

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,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope that this will be a learning journey that your child will never forget and one which will prepare each of our children for the adventures of upper KS2. You can help your child along that path by hearing them read 10 minutes a day and helping them to learn their spellings, x tables and complete homework. The children's Homework Books also have their passwords on the front page, so that they are able to access TT Rockstars, Dream Box Maths and Reading Plus. WWW.timestable.co.uk is also a useful website the children know how to access.

PE kits need to stay in school all half-term. So, if you haven't yet, please send in a PE kit with your child as soon as possible.

As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see myself or Mrs Parker. We are always pleased to help in any way we can.

Warm regards,

Mrs C. Hickman

What are we learning about?

RE – Creation, Old Testament from Jacob to Joseph.

English – Creatures Great and Small (Poetry)

Maths – Place value; addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1000 multiplication by partitioning.

Geography – All around the world (Countries and Continents)

History – Ancient Civilisations

Art – Buildings and Architecture

Special days / Dates:

Parent's Workshops – Wed/Thur 16-17/09/2026

Class Mass – 22/09/2026 & 17/11/2026

Class Assembly – 09/10/2026

Saint's Day – 06/11/2026

Class Trip to Wroxeter

Class Trip to National Motor Museum

The class charity we have chosen to support



Values for Autumn Term:

Compassionate and Loving– before half term

Compassionate: Thinking about one another and showing love and kindness.

Loving: Showing love to everyone as Jesus teaches us to.

Children as leaders

Mission Team – Dumebi & Kamsi

Creation Guardians – Emilio & Summer

Minnie Vinnies – Haider & Pearl

School Council – Sienna & Wesley

Faith-filled and Hopeful- after half term Faith-filled: Be guided by faith and all of Jesus' teachings. Hopeful: Having hope in Jesus and the Trinity and the power they hold.	<u>St Joseph's Way – See our website for more details</u> 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)
<u>Catholic Social Teaching & British Values</u> 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.	