



Newsletter – 19th April 2024

[Please remember to view the school calendar/website for further information](#)

Our Catholic Mission

The parish newsletter and website www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk contains information about Masses and other church notices.

Thank you to all who celebrated Mass in school on Tuesday.

First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of The Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 am on **Sunday, 19th May** at Ss Peter & Paul's Church for those children in Y3 who are making their First Holy Communion this year.

Confirmation

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is 7 pm on **Monday, 10th June 2024 at Ss Peter & Paul**. The celebrant will be Canon Paul McNally.

Interest in Baptism Meeting

A meeting will be held in school at 4 pm on **Wednesday, 24th April** for all those who are considering Baptism for their child.

The service of baptism will take place at 1 pm on **Saturday, 11th May 2024** at Holy Cross.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y1 and Y5, the classes with the highest attendance this week of 99.0%!

Tempest Photographs – 22nd April

Tempest will be in school on Monday, 22nd April to take class vista photographs.

Inset Day – 26th April

A reminder that Friday, 26th April is an INSET Day and school will be closed to the children.

Y6 Residential Parents Meeting – 29th April

Y6 parents are invited in to school for 5 pm on Monday, 29th April to find out more information about the forthcoming Y6 residential trip.

Bank Holiday– 6th May

A reminder that school is closed on Monday, 6th May for the bank holiday.

New Reception 2024-25 parents meeting – 8th May

We are really looking forward to welcoming children and their families into Reception Class this September! Here are some important transition dates for your diary:

Wednesday, 8 th May (5 pm)	Open Evening for parents.
Wednesday, 26 th June	You will receive an invitation to visit Reception class with your child for a morning or afternoon session
Wednesday, 3 rd July (2.30 pm)	You and your child are invited to our Teddy bear picnic!

Further details about these transition events will be sent in the next few weeks. We will also have extra visits to Reception class with Pre-School staff for children who already attend Pre-School.

French Themed school lunch – 16th May

Cook Judy and her team will be serving a French themed lunch as part of French Day on Thursday, 16th May. If your child would like to join in with this lunch, please book on ParentPay.

National Numeracy Day – 22nd May

On 22nd May, we will be celebrating National Numeracy Day. The children will be taking part in a whole school themed Maths activity morning

The children can come to school wear clothing with a number on it (football shirt, runner number) or even get more creative by dressing in a Maths or number theme (e.g. human calculators, dice or even becoming a number)

Children can also have a go at entering the [competition](#), which closes 31st May.

Y6 Secondary School Transition Days

King Edwards	24 th & 25 th June
Nether Stowe	24 th & 25 th June
St Francis of Assisi	3 rd July
The Friary	24 th & 25 th June

Pre-School

- We would be delighted for donations of any old bird seeds or flower seeds, or any items of plastic/toy food. Thank you!
- Please can you remember to check ParentPay regularly for any items which may require attention.

Polite Reminders

Just a few polite reminders:

- Please remember to remove your child's earrings on PE days. If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, please get this done at the beginning of the summer holidays, as they will not be able to take them out for 6 weeks. Children cannot take part in some aspects of PE with earrings in and this impacts on their learning in the PE curriculum.
- Children's school shoes should be black 'proper' shoes and not trainers, eg Nike.
- Hairstyles – please ensure hairstyles are suitable for school, long hair is tied back and extreme hair styles/adornments are saved for the weekend!
- Dogs are not allowed on the school site (either on a lead or being carried).
- Please ensure that all scooters and bikes are dismounted before entering the school site.
- When attending a school event, please ensure that photos are for your own use and not uploaded on to social media as you do not have other parents' permission for this.
- Please email us at absence@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk before 9 am if your child is going to be absent.

Volunteers

Would you like to volunteer to help in school? Parents who come and read with children or help with changing library books are hugely appreciated. We ask that parent volunteers only volunteer for classes, which their own child is not in please.

After School Clubs

Please see the [school website](#) for more details about After School Clubs [Parents/Extra Curricular and Wraparound Care].

Car Park

Please enter school via the main gates at all times and do not walk through the school car park at any time. It is much safer to use the pathway down the side of the school to get to Badgers.

Online Safety

We would like to make you aware of 'online safety' advice, guidance and support page called '[Wake Up Wednesday - what parents / carers need to know](#)'.

For parents, 'Wake up Wednesday' is a way to get more involved with what their children are learning – and to increase their own awareness and understanding of topics they may know little about.

School Nurse

The School Nurse Virtual drop-in service is available for parents/carers and young people. School Nurses work with children, young people, and their families to help improve their physical and/or emotional health and wellbeing. School nurses can help with a wide range of issues including general health queries, emotional health concerns and can offer advice on parenting and behaviour strategies.

When: Every Thursday, including school holidays, between 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Where: Your mobile/device and a quiet place to chat

How: Access at mpft.live/schoolnurse

Governor News

The Governing Board are delighted to inform you that Mrs Fernandez Gallardo was appointed Foundation Governor on 12th April 2024. Miss Briers has also been re-elected as Staff Governor for another 4-year term.

PTFA

You are automatically a PTFA member, but we would be grateful if you could spare some time in becoming an active member. Please don't hesitate to get in touch (ptfa@stjosephslichfield.org.uk), speak to your class rep or Facebook "St Joseph's School Lichfield PTFA".

And Finally

What a wonderful time Y5 have had at Whitemoor Lakes. They all threw themselves into the various activities and their behaviour was impeccable. Thank you to Miss Dawson, Mrs Plant and Miss Russell for their time and support to the children on the trip. Please visit [Twitter](#) to see all the photographs!

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary
Headteacher

