

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Year 6 is a very important year as the children will take the KS2 National Tests later on in the year (May 2025) and the children will also be preparing for their transition into Secondary school. I hope to set up some weekly transition lessons at Bishop Milner, where most of our children move onto. Your support will be greatly appreciated in ensuring that your child arrives at school every day and on time. This is important so your child has time to participate in morning tasks and settle into school. Your child will be given a home reading book. You can help your child by finding a quiet time to listen to them read for a maximum of about 10 minutes as often as possible. I would also encourage the children to use our online reading programme, (Reading Plus) to help improve on their reading skills. Please also help them to learn their times tables and they can use 'Times Tables Rockstars' for this and complete their homework. We have also subscribed to an online Maths programme (Mathletics) which is accessible at home. Your help can make a big difference.

P.E. will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please could you ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit which is black shorts, a white T – shirt and pumps or trainers.

Homework will be given out on a **Friday** which will be due back in on the following **Wednesday**. The weekly spelling test will be on a **Monday**.

I look forward to having the opportunity to work with your child and collaborate with you throughout the year. If you do have any concerns or wish to discuss any matters, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Mrs Cheema

What are we learning about?

English: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling. Writing: Autobiography & Non-Chronological report.

Maths: Number; Place Value; Addition & Subtraction; Properties of Shape; Multiplication & Division; Fractions; Position & Direction; Decimals; Measurement.

R.E.: The Story of The People of God; Followers of Christ; Advent & Christmas.

History: Crime & Punishment through the ages.

Geography: South America

Science: Classifying Organisms and Healthy Bodies

Special days / Dates:

Year 6 Mass – Tuesday 10th September

Year 6 Saints Day – Friday 27th September

Parent Workshop (Maths) – 9th & 10th October

Year 6 Trip to Dudley Zoo – Thursday 17th October

Year 6 Assembly (Black History) – Friday 18th October

Year 6 Mass – Tuesday 5th November


Year 6 Mass – Tuesday 17th December

The class charity we have chosen to support:

Cancer Research



CANCER
RESEARCH
UK

<p>Art/DI: Street Art/Burgers</p> <p>Music: Orchestra</p> <p>French</p> 	
<p><u>Values for Autumn Term:</u></p> <p>Curious and Active – before half term</p> <p>Curious: Curious about the life of Jesus and finding out more about his life and teachings.</p> <p>Active: Putting our faith into actions – actions speak louder than words!</p> <p>Intentional and Prophetic - after half term</p> <p>Intentional: Being intentional with our words and actions – making good choices.</p> <p>Prophetic: Speaking clearly treating others the way Jesus showed us.</p>	<p><u>Children as leaders</u></p> <p>In Year 6, the children have the opportunity to be: Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie and part of the School Mission team.</p>
<p><u>Catholic Social Teaching & British values</u></p> <p>Throughout the curriculum and beyond children learn about the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching - Working in Solidarity, Care for Creation, Community & Participation, Dignity of Workers, Help for the Poor & Vulnerable, Human Dignity & Solidarity and how they link to British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect & Tolerance.</p>	<p><u>St Joseph's Way – See our website for more details</u></p> <p>At St. Joseph's we develop children's character through the 'St. Joseph's Way' curriculum. In order to build character, we define the behaviours and habits that we expect students to demonstrate. We want to support our pupils to grow into adults who are polite, respectful, grateful and who put others before themselves. We believe that, as pupils practise these behaviours over time, they become habits that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them. As philosopher Will Durant states, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." (1926)</p>