

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part of St Gabriel the Archangel Multi Academy Trust

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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 2026) 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, Diary entry Balanced Argument

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:

Monday 15th September – Democracy Day

Monday 22nd September – Own Clothes Day

WB 22nd September – Mission, Vocation, Values & Prayer Week

Friday 26th September – Year 6 celebrate our Class Saint and can wear their own clothes

Monday 29th September – Official launch of the St Gabriel the Archangel Multi-Academy Trust

Wednesday 1st October – Flu vaccinations in school

Monday 13th October – Donate tins of food for Harvest

Friday 17th October – Year 6's Assembly (9.15am)

WB Monday 20th October – Black History Week in school

Friday 24th October – School closed for children

Monday 10th November – Anti-bullying, Anti-racism and Internet Safety Week in school



Sunday 30th November – The Holy season of Advent begins

Tuesday 9th December – Year 6 lead Mass

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 15th December – Carol Concert at 5pm in our church

Thursday 18th December – Year 6 to share the story of the Wisemen (2.15pm)

<p>Art/DT: Street Art/Burgers</p> <p>Music: Orchestra/Band</p> <p>French</p> 	<p>Friday 19th December – End of Term celebration assembly at 9.15am</p> <p>Friday 19th December – Carols and readings around the tree at 2.30pm</p> <p><u>The class charity we have chosen to support</u> Birmingham Children's Hospital</p> 
<p><u>Values for Autumn Term:</u></p> <p>Eloquent and Truthful– before half term</p> <p>Eloquent: Speaking clearly to shared the Gospel and support each other.</p> <p>Truthful: Being honest and truthful in all we say and do.</p> <p>Learned and Wise– after half term</p> <p>Learned: Taking time to consider the Gospel and learn from Jesus' teachings.</p> <p>Wise: Thinking carefully and making good choices.</p>	<p><u>Children as leaders</u></p> <p>Mission Team – Alana & Devon</p> <p>Creation Guardians – Lyla & Alan</p> <p>Minnie Vinnies – Funmi & Noah</p> <p>School Council – TBA</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</u> – See our website for more details</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>