



HEADLINES

	September
25 th	School Discos EYFS @ 4:00pm - 4:45pm KS1 @ 5:00pm - 6:00pm KS2 @ 6:15pm -7:30pm
26 th	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Y4/Y1
28 th	Y1/Y2 Enrichment Day
29 th	Y4 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
30 th	Y4 Mass celebrating FHC followed by Corpus Christi Procession. Y5 Library visit remember your card Y5/6 Girls Football V Bloxwich @ 3:40pm Home
	October
1 st	National Poetry Day for all year groups. 6pm Curriculum Committee in school (governors) pupils
2 nd	INSET School Closed to pupils
3 rd	Servers Mass @ St Chad's Cathedral GIFT/CARITAS/MINI-VINNIES family parish Mass @ 6pm
5 th	School photos individuals and siblings Y5/6 Girls Football v Delves @ Home 3:40pm
6 th	Y3 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Y5/6 Football V Delves home @ 3:40pm
7 th	Y4 Library visit don't forget your card Y5/6 Netball @ Walsall 10-11:30am
8 th	Online Safety by Enlightened Street Teams
9 th	EYFS Meet the Teacher Nursery @ 2:45pm. Change of date!! Reception Literacy Session for parents @ 2:45pm Online Safety by Enlightened Street Teams
10 th	Family Parish Mass for Special Friends from Y6 and Reception meet your child's special friend and their families.
12 th	Flu Nasal Sprays for pupils Reception to Y6 Y5/6 Boys Football Home V Christchurch @ 3:40pm
13 th	Y2 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am 9:30-11:00 Benchball @ Manor Farm 6pm @ Church meeting for Y6 parents Confirmation
14 th	Y5 residential @ Alton Castle to Friday 16 th October
15 th	Y5 Alton Castle. Y4 Mass in School. Y3 library visit
16 th	Rags 2 Riches. Y1 trip to Whythall
17 th	Y2 Trip to Warwick Castle
19 th	Y5/6 Girls Premier League Bescot 12 -3pm



The word is **Messenger**. We are a messenger for Jesus let our actions and words always try to mirror this.

Tuesday 29th September Y4 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am.

Wednesday 30th September Whole School Mass Celebration of Y4 FHC with Procession.to church.



Headteacher Message

This week saw our forest school reopen to our pupils. The space has been totally revamped and is now a wonderful space for the children to explore and extend their learning. Thank you to Mr. Spencer who has worked so hard to make this a reality for us. This week, he told Mrs. Johnston he was donating his time for free, and she can use his fee to buy more items for Forest School. What a kind Heart - thank you. Today, after school we have our first fundraiser with our school discos, they really are fun events, and I am looking forward to seeing you all there. To parents new to us this year, we hope you will join us as these events are a great way to meet other parents whilst your child has fun. Thank you to the parents who attended the Meet the Teacher meeting today, we hope the information given helps you to support your child. Fr. Gwil says thank you to Nursery and Reception who attended our welcome Mass last Saturday. This weekend he is looking forward to welcoming Year 4 and Year 1 on Saturday evening at 6pm. We pray for Pope Leo's visit to France this weekend, may it be fruitful. Have a wonderful weekend everyone and see you all at the discos later. KS2 please remember no mobile phones at the disco - thank you.

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Nursery This week, the children have been learning about all the wonderful things God has made. We have talked about the amazing animals and beautiful world around us, and the children have enjoyed using a variety of art materials to create their own colourful animals. We have also been talking about our families and the special people who live in our homes, sharing lots of lovely ideas and experiences with one another. The children enjoyed drawing pictures of their families and creating their own houses using lolly pop sticks.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception. Another week of firsts in Reception. On Thursday we changed into our PE kits for the first time. Well done to the children who dressed themselves - the children were very proud and moved straight to gold on our behaviour chart. The children learned how to be safe in the space, practised moving in a variety of ways, how to stop on command and the effects of exercise on our hearts. Today, the children went to Woodlands Forest School for the first time - much fun, water and mud! Thank you to those parents who joined me this afternoon for our Meet the Teacher. Please look in your child's reading packets for notes from Meet the Teacher and their name reading and writing games for home.

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1. We have had another wonderful week in year 1! This week we had our very first Forest school session which was defiantly a huge hit, they loved climbing, exploring and investigating! We have done lots of new enhanced provision activities this week one of which linked to our new history topic, children were learning all about transport and the different types of vehicles or forms of transport. We also had a very exciting delivery of some new equipment in our outdoor area, children have loved using pipes and tubes to create ball runs and houses we have a true spirit for imagination this year which is so lovely to see. In RE we have been learning all about how God created the earth and how we can show good stewardship to look after all that God created. Can your children remember what stewardship means?

Mrs McCabe, Mr Johnston & Y1 Team

Year 2 A great week of progress in Year 2! It's been wonderful to see your efforts with writing in English and how you use the colourful semantic word banks to make your own choices and show off your ideas. We are now focusing upon cursive joins in handwriting and I know you will continue to work hard on this to develop your writing style and presentation. Details regarding this half term's history homework has now been sent and I look forward to seeing your brilliant creativity! See you on Monday for our first enrichment day of the year. Have a nice weekend everyone.

Miss Regan

Year 3 A great week in Year 3. We are working hard in all areas of our work with a particular focus on presentation in all our work. I was particularly impressed with your individual mosaics in RE. Thank you to everyone who is making such an effort with their homework. We had 19 Reading Journals handed in this week. Can we beat this next week? Hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the Disco.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 This week, we have been busy doing more work on the story of Abraham and Isaac in RE. We enjoyed writing some letters from the perspective of Abraham writing to his wife Sarah. We had another lovely Liturgy session on Thursday with our prayer leaders leading us through the Wednesday word, 'change'. In maths, we have been learning to partition numbers in different ways and have been adding 1, 10, 100 and 1000 to four-digit numbers. Please see Google Classroom again for this week's homework.

Miss Jones

Year 5 Another week flies by Year 5! We have enjoyed getting further into Gunnar's adventures in 'Viking Boy' - I am looking forward to reading your own versions of Chapter 5 next week. In RE, we are learning about the Ten Commandments and how they teach us to love God and love one another. Our Science investigation about absorbency was a great success and we have collected some excellent results to feedback in our project. Look out for some photos on Facebook. Have a great weekend and remember to practise your new spellings and get your reading journal in by Thursday at the latest!

Mr Caddick

Year 6 Thank you for your hard work this week. You have impressed Mrs Lee and me with your problem solving and improvement with arithmetic. We have been focusing on improving subordination and noun phrases in our writing and I am looking forward to reading your finished diary entries about the bus sabotage. You were real historians again when you used photographs, telegrams and interviews to discover why people left the Caribbean to come to England in 1948. We are well into our Confirmation preparation now, so you need to look at your Saint's name and do a bit of research to discern why this is the best Confirmation saint for you. Remember to make a start on your homework!

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery:	Kylian & Robyn
Reception:	Ivy & Felicity
Year 1:	Mila R & Gabriel
Year 2:	Rae & Jaxon
Year 3:	Polly & Riley
Year 4:	Keira & Amelie
Year 5:	Olive & Sienna
Year 6:	Patrick & Eva

Congratulations everyone, certificates will be awarded during Monday assembly.

Learn Its Movers

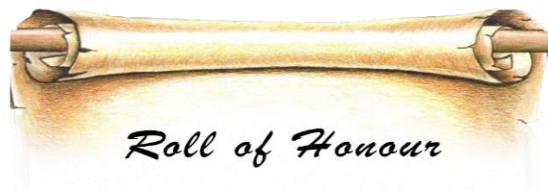
Year 2: Rose & Lara

Year 3:

Year 4: Isla, Darcie, Conor, Amelie



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

Remember PE kit is as follows:

Black Shorts

School PE T Shirt

Trainers

Socks for girls (if they are wearing tights)

In winter (or if preferred) Plain Black Tracksuit no logos

No earrings, so your child needs to remove them or if they can't please leave them at home that day.

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Sports Awards

Reception - Poppy B has achieved her 5mtr swimming badge

Y2 - Dexter, James and Hudson have all played their first rugby game for Veseyans

Y3- Cillian scored 3 tries for Veseyans RC over the weekend.

Y4 - Darcie achieved her 50mtr swimming badge

Y4 - Kaylon was awarded parents player for his two goals and general great match play.

Y5 - George got player of the match for Ace Leverkusen

Y5 - Honor scored a hat-trick for Walsall u10's

Y5 - Daisy scored two goals for Ace Miami

Y5 - Lola got Player of the Match for Burntwood Phoenix

Y5 - Aluna has successfully secured a spot in the Birmingham Panthers U12's Netball Squad after trials

Y6 - Cassius was asked to play a midweek fixture for Birmingham City on Wednesday night - we look forward to hearing the feedback you received.

Sports Personality of the Week

Alexander W (Y6) for coming into the boys football team very last minute and delivering a solid performance.

Results and Fixtures

The Y5/Y6 boys team took on Bloxwich on Wednesday Evening in the 1st round of the Walsall Boys League. The boys kept their composure after going 1-0 down to draw level through a well-placed goal from Jackson. Player of the Match was Charlie for his fantastic distribution from goal but also, he made some outstanding saves to keep us in the game.

Next week it's the girls turn to play Bloxwich at home in their league match. Email messages have already been sent out for those girls selected for this game and the team sheet is on the PE notice board.



Based on the gospel for Sunday 27 September, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Matthew 21:28-32

"Which of the two did the will of his father?"

Reflecting on the parable of two sons, we might ask how we have responded to our Lord's calling in our lives to work in the vineyard of his creation? How have we used our God given talents to bring about love, peace and justice for all our brothers and sisters?

We hope not to have responded like the second brother. Despite his outward acceptance, he refuses to do his father's bidding, rejecting his calling, refusing to serve, letting things get in the way of doing the will of God.

St Oscar Romero spoke of those in El Salvador who might outwardly observe their religion, but were not prepared to speak out and call for change. They may even have been complicit in injustice, or perpetrated wrongdoing towards others, clinging to and misusing their power and wealth.

We hope to have responded like the first brother ultimately does. St Oscar spoke of modelling ourselves on the kenosis of Christ, to empty ourselves of pride and self-interest, to humbly follow Christ's call to bring love and justice to his vineyard. He said "the glory of the church is... to bear in her inmost self the essence of the kenosis of Christ, that is why she must be humble and poor"

In this special Jubilee Year commemorating the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi's death, Pope Leo XIV calls us to follow St Francis's example and become saints in our world. We can be inspired by someone who abandoned his wealthy background and worldly dreams, to embrace a life of radical poverty and Christian charity.

Loving God, may the example of St Francis spur all of us, each according to our possibilities to imitate the poor man of Assisi and form ourselves as far as possible on the model of Christ. Amen.

Prayer based on Pope Leo's official decree proclaiming the Jubilee Year of St Francis.



The gift of living water

Discover how a child's unexpected answer to a common question offers a powerful lesson on caring for our common home this Season of Creation in our new blog.

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Harvest appeal

Next Friday is Family Fast Day. By eating simply and giving what you save, you can help children stay in school by providing the food and safe water they need.

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This half term our Catholic Social Teaching focus is:

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.

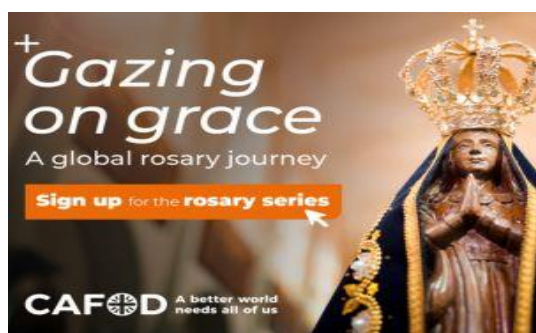
We are encouraging all of our children to think about ways in which we can protect the planet, be good stewards of our planet and ensure that there is a legacy for future generations.



Call for action on debt crisis

Sign our petition and call on the UK government to use its G20 presidency to fix the debt system.

	Sign the petition	
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Gazing on grace

This October, join CAFOD for *Gazing on grace*: a weekly rosary series featuring images of Mary from across our global family.

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We have two vacancies on school:

Lunchtime supervisor Monday to Friday
12:00pm to 1:30pm

After school club 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Please ring the school office on 0121 353 5114
for an application pack and information.