

Please send all pupils to school with a coat to wear in the playground.



St Jude's Catholic Primary School
 St Jude's Close Maypole
 Birmingham B14 5PD
 Web-Site: www.stjuderc.bham.sch.uk
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We live, love and learn together joyfully, in Jesus' name.

Advent

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. This is our time of waiting. During Advent, we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Every year, Christians get ready to celebrate Christmas. The word Advent means "coming." Advent is the four weeks before Christmas when we prepare for Christ's coming. We are pleased to invite a parent or other family member in to school to work with their child in an Advent themed workshop on the following dates:

- Y3—December 6th at 9am**
- Y4—December 6th at 2.15pm**
- Y5—December 7th at 2.15pm**
- Y6—December 8th at 9am.**

All workshops will take place in the school hall. Please wait by the hall door for the start of the workshop. Each one will last no longer than 45 minutes.



Our workshops have been a great success so far and very well attended. Thank you for your support and positive feedback!



Stars of the Week!

- Nursery - Austin & Meadow
- Reception – William & Rayan
- Year 1 - Oscar & Lawson
- Year 2 - Arlo & Lani
- Year 3 - Samuel & Ayten
- Year 4 - Jacob & Lexi
- Year 5 - Alex & Mahnoor
- Year 6 – Ethan & Maisy



Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on December 16th at 9.05am—parents are welcome.

Advent Roadshows

It was lovely to see the three primary schools in the parish join together during their 'Advent Roadshow' this week. They prepared beautifully and were able to bring the message of the season to pupils in all schools.



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
This Week	83.6%	96.1%	92.3%	91.3%	97.0%	98.5%	90.7%	93.1%
This Term	92.6%	95.4%	95.1%	94.8%	93.8%	96.7%	93.6%	94.6%
Whole Year	92.6%	95.4%	95.1%	94.8%	93.8%	96.7%	93.6%	94.6%

Please make sure that pupils aren't coming in to school with muddy shoes!

Sacramental Preparation and Dates

Please be aware of the following dates for pupils in Y3 and Y5 who will be receiving sacraments this academic year:

January 28th—11am mass at St. Dunstan's Church followed by confession for Y6 Confirmandi.

February 7th—Sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm, St. Dunstan's Church.

March 4th—11am mass followed by First Confession for Y3 pupils, St. Dunstan's Church.

June 13th—First Holy Communion, 10am mass, St. Jude's Church

There will be parent meetings that you will be invited to attend, dates

Bring it on Brum! Remember to book!

Bring it on Brum! is running FREE activity clubs in Birmingham for those aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals during the school Christmas holiday. The majority of clubs will run for 4 days during the week Monday 19th to Friday 23rd December and a smaller number of clubs will run from Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th December 2022. Each child is eligible to attend a maximum of 4 sessions during the winter school holidays.

Activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes will vary depending on the type and location of each local club, but every day there will be a nutritious meal served up for **free!**

For the Winter programme we sent every family a code to use when booking; an email was sent to everyone on November 22nd. (This included information about food boxes and activity packs.) The code will enable families of children eligible for free school meals, to book online or take the codes to access the holiday activities and food programme. Families can visit www.bringitonbrum.co.uk from **Monday 28th November** to book their children's free places, so they can take part in a local club and enjoy the mix of fun action-packed days and tasty food provided through the programme.

FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

December 8th—World Cup Themed Day (details to follow)

December 8th—Y3/4 musical performance at 2.40pm

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

January 28th—First Confession after 11am mass, St. Dunstan's Church

February 7th—SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR BAPTISED CATHOLICS IN Y6 AT ST.DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, 7PM

February 17th—Pupils break up for half-term

February 27th—Pupils return from half-term break

March 31st—end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish.

April 17th -Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

April 18th—Pupils return to school

May 1st—May Day Bank Holiday

Our Advent Giving Tree Appeal

Every year at St. Jude's, we have a charity collection during Advent. Last year, we collected hats, scarves and toiletries for the St. Chad's Sanctuary. This year, we are offering our support locally and we are collecting again for The Spearhead Trust, a charity based in Druids Heath which runs a food bank. We collected for this charity as part of our Harvest celebrations and they were very grateful for our support. Again, we are collecting in date food items that can be used by families over these difficult financial times. Please support this very worthwhile appeal.



We have received some complaints from local residents about pupils walking through their gardens and along their walls especially after school. Please talk to children about walking safely on designated pathways.

World Cup Themed Event

We are having a World Cup themed event on December 8th. We ask all pupils to wear **PE kit** on this day.

There will be football 'fun' learning in class as well as fitness activities and a penalty shoot out with prizes to be won.



PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHILDREN IN FOOTBALL KITS.

Christmas Events

Christmas Jumper Day

December 9th—please wear a Christmas jumper and donate £1 for Save the Children. Other than the jumper, normal uniform/PE kit should be worn.

Christmas dinner dates:

December 13th—Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two (THIS IS AVAILABLE TO ALL PUPILS IN THESE YEAR GROUPS AND IS FREE OF CHARGE FOR EVERYONE.)

December 14th—Year Three, Year Four, Year Five and Year Six. (This is available to all children who have are entitled to free school meals even if they normally have sandwiches. If you pay for the dinner it is £2.40. Please email enquiry@stjuderc.bham.sch.uk by December 8th if your child normally has sandwiches and wants Christmas dinner instead.)

Nursery & Reception Christmas Sing-a-long

December 12th at 9.10am—please join the children in a very short sing-a-long to celebrate the festive season. Please wait by the hall door after morning drop off.

Year One Nativity Play

December 14th at 2pm - St. Jude's Church; parents and carers are welcome to join us for a special reflection on the birth of Christ.

A reminder that, events must not be filmed or photos taken during performances. Photos may be taken afterwards but should never be of other people's children.

Christmas Parties

December 15th—children can wear their party clothes on this day; we ask every child to contribute £1 towards the cost of food.

Christmas Boutique

December 16th—the shopping event of the year for our children! Please read the more detailed description in the newsletter of this event. Parent volunteers are needed to prepare the gifts ahead of the date and to wrap them on the day. Please contact Mrs Smith via the School Office if you can help.

Christmas Boutique

This event is one of the things that we love to organise for our pupils. For those of you who have never experienced the Boutique before, here is a quick run down of how it works:

- 1) Today, we had a non-uniform day for the children. We ask that on this day, they all bring in an item that could be given to someone as a gift—chocolates, a candle, toiletries. Everything should be unused and in good condition. If you didn't do this today, please contribute something or send in £1 and we'll buy the gift.
- 2) On December 16th, the children should come to school with £1. They will then be allowed to choose a gift for a loved one which will then be gift wrapped ready for them to take home.
- 3) A child can bring some extra money to buy an additional gift if there are any left over.

WE NEED EVERYONE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EVENT TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS FOR THE CHILDREN. WE WILL GRATEFULLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF WRAPPING PAPER AND LABELS!



Year 3 and 4 Musical Performance

Parents of pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 are warmly invited to a musical performance at December 8th at 2.40pm. There has been some fantastic work going on in school and we would love you to hear their singing, clarinet and xylophone playing. If you are able to attend, please wait by the hall door.

BISHOP CHALLONER INSPIRED HOLIDAY CLUBS

BISHOP CHALLONER SPORTS CENTRE
INSTITUTE ROAD, KINGS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM, B14 7EG

DATES

MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER
TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER
THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER

FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 28TH DECEMBER
THURSDAY 29TH DECEMBER
FRIDAY 30TH DECEMBER

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, ROUNDERS, NETBALL, HANDBALL, CRICKET,
GYMNASTICS

WORKSHOPS

FOOD AND NUTRITION, ROBOTICS AND DRONES, MUSIC, ART & CRAFTS

OFFSITE ACTIVITIES

BROADWAY PLAZA - GOLF AND CINEMA EXPERIENCE, SOLIHULL ICE RINK -
PLANET ICE, INFLATE A NATION

ALL BISHOP CHALLONER STAFF ARE FULLY
QUALIFIED & DBS CHECKED

BOOK ONLINE NOW BY [CLICKING HERE](#)

ALTERNATIVELY VISIT: www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/catholic-college/community/holiday-club

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MISS CRUMP AT

L.CRUMP@BISHOPCHALLONER.BHAM.SCH.UK OR CALL 0121 444 4161



Age
9-16
Years

**Standard
Day
9am-3pm**

Healthy lunch
and snacks
provided
throughout
the day



Student Places are Free!



WHATS ON AT SPEARHEAD TRUST

Registered Charity Number - 1130428
Company Limited by Guarantee - 678651

FAMILY SUPPORT
Monday - Friday 9am to 3pm
Help with housing, benefits, support in meetings. Advice where needed.
Appointment only

GARDENING/WELLBEING
Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.30am
Term-time only.
Grow your own fruit and veg.
Make new friendships.
Free refreshments.

BEFRIENDING SERVICE
Monday - Friday 9am to 3pm
Feeling lonely or isolated. One of our befrienders can call you weekly or as required

FREE HOT MEAL COLLECTION
Tuesdays 12noon to 1.30pm.
Come and collect a free hot fresh home cooked meal.

FOOD BANK
Monday - Friday
Food parcel available to last approx 3 days. Contains fresh home-made meals. Toiletries/cleaning products when available.
phone to book a collection slot

O.A.P MEAL
Wednesdays 11.30am - 2pm
Free homemade meal available to come and sit in to eat. Enjoy making new friendships and help to prevent loneliness and isolation.



THE SPEARHEAD TRUST
AT BELLS FARMHOUSE

The Spearhead Trust is an absolutely fantastic resource locally. They offer so much that may be of use to you or a family member. Children should be bringing a leaflet home about The Spearhead Trust which can be found on Bell's Lane. The Trust is run by a fantastic group of people.




WHERE TO FIND US

BELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE,
BELLS FARM CLOSE,
DRUIDS HEATH,
BIRMINGHAM
B14 5QR

STAY AND PLAY
Monday's during
Term-time
10:00am - 11:30am
Ages 0 - 4 years
Come along and make new friendships and watch the children learn and grow together

YOUTH CLUB
Every Wednesday evening
Children coming together enjoying arts and crafts, board games and sports.
Free refreshments
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Free to all aged 8 years to 16 years

FOR MORE INFORMATION

0121 433 3532 familysupport@spearheadtrust.org.uk

They have supported many families here at St. Jude's over the years which is why we love to support them too. Please contribute what you can to our Advent food bank appeal during the run up to Christmas.