years One and Two

December 14th—Christmas Dinner—Years Three, Four, Five and Six
Year One Nativity Play at 2pm

December 15th—Christmas Parties

December 16th—Christmas Boutique, end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish

January 3rd—Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

January 4th—Pupils return to school

Harvest Collection



What generous families we have here at St. Jude's! Thank you so much for your donations for our Harvest collection. With so many financial worries for people at the moment, I know that this donation to The Spearhead Trust and Sifa

Fireside will be greatly received. You still have time to donate next week if you are able.

Attendance Awards

Regular attendance is such an important thing for children—it gives them a solid routine and teaches them the important life skills that they need for secondary school and beyond. A great deal of time and effort is spent by key staff in school trying to improve attendance here. There is already a notable pattern of the same children being absent on odd days or on specific days such as a Friday every week. Where this pattern continues, we will not be able to repeatedly authorise these absences without firm medical evidence. If a child really is sick every week, medical intervention would be advised.

ATTENDANCE WHICH IS BELOW 91% IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE DON'T MAKE THE RULES—THIS IS THE LEGAL FIGURE FOR PERSISTENT ABSENCE.

That said, there are a huge number of families who make sure that their children are here on time as often as possible, even if they have a mild illness. (Remember, we are a very caring school and we always phone a parent if a child is too poorly to be here.) We acknowledge that anyone can be poorly and allowances are made for this—96% is an acceptable attendance figure, for example. Last term, it was a pleasure to present award badges to pupils with good attendance and I am delighted to see them being worn with pride in school. The same awards will be in place for children at the end of this term—please note, we always take account of individual circumstances which may have affected attendance.

This term, there is also going to be a little extra something to recognise the value that the majority of families are placing on attendance. In December, all families with a child who has 'good' attendance will be automatically entered in to a raffle. Prizes will be Christmas Hampers containing food items and vouchers for Argos. There will be several prizes to be won. All you have to do is make sure that your child attends as often as they possibly can! I know that many families are going to have the opportunity to win an amazing prize at a time when finances are stretched!

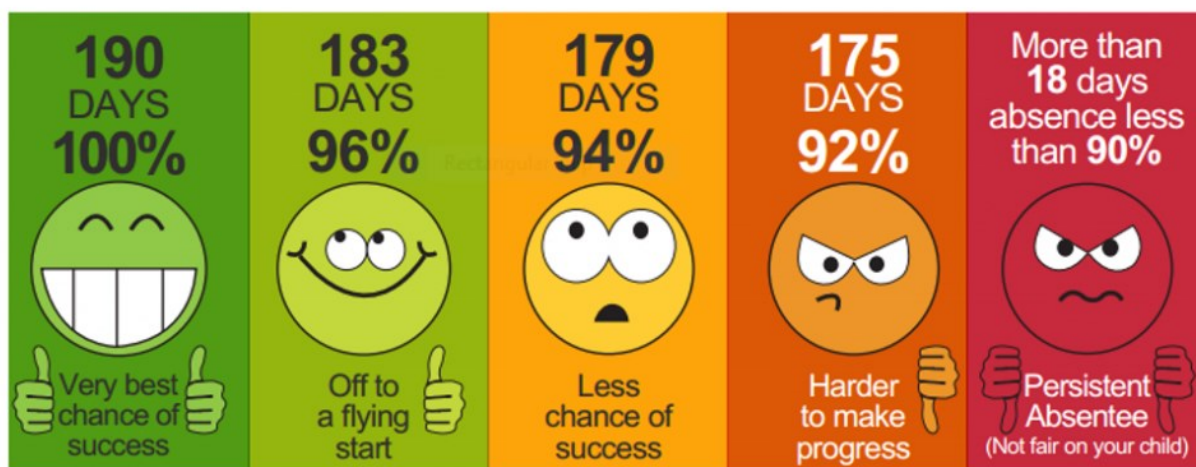


Lost Learning and Why Good Attendance is Essential

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading. For some parents 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a day of school each week or nineteen days of school during the school year – that's nearly four school weeks. This level of absence can have a lasting impact on their chances of academic success and on their emotional well-being.

When a child's attendance hits **90%**, this is classed as **persistent absence** and it could be the start of a legal process called Fast Track. Government guidelines **insist** that where a pupil is deemed to be a persistent absentee, Fast Track procedures are followed. This could lead to Court Action and a fine.

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



MISSING (SCHOOL) = MISSING OUT

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

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Reception applications for September 2023

Make your application online **by 15th January 2023** at: **www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions**

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they'll be able to start school in September 2023.

October 12th - Open Morning for prospective Nursery & Reception pupils 9.30am - 11.00am

October 19th - Open Afternoon for prospective Nursery & Reception pupils 3.30pm - 5.00pm

St. Jude's Catholic Primary School in Druids Heath is an Ofsted rated 'Good' school.



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