



HEADLINES

MAY	
9 th	Year 6 Mass SATS Mass @ 6pm
11 th	SATS Week Please start bringing in plants for our prayer garden Special visitors for Year 1 Y4 Boys Football V Delves Home
12 th	Y2 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Girls Football V Cooper & Jordan
14 th	Big School workout with Joe Wicks all classes
15 th	Y4 trip to Cadbury World 8:15am departure (Details have been sent via Arbor)
16 th	Family Parish Mass Y4/Y1 @ 6pm
17 th	Sunday Drama Rehearsal @ 9:30am
18 th	National Walk to School Week Drama Club Production Finding Nemo @ 6pm
19 th	Drama Club Production Finding Nemo @ 6pm Y6/R Mass @ Church please arrive at church @ 8:45am Y4 girls football v Delves away
20 th	Reception Y6 Heights & Weights Celebration Assembly @ 9am parents welcome Y2 Library Visit don't forget library cards
21 st	St Anne's Feast Day Celebration Whole school Mass and May procession Details have been sent via Arbor
22 nd	Journey Through Time Day Arbor message next week
JUNE	
1 st	Return to school after half term Lunchtime Boxing Club Y6 Laches Wood Zoom 7pm 848 6960 3483 passcode 8032812nd
2 nd	BCSS Athletics @ Alexander Stadium Y5 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
6 th	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Y3 FHC Preparation
8 th	Y1 Phonics Assessment Week Y3/4 Cricket Festival Boxing club (lunchtime) Girls Football match V Croft
9 th	Y5/6 Cricket @ Aldridge CCC Y4 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Boys Match Football V Croft
10 th	Y1 Mass in school Y5 Visit to Newman University (see separate Arbor)
11 th	Tag Rugby @ Veseyans Y5/6

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The word is **Helper**. We know that when we need help, Jesus is our greatest helper, remember to turn to him.

Tuesday 12th May Y2 Mass @ Church. No Wednesday Mass in school this week.



Headteacher Message

Today, brings an end to a very busy week in school. We have certainly made the most of our four days in school and it has been fantastic to see such a diverse range of activities across year groups. I had the pleasure of conducting two learning walks with visitors to school this week and both were so impressed with the quality of the teaching provision in our school and both commented on the excellent behaviour and attitude to learning of all pupils. I am so very proud of you all.

We now have our new website and we are very happy with it, there are still some sections that we are updating, so please bear with us. I hope that you find it a useful resource in helping you to support your child. To our Year 6 pupils, I look forward to seeing you at Mass tomorrow night and remember this weekend is a time to rest, relax and have some fun, you've done the hard work. We are so proud of you all - remember you are truly unique and special, God has created you for great things. Have a wonderful weekend all.

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Nursery Our book of the week is 'The Gruffalo' and the children have absolutely loved listening to and joining in with the story. We explored the different characters and talked about what makes the Gruffalo so special. The children used lots of wonderful describing words when talking about him and enjoyed sharing their ideas with their friends. We painted fantastic pictures of the Gruffalo, carefully thinking about his features – we especially loved his purple prickles, orange eyes, terrible tusks and knobby knees! To end our week, we made a delicious "Gruffalo Crumble." The children helped to mix and sprinkle the crumble topping and talked about the different ingredients we used. It smelled amazing and tasted even better!

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception Well done children - you've worked really hard this week and I can see so much progress in all areas of learning. This week we've started learning how to use cubes to complete simple addition sums and started our Level 3 review in phonics with Miss Jan & Miss Khan. Everyone is getting much more confident at spelling & writing regular words and they are becoming far more aware of the need to form letters carefully and make sure their handwriting is neat. The children certainly embraced our Wednesday Word 'Helper' and I spotted so many people helping their friends and staff around the class. Well done on a wonderful week. Keep it up!

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1. Another exciting week in Year 1. We started our Jack and the Beanstalk performances last week and finally finished the production in class this week. They thoroughly enjoyed rehearsing and performing this. We had lots of giggles with our library story session this week, can your child remember the story and why it was funny? We are thinking carefully in Maths about using numbers up to 50 and more importantly how many tens and ones are in each number. We are getting really good at this! We have started to learn about Pentecost Sunday and will be doing lots of work on this in the next couple of weeks. I do hope your child could explain why they had flames of fire on their heads this week! Our next library session is Tuesday 30th June.

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 This week, Year 2 have been putting their problem-solving skills to the test! We have been consolidating our understanding of division when exploring the 5 x and 10 x tables. I was really impressed with your efforts and willingness to move on to the worded challenges! In Geography, we enjoyed exploring 'The Big Five' and learning about how Kenya is a great habitat for different animals. We are almost ready to write our non-chronological reports on dragons and you have produced lots of creative ideas. I look forward to reading your reports next week. Have a nice weekend everyone!

Miss Regan

Year 3 Year 3 have been busy this week practising their hymns for First Holy Communion. We thank all the families who attended Mass on Saturday and to the readers. In Science, we have been leaning about how light travels and investigating shadows. We continue to write our stories based on Fantastic Mr Fox and we are learning to use inverted commas. Next week, we have the library on Wednesday so please remember your library cards. We will also move on to learning to tell the time next week so please begin to have a go at doing this at home throughout the day to get used to times and routines.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 Year 4 have had another busy week in school. On Tuesday, we went to Mass at Church. Father told us all about promoting peace in our homes and we have been trying really hard to do this during playtimes! On Wednesday, we used hoops in our PE lesson with Mrs Swann to create our own dances in pairs. We came up with some very creative ideas! Miss Reid has been teaching us about our new computing unit. We've been learning about the features of a computer and had a go at designing our own. Test us at home on our hardware vocabulary! We are continuing to work hard on our times tables. This week we have used the official Multiplication Practise website to get us used to the programme. Please continue to use TTRS at home to help you. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Jones

Year 5 It's been a short week Year 5 but we have packed a lot in! We are coming to the end of our Space topic now and I was very impressed with the efforts that some of you made to create planet posters. Your dance for Mrs Swan is starting to come together very nicely - remember that tickets are available for the performance on 12th June through the Walsall Arena website (see parent mail sent by the office). You had a fantastic morning with Mrs Robinson in the Forest School area on Thursday and you have made an excellent start on writing your persuasive speeches to argue that Camp Green Lake should be closed down immediately. Have a great weekend.

Mr Caddick

Year 6 I could not be prouder of you all! This week, you have approached all our revision with gusto and every single one of you have improved and tried to plug any gaps in knowledge. Now is the last push and by this time next week, SATS will be over and done. Have a good rest this weekend and some fresh air and then you will be ready to show off and smash it!

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery	Amelia & Sienna
Reception	Erin & Jude
Year 1	Croia & Charlie
Year 2	Lois & Namrita
Year 3	Louis & Keira
Year 4	Ted & Lola M
Year 5	Noah & Patrick
Year 6	Whole class

Congratulations all, you will receive your certificates in assembly on Monday.

Learn its Movers

Year 1	Eloise & Hudson
Year 2	Albert, Rio, Luna, Jack & Cillian
Year 3	Theo, Reuben, Azzurra, Ben, Anna, Charlie, Keira and Alicia
Year 4	None this week

TTRS - Rock Hero

Henry - well done



Sporting Achievements this year.

Don't forget to tell us about your out of school achievements. Email Mrs Baynham-Hughes on

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Year Group	Achievement
Reception	Isaac was awarded his grey and white belt at Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
Y1	Hudson earned his 15mtr swimming badge
Y1	Croia 400m Swimming award
Y2	Arlo - Player of the year for Veseyans Rugby Club
Y2	Cillian - Most improved player for Veseyans Rugby Club
Y3	Reuben - parents player for Ace Atalanta
Y3	Gracie Ran the AJ Bell Junior and Mini Fun Run and raised over £250 for Birmingham Childrens Hospital
Y4	Sienna Raised over £300 after running the AJ Bell Junior and Mini Fun Run

Sportsmanship of the week award

Sienna and Gracie for raising money towards their chosen charities during the Birmingham AJ Bell Junior Run

Our netball team who finished third in the tournament last week and then met some semi-professional netball players.



This half term our Catholic Social Teaching is Stewardship and looking after God's planet.



Caring for God's gifts

Stewardship

Sofia the sloth's story

Sofia often sleeps in her favourite tree within a National Park forest.

One day a big machine woke her up and started chopping down the trees. She joins some of the others who call the forest home, to stop the illegal logging.

She reminds the operators that these trees need to be cared for like the rest of God's creation.

From Sofia's story we find out that we need to be caring for the many gifts that God has given to us. These include our environment, our own talents and other resources.



Based on the gospel for Sunday 10 May, Sixth Sunday of Easter: John 14:15-21

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

Pope Leo XIV in his *Urbi et Orbi* message this Easter said, "Christ's resurrection is the beginning of a new humanity; it is the entrance into the true promised land, where justice, freedom, and peace reign, where all recognise one another as brothers and sisters." Through the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, life is transformed and Christians are called to live in God's kingdom here and now, witnessing to Christ present in our world.

It is not always easy and it can be daunting, but we can have hope as our Gospel passage this week assures us that we are not alone. We are promised "another Helper, to be with you for ever", and if we love Jesus, we will be loved by the Father.

Empowered in this way, we can strive to be leaven in our society and keep Jesus' commandment to love one another. Can we find concrete ways to put this into action this week? Perhaps we can find more time to pray for peace or raise our voices to call for change to improve the lives of our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

Prayer

Risen Lord,
come to us and transform us
so that we may reveal your love
in our world
by the way we live our lives.
Amen.

Stewardship Prayer

Loving God and Father of all, Thank you for the gift of this wonderful world. Help us to notice each day the beauty of your creation, and to care for all of your animals, insects, fish, birds and plants. Encourage us to work with our sisters and brothers everywhere, so that together we can protect the world you made for us- the home all of your children share. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Building the Kingdom

How can Mary be a role model for us today?

Create a picture of Mary, using any medium to depict her during any aspect of her life. Try to make a connection with our lives in this modern world. You have until the end of the half term to complete the project.

We look forward to displaying them. Thank you to those who have brought in their artwork already.

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MEAT challenge. Perhaps you could go meat
free at least once during the week, this really
will reduce the carbon footprint.**