



HEADLINES

	JUNE
1 st	Return to school after half term Lunchtime Boxing Club Y6 Laches Wood Zoom 7pm 848 6960 3483 passcode 803281
2 nd	BCSS Athletics @ Alexander Stadium 1-4pm 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 Alton Castle zoom year 4 parents
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
12 th	Go Green for St John's Ambulance suggested donation £1 Y5 Dance all day (separate message sent) EYFS 2:30pm Parent and child reading session
13 th	Family Parish Mass for Y1/Y2 and Y4 @ 6pm
14 th	Bishop Timothy saying Mass @ SMA Church
15 th	National Sports Week St Johns Ambulance in EYFS
16 th	Y3 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am St Johns Ambulance in KS1 Y6 boys football v Croft
17 th	St Johns Ambulance in KS2 Y2 Mass in school @ 9am Y5/6 Girls Finals @ Bescot Y5/6 Online Safety Workshop (with parents) 2:20-3:10pm Y5/6 Netball @ Streetly 3:45pm
18 th	New to Nursery September 2026 parents meeting @ 1:30pm
19 th	Sports Day details to follow
20 th	First Holy Communion @ 11am and 1pm
22 nd	St Johns Ambulance in KS2 Online safety workshop 2:00 - 2:45pm
23 rd	St Johns Ambulance in KS2

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The word is **Pentecost**. Be the flame that sets the world on fire.

**Tuesday 2nd June Y5 Mass @ Church
Saturday 6th June Y3 Family Parish Mass for FHC.**



Headteacher Message

What an incredible half term that was, and the final week has been truly exceptional. Well done Year 6 on your SATS performance - now enjoy the sunshine. Our final week started with the awesome performances of Finding Nemo, drama club you were fantastic. Thank you to all of the staff that made that possible, especially Mr. Johnston. We have had a huge amount of sporting competitions again this week, well done to all who took part and to Mrs Baynam-Hughes for your organisation. Our highlight of the week was our Saint Anne's Celebration Day. This was organised by the GIFT/Caritas team and they really did a wonderful job, that you Mrs. Flower for facilitating. Father celebrated a prayerful Mass, followed by a wonderful procession that culminated in the crowning of Mary. Thank you to the families that joined us for this special event. Then we had our celebration lunch and our afternoon of fun and activity. There wasn't a single incident of a child being inappropriate during the whole afternoon, your teachers and I are so proud of you. I'm glad it was 'The best day ever.' Now have a wonderful sun-filled holiday and enjoy some quality family time. God bless and stay safe.

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Nursery This week in Nursery, we continued exploring the story of Handa's Surprise and the children enjoyed using bubble wrap to create colourful fruit prints. We also had a fabulous St Anne's feast day celebration. The children collaged pictures of St Anne, had great fun riding wheeled toys on the playground, and enjoyed a delicious cake together. We hope you all have a lovely and restful week off!

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception What a brilliant but busy week the children have had. We've completed the Daily Mile every day, been to church on Tuesday with our Special Friends and made our Rosary Beads. These will be kept in school until they have been blessed by Father Gwil next term. We had a wonderful last 2 days - celebrating St Anne, taking part in our May Procession and spending quality time with our Special Friends. The children enjoyed their class party on Wednesday afternoon for Aaron. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing all of Aaron's family safe travels and prayers for their new life in Australia.

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1. What a beautiful half term we have had. We have certainly enjoyed Miss Knott and Miss Lloyd teaching us this half term. We have especially enjoyed our time with the ducklings and we have also celebrated our class rewards with extra play time on the Muga! We are working extremely hard to make sure we are practising our cursive handwriting joins and it is incredible to see the progress of those who are now joining all their letters together. Well done Year 1. It's been an emotional week saying goodbye to the ducklings and Thank You to Miss Knott but we look forward to an enjoyable half term week.

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 I am proud of your progress this half term year 2! We have had fun this week- I know lots of you loved watching drama group perform Finding Nemo and celebrating our special St Anne's Day. You thought of lots of lovely ways in which we can pray to St Anne for our families. I've loved seeing you embrace our writing topic on dragons too. Have a great half term break- stay safe in the lovely sunshine!

Miss Regan

Year 3 Well done to year 3 on a busy, hardworking half term. You are becoming more and more independent and I am really proud of your attitude to your learning. We look forward to Holy Communion, Sports Day and our school trip. Have a restful holiday and enjoy the weather.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 Well done for working so hard this half-term Year 4! On Monday, we finished our swimming lessons at Streetly Academy with a fun swimming session. We loved being able to use the skills we had learnt this term alongside lots of exciting equipment! We have enjoyed continuing our work on Anglo-Saxon Boy and have been busy writing speeches to persuade King Harold to select us as the next housecarl. On Thursday we celebrated a lovely St. Anne's day and were interested to find out more about her life. We celebrated with lots of fun activities on the field. Please note that there will no longer be swimming after half-term and children will only need to come into school on Mondays and Wednesdays in their school PE kit. Have a wonderful break!

Miss Jones

Year 5 It's been a very busy half term Year 5 and you have worked extremely hard! We have welcomed Miss Begum to our classroom and are looking forward to her teaching more during the first three weeks after the half term break. It looks like we will be blessed with the weather over the holiday - make sure you take care in the sun but try to have lots of fun outside! We have so much planned in the first two weeks back in June, most notably a trip to Newman college on Wednesday 10th June and our dance day at Walsall Arena on Friday 12th. Parents, please remember to buy your tickets online if you would like to see our performance. Could the children please wear a **bright coloured t-shirt** on Friday 12th with their usual PE kit black bottoms? I will send a reminder out for this after half term. Have a great one.

Mr Caddick

Year 6 What a great half term for Year 6. You smashed your revision and were cool, calm and collected whilst completing your SATs tests; your writing is going from strength to strength in all areas of the curriculum; you have all proved to be great sportsman and women on the bench all court and your science knowledge has been brilliant. Have a good half term Year 6 and come back ready for your final 7 weeks at St. Anne's!

Miss Keedwell



Sporting Achievements this year.

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

Sbaynham-hughes@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk

Year Group	Achievement
Y2	Jamie Invited to Walsall FC Training Assessment
Y4	Emilia has earned her 1-mile badge

Notices Please check your emails as we have already sent out lots of sporting invites for the first few weeks back after the break. This is a very busy term for fixtures so please continue to keep an eye out. If anyone is struggling for transport, please let us know and we will do our best to support.

Sportsmanship of the week award

To the parents who continually support the children by taking them to all the events we enter. Without you it wouldn't be possible!

THANK YOU!



We wish Nikodem, Aaron and Dominik a wonderful new life full of adventures and fun in Australia. We will miss you terribly as you are such valued members of our school community. You go onto this new venture with our thoughts, prayers and best wishes. Please keep in touch with us, we look forward to hearing all about your new school and friends. God Bless you all.



KS1 Football Tournament The Y1/Y2 football squad headed over to Bescot Stadium to play in the KS1 Tournament. The boys played some fantastic football scoring lots of goals between them all. We drew against Mayfield in our first game but once we got going, we went on to win all our remaining games. The represented the school fantastically well, some of them putting on the St Anne's shirt for the first time. Well done everyone!



Birmingham Catholic School Sport - Netball The girls were feeling fairly confident after their recent experience in the School Games Netball Competition, however, it just wasn't our day yesterday! We came up against some very skilled netball teams and I don't think we had the energy to compete after a very busy term. The girls gave 100% and we can't ask for more than that. The girls made up a song and dance which summed up the day... "we are good at this (football), but not good at this (netball)".



Y4 Girls Walsall Football League The girls headed over to Delves Primary School for the latest fixture in the Walsall League. We had a bit of a slow start compared to previous games, we went in 1-0 at half-time thanks to a goal from Honor. A few positional changes for the second half and we looked far more settled. Some excellent defensive work and passing the ball down the pitch, the game finished 4-0 with a hat-trick from Honor and a rocket of a goal from Daisy.

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 24 May, Pentecost: John 20:19-23

"And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

The disciples could not make sense of the apparent death of the Messiah, whom they had hoped would change the world. So they hid away behind locked doors. Fear was keeping them trapped: fear of retribution, fear of pain, fear of hurt.

I wonder what keeps us behind locked doors? What fears keep our hearts and souls locked away? What will it take for us to break down those barriers to begin to live life to the full?

For the apostles it was Jesus walking through a locked door and showing them the signs of the wounds in his hands and his side, the signs of the crucifixion.

Not only was he present amongst them, but he also breathed life into them. His Holy Spirit gave them renewed strength, energy and purpose. His words, "as the Father sent me, I am sending you", commissioned them to carry on his work in the world. The work of building a just and fair world where all can peacefully but passionately enjoy life to the full. "Peace be with you," said Jesus.

Can I allow myself to stand in his presence, to feel his breath upon me, to feel his peace invading me, a peace that passes all understanding?

Holy Spirit, may I be filled with you. May your love, joy and peace pervade my being. May I feel revived to live my mission of sharing your love in my community, so that your peace may spread far and wide, bringing glory to you. 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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We've made some progress and now we need to keep pushing! Last year, the Jubilee Year, we joined with others around the world to call for urgent action on the debt crisis that's having a devastating impact on low-income countries, and world leaders heard us.

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Many have agreed that action is needed, but we need concrete steps, not just words. Please sign our petition to the Prime Minister now, and help us call for a debt system that is fair, and works for everyone. Please click on the link below

[Tackle the global debt crisis now](#)

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.