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## **School Mission Statement**

*'To inspire, to learn, to love with God'*

This half term we are focusing on being;

### **Faithfilled and Hopeful**

Pupils in a Catholic school are growing to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

### **What does this mean?**

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them in turn, to have faith and hope in others.

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22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting term at St Joseph's and as always there is so much to be proud of!

Congratulations go out to all the children in Year 3 who made their first confession last week. We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion with them in June.

As part of our teachings on Catholic Social Teaching we encourage our pupils to be stewards of creation by looking after our environment. Well done to all

the pupils in Year 5 who took part in the Great British Spring clean last week. Please see below for details of how you can get involved.

Many thanks to our PTFA for organising the chocolate Bingo and to everyone who came along. Many thanks for your patience when we experienced technical difficulties and well done to everyone who won an abundance of chocolate.

Our growing zone is looking fantastic, and we can't wait to start planting in the summer term. Many thanks to the parents and children who gave up their time last Saturday afternoon to tidy it.

The children have been busy raising money for the Good Shepherd appeal in various ways this week. Many thanks for all your support as we help others less fortunate than ourselves. Please do send in any sponsor money as soon as you can along with the Fr Hudson envelopes.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday- the beginning of Holy week, the day Jesus entered into Jerusalem. People were spreading their cloaks and palm branches on the road in front of him as he entered the city. They praised God, shouting: "Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens! There are many things for which we can praise God for. Praising God brings happiness; it's what we were made for.

"God is full of love: to him be praise forever!" Pope Francis

Please see below for dates and times of Masses and events in Church during Holy Week.

After Mass on Easter Sunday there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children and an Easter bonnet parade in the Church hall- please come along if you can.

I wish you all a very happy Easter and hope that we can enjoy some warm spring sunshine!

I will look forward to seeing all the children again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Best wishes,

Mrs B Corbett



### **Parish Links**

#### **Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper followed by watch of prayer until 10pm.



#### **Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

10am - Children's Stations of the Cross

11.45am - United Act of Witness - Meet at Market Street Cross

3pm - Solemn Liturgy

#### **Holy Saturday - March 30<sup>th</sup>**

12 noon - Confessions

8pm - Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday Mass**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9.15am**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford**

**Please join us in the Church Hall after Mass for-**

**Grand Easter Raffle Draw**

**Easter Bonnet Parade**

**Easter Egg hunt and Refreshments.**



**Dates (please note these are subject to change)**

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 residential - 3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment of £20 due.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Nursery application closing date (Sept 24)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Gotta Dance children dress rehearsal with Sandra
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	6pm Y6 Confirmation Meeting
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 & Y6 Gotta Dance - Prince of Wales Theatre
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	PE Enrichment Day - Orienteering and Map Work  Dance lessons with Sandra start every Thursday for years 1 & 2
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Y3 First Holy Communion Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception Class Come Dine with Me - 11.45am
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 Trip to Cannock Fire Station
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 trip to Harvington Hall

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Cross Country at Cardinal Griffin (Y4/5/6)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Confirmation Mass 7pm at St Mary's Cannock Local Elections (School is open to all pupils)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y4 Come Dine with Me
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.30am May Procession (Reception & KS2) at Church Break up for half term
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term

### **School Meals Price Increase**

Due to the constant increase in food prices, unfortunately we will be increasing the cost of a school dinner from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

School meals will be £2.60 per day, £13 per week.

Payment to be made via ParentPay as usual.



### **Great British Spring Clean**

Back for its ninth year, the Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. The Great British Spring Clean takes place from 15 - 31 March, and you can take part by pledging to pick up a bag of litter or more by clicking on the link below.

Litter-picking is a simple action that anyone can do and it makes an immediate and visible difference to the environment where we live, work and play. In fact, around 95% of people surveyed after 2023's campaign agreed they felt they had made a difference to their local area, and 91% said they felt part of a national movement that is taking action to tackle litter.

So, if you want to protect our wildlife and the places you love this spring, join the Great British Spring Clean and pledge to pick up a bag of litter.

Great British Spring Clean | Keep Britain Tidy

	<p>Virtues Awards</p> <p><i>Faith Filled &amp; Hopeful</i></p> <p>Spring term 2</p>		
Reception	Sienna	Harper	
	Both have faith in themselves and their friends which is shown in how they treat everyone as equals and in a caring way. Whenever they are sad they know it doesn't always last and stay hopeful and optimistic 😊		
Year 1	Peyton	Abel	
	For sharing her faith at home with her family and creating a lovely page in our prayer journal. She shared it	For joining in so prayerfully in all aspects of our class life. Abel lit the candle so respectfully in our Stay	

	with out class to inspire others.	& Pray and always joins in well with our liturgy with One life Music each day.
Year 2	<p>Erin</p> <p>For <u>always</u> being faith-filled during times of worship. Erin is always prayerful during worship in class and an excellent example of living out our faith.</p>	<p>William</p> <p>William is incredibly prayerful and comes up with wonderful ways of how we can live out our faith.</p>
Year 3	<p>Isla</p> <p>For always giving such meaningful answers and for preparing for her first confession in such a faith-filled manner.</p>	<p>Kaleb</p> <p>For always giving all his effort at Mini Vinnies and for preparing for his first confession in a faith-filled, reverent manner.</p>
Year 4	<p>Imogen</p> <p>Imogen has faith in herself and her friends which is shown in the way she treats others and perseveres with her work.</p>	<p>Archie</p> <p>Archie has hope in which he is not afraid to face challenges with courage and resolve.</p>
Year 6	<p>Sophie</p> <p>For Always looking on</p>	<p>Joseph</p> <p>For sharing his family</p>

	the brighter side of things and lift everyone's spirits with her positivity.	church experiences with us in class. He always shares with such joy. You can tell those events mean a lot to him.
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### **DT Week - Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The week we return to school after Easter is our DT week. Parents are invited to come into school and work with their child(ren) in class during the following times:-

Class	Date/Time
Year 1*	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April - 10am to 11am
Year 2	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April - 10.30am
Year 3	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April - 9.15am
Year 4	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April - 9.15am
Year 5	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April - 10am
Year 6	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2.15pm

\*Year 1 will be making structures of London landmarks. Could old boxes, containers, kitchen roll tubes be collected and brought into school after Easter. Thank you



## Whole School Mass

Whole School Mass- Thursday 2.30pm	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Year Group &amp; Theme</u>
11-4-24	Year 6 Easter
9-5-24	Year 5 Ascension
16-5-24	Year 4 Mary
20-6-24	Year 3 Sacred Heart
11-7-24	Year 6 Leavers Mass

School/Parish Masses Sunday 9.15am at Our Lady of Lourdes	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Year Groups to lead</u>
28-4-24	Year 5, Year 1
16-6-24	Year 4, Year 2 & Reception
7-7-24	Years 3 and 6 Pilgrimage at 3pm

## Stay & Pray

Stay & Pray- Thursday 9am	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
Thurs 18-4-24	Year 3
Thurs 25-4-24	Year 4
Thurs 2-5-24	Year 5
Thurs 6-6-24	Year 6
Thurs 13-6-24	Reception
Wed 26-6-24	Year 1
Thurs 4-7-24	Year 2

## Assemblies

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assembly</u>		
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	No assembly	<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	No assembly
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	WOW	<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	WOW
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 6 assembly	<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Sports Day no assembly
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	WOW	<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	WOW
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 5 assembly	<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	No assembly- PTFA picnic
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	WOW	<b>Fr 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	WOW
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	INSET Day	<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leaver's Assembly

# Children's Easter Holiday Event

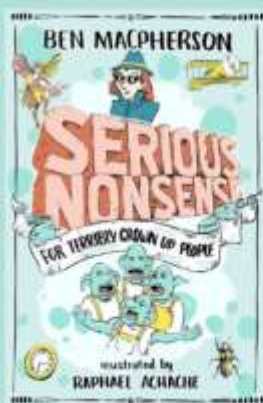
with poet Ben Macpherson

Tuesday 26th March

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Suitable for ages 8+

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scan the QR code



# OPEN DAY



Free Entry

Saturday 13th April 2024

Rugeley Community Fire Station

11am - 4pm

Fire engines

Fun activities

Food stalls

Demonstrations



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MUCH  
MORE!



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SPARK YOUNG WRITERS PRESENTS: NEW JUNIOR GROUP

## CANNOCK JUNIOR YOUNG WRITER GROUP



One Saturday a month  
10:30am - 12:30pm  
Cannock Library

£9 per session (Free places available)

Booking is essential: [sparkwriters.org](http://sparkwriters.org)



## HAPPY EASTER

Our team have been out and about visiting schools in support of the Good Shepherd Appeal, travelling a total of **3,219 miles!**

We would like to thank you for your fundraising efforts so far and we wish you a lovely Easter holiday.



Why not visit our  
Just Giving page

Father Hudson's Care  
Charity Skydive



Do Something Amazing!

Hirons Airfield | Sunday 18 May

**Hudson's Care** £300 minimum sponsorship required  
£70 booking deposit is required

For more information or to book your place email  
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