



# HEADLINES

| MAY              |   |
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| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Family Parish Mass Y4/Y1 @ 6pm  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday Drama Rehearsal @ 9:30am   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | National Walk to School Week<br>Dress Rehearsal Finding Nemo @ 9:30am<br>Drama Club Production Finding Nemo @ 6pm   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Drama Club Production Finding Nemo @ 6pm<br>Y6/R Mass @ Church please arrive at church @ 8:45am<br>Y4 girls football v Delves away                        |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Reception Y6 Heights & Weights<br>Celebration Assembly @ 9am parents welcome<br>Y2 Library Visit don't forget library cards                               |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | St Anne's Feast Day Celebration Whole school Mass and May procession <b>Details have been sent via Arbor</b>  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | MUFTI to thank you for all your hard work this half term.   |
| JUNE             |   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Return to school after half term<br>Lunchtime Boxing Club Y6<br><b>Laches Wood Zoom 7pm 848 6960 3483 passcode 803281</b>                                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | BCSS Athletics @ Alexander Stadium<br>Y5 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Y3 FHC Preparation   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Y1 Phonics Assessment Week<br>Y3/4 Cricket Festival<br>Boxing club (lunchtime)<br>Girls Football match V Croft  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Y5/6 Cricket @ Aldridge CCC<br>Y4 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am<br>Boys Match Football V Croft  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Y1 Mass in school<br>Y5 Visit to Newman University (see separate Arbor)   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Tag Rugby @ Veseyans Y5/6   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Go Green for St John's Ambulance suggested donation £1<br>Y5 Dance all day (separate message sent)<br><b>EYFS 2:30pm Parent and child reading session</b> |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Family Parish Mass for Y1/Y2 and Y4 @ 6pm   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Bishop Timothy saying Mass @ SMA Church   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | National Sports Week St Johns Ambulance in EYFS   |

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The word is **Friendship**. Who is our greatest friend? We know that Jesus is - help us to always remember this.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May Y6 & R Mass @ Church. Arrive @ 8:45am**  
**Whole School Mass and May procession**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May followed by patron saint celebration**



**Headteacher Message**  
 Congratulations to our Year 6 who this week completed their SATS tests. They absolutely 'smashed' them, taking everything in their stride and ensuring that they truly flourished during the tests, to show their fantastic knowledge. We are so proud of you all. Thank you to Miss Keedwell and Mrs Lee for the way you have prepared the children, ensuring that at all times the children fully understood that they themselves are far more important than any test - thank you so much. The preparations for Finding Nemo are almost complete and I have to say the show looks awesome, you are in for an absolute treat next week. See you all on Sunday for our final rehearsal and of course our pizza and ice cream feast. On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> we celebrated a whole school Mass in school for the feast of the Ascension, thank you to the Nursery children and staff who joined us for the first time for a whole school Mass - you were an absolute credit. **WELL DONE.** Another fantastic sporting week again this week, see below for detailed reports, well done everyone. Have a superb weekend all.

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**Nursery** This week we enjoyed reading *Handa's Surprise*. The children loved listening to the story about Handa carrying a basket of delicious fruit to surprise her friend. They had great fun guessing which fruit would disappear next and talking about the different animals in the story. The children made their own bright and colourful fruit baskets and explored the different fruits from the story. We talked about what was the same and what was different, using words to describe colours, shapes, sizes and textures.

**Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team**

**Reception** We started finishing off learning how rainbows are formed and worked as a team to make a large paper chain rainbow which is now happily displayed in class. We then went outside with the bubbles to see if we could see rainbows in the bubbles. Reception have had lots of fun learning about chicks for the rest of the week. Our main text was 'The Missing Chick' and song was 'Spring Chicken'. The children learned about the life cycle of a chick, wrote dictated sentences about chicks and made fork painted chicks. What a wonderful way to brighten up our class.

**Mrs Turley and the early years team.**

**Year 1.** What a wonderful week we have had. We have thoroughly enjoyed having the ducklings visit us our class this week. We were taken by surprise when Mr Noisy hatched on Day 1! Thankfully he now has some more companions called Daisy and Sunny. We have another one trying to hatch as we speak! We are so proud of each and everyone of the children who have overcome any fears and held both of our new class mates...the ducklings! Thank you to all the children/parents who volunteered to take them home this weekend. [Congratulations](#) to Imogen who was chosen, we know our ducklings will be in safe hands till Monday! Please can you keep an eye on reading packets for any extra phonics digraphs that your child needs to practise at home.

**Mrs McCabe**

**Year 2** I have been impressed with Year 2's creativity this week! You have been working really hard on including lots of different features in your writing and keeping your presentation consistent, so that your write up will be the very best! In Science, we have enjoyed observing our cress plants and understanding how different conditions impact the growth of a plant. We have moved onto measurement in Maths and made a great start with measuring in centimetres and metres. Next week, we look forward to our trip to the library on Wednesday and our special St Anne's celebration day on Thursday. Have a nice weekend everyone!

**Miss Regan**

**Year 3** This week year 3 have been learning to tell the time. We are using analogue and digital clocks and next week we will learn a bit more about the 24-hour clock. We have been learning about the consecration of the gifts during Mass in R.E and have investigated light in Science. Next week is a busy week and we will start to practise for our First Holy Communion. We also look forward to Our Saint Anne's celebration day.

**Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston**

**Year 4** Another brilliant week in Year 4! We had a fantastic swimming lesson on Monday and Mrs Baynham Hughes and I have been really impressed with your positive attitudes in every session. We are looking forward to our final session next week where we will be celebrating all of the progress you have made- well done! We are continuing our hard work practising for our multiplication check. We are using Soundcheck on TTRS each day and I am so proud of all of the incredible progress you have been making. We have lots of posters to remind us of tricky tables around the classroom and are trying our best to move up the TTRS leaderboard. On Friday, we had a brilliant time at Cadbury World and particularly enjoyed tasting the chocolate. This is going to be a great introduction to our class text, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory which we will be starting after half-term. Enjoy your weekend!

**Miss Jones**

**Year 5** Year 5 has been a hive of activity and hard work this week. We have finished off TWO of our Science topics this week - Space and Growing Bodies - and have started our final topic, lifecycles of different animals. In Geography we are making links between climate zones and biomes and in RE we are coming to the end of our Easter unit - just in time for the arrival of Pentecost. We are enjoying making our way through 'Holes' and I have been very impressed with the persuasive writing that you have produced. Have a great weekend!

**Mr Caddick**

**Year 6** What a week! I am so proud of you all and your focus, calm manner and confidence has been a joy to see as you attacked your SATs this week. Mrs Lee and I have been so impressed with the way in which you have approached this term and know that you have all done your very best. Looking forward to lots of history, writing, science and Skellig next week.

**Miss Keedwell**

### Headteacher Awards

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| Nursery   | Hallie & Kellan  |
| Reception | Vian & Leon      |
| Year 1    | Rae & Cillian    |
| Year 2    | Eshan & Jamie    |
| Year 3    | Charlie & Teddy  |
| Year 4    | Florence & Tyler |
| Year 5    | Nikodem & Emily  |
| Year 6    | Jenson & Holly   |

All presented at Celebration Assembly on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May @ 9am all parents welcome.

### Values & Virtues

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| Nursery   | Peggy & Hattie  |
| Reception | Emilia & Nelly  |
| Year 1    | Eloise & Sienna |
| Year 2    | Polly & Elowen  |
| Year 3    | Gracie & Kaylon |
| Year 4    | Matilda & Caleb |
| Year 5    | Rome & Noah     |
| Year 6    | James & Dolly   |

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### Learn Its Movers Year 3

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|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Azzurra     | Gracie                      |
| Charlie     | Ella who completed Ultimate |
| Rogan       |                             |
| Louis       |                             |
| Ruby Rupert |                             |
| Alfie       |                             |
| Daria       |                             |
| Anna        |                             |
| Teddy       |                             |

### TTRS - Pro Badges - our first ever

Grace and Sophia this is a fantastic achievement; this is the first time that pupils have gained this standard. Well done.



*Roll of Honour*

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  |
|------------|--|
| Y2         | Cillian was awarded player of the match on his first ever football session   |
| Y4         | Daisy and Honor - <a href="#">congratulations</a> on being crowned Staffordshire Girls U9's champions for the second year running with Ace Miami |
| Y5         | Emily Got her pass certificate in sailing, achieving her level on and two within 4 weeks.  |

#### Sportsmanship of the week award

Arthur, Oliver G and George for refereeing after school football matches in their own time. We have received comments from both parents and school teachers on how well you all managed the game. One person mentioned that you were of an equal standard, if not better than some referees they see at the weekends. A future career???



**Y3/Y4 Boys** some of the boys were putting on the St Anne's jersey for the first time and came up against a very strong and physical Delves school in the Walsall League. We started strong but went behind to two quick goals midway through the first half. Kaylon earned a free kick and placed it too well for the goalkeeper to make it 2-1 at halftime. Unfortunately after the break, Delves came out really strong and the game finished 4-1. A great first game for some of the children and I was very proud of the performance considering they have not all played together before.



**Y6/Y5 Girls** last Friday took on Lindens on a friendly. I believe we were the better side and probably should have scored more goals but it wasn't meant to be.

After going behind to an unfortunate goal, we continued to put pressure on their defence and managed to grab a goal back to earn a 1-1 draw. Well done to Ava on an excellent strike.

**Y4 Girls**. These girls are going to take some beating. Again, some girls representing St Anne's for the first time. A true squad performance with everyone showing fantastic determination to win back the ball. Our attacking play was excellent, but this mostly came from the fantastic distribution from goalkeeper Aluna. Goals from Honor (4), Daisy (3) and Lola (1). I forgot the photo, sorry girls!

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.*

**Please pray for Michael Flower as he prepares for his ordination to the Diaconate.**

**O God, who have taught the ministers of your church to seek not to be served but to serve, their brothers and sisters, grant, we pray, that these servants, whom you graciously choose for the office of Deacon, may be effective in action, gentle in ministry, and constant in your prayer.**

Based on the gospel for Sunday 17 May, Seventh Sunday of Easter: John 17:1-11

"And this is eternal life, that they know you are the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

Today's gospel begins with Jesus thanking his Father for accomplishing all that he was sent on earth to do. He has fulfilled his mission of salvation, giving us the possibility of an eternity of sharing in God's love.

Jesus knows he has left the new Church in safe hands and that the apostles are ready and eager to carry on his mission on earth. They belong fully to God, as we do when we listen and live our lives as far as possible in unity with Jesus and his mission.

While Jesus is no longer on earth it is our mission to bring the Good News to all. We do it by word and deed - praying and preaching the Gospel and helping others in need, especially those who are poor, vulnerable or marginalised. This is our Christian faith in action.

Based on the gospel for Sunday 17 May, Seventh Sunday of Easter: John 17:1-11

"And this is eternal life, that they know you are the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

O God, we ask you to bless the many workers of aid agencies throughout the world who work alongside those who seek to transform their lives. As we thank you, we also ask that many more may give their energy to make our world a better and happier place for all. 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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**Thank you for your support  
Why not try to do something for the  
community could you join a community letter  
pick or could you and your child go on your  
own litter pick. If you do, please send in  
photos.**

The piety shop at Church has a large selection of First Holy Communion items.

- Cards
- Bibles
- Prayer books
- Medals
- Rosary Beads

Please pop along when Church is opened to view this wide selection of gifts. Please pass this information to family and friends as many will wish to purchase items to mark this special occasion.