

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 2027) and the children will also be preparing for their transition into Secondary school. 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 (Dreambox Maths) 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.: Creation & Covenant and Prophecy & Promise

History: Crime & Punishment through the ages

Geography: South America

Science: Classifying Organisms and Healthy Bodies

Art/DT: Street Art/Burgers

Music: Guitars

French



Special days / Dates:

Tuesday 8th September – Year 6 Mass

Friday 18th September – Flu Vaccinations

W/B Monday 21st September – Mission, Vocation, Values & Prayer Week

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

Friday 25th September – Year 6 Saints Day (own clothes)

Monday 28th September – Year 6 Road Safety Workshop

Thursday 1st October – Year 6 Trip to Alton Castle

Friday 2nd October – Lent Harvest Fast Day

Friday 16th October – Year 6 Class Assembly

Tuesday 20th October – Year 6 lead Harvest Mass

W/B Monday 19th October – Black History Week in school

Friday 23rd October – School closed for children

Wednesday 11th November – Whole School Photos

Monday 16th November – Anti-bullying, Anti-racism and Internet Safety Week in school

Tuesday 24th November – Year 6 Trip to Steelhouse Lane

Sunday 29th November – The Holy season of Advent begins

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Fair & Party Day

	Monday 14th December – Carol Concert at 5pm in our church Thursday 17th December – Year 6 to share the story of the Wisemen (2.15pm) Friday 18th December – End of Term celebration assembly at 9.15am Friday 18th December – Carols and readings around the tree at 2.30pm The class charity we have chosen to support Birmingham Children's Hospital 
<u>Values for Autumn Term:</u> 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. 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>Children as leaders</u> Mission Team – Tomasz & Amelia Creation Guardians – Dayam & Anabia Minnie Vinnies – Zayna & Zach School Council – Gary & Hifza
<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.	<u>St Joseph's Way</u> – See our website for more details 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)