



HEADLINES

	October
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 Girls 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 (2 days) Footgolf @ Aldridge 9:15am - 10:30am
9 th	EYFS Meet the Teacher Nursery @ 2:45pm. Change of date!! Reception Literacy Session for parents @ 2:45pm Y5/6 Girls football V Christ Church MUFTI DAY for SVP Foodbank McMillan Coffee Morning 9-10am
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	Y4 Mass in School 9am Y5 residential @ Alton Castle to Friday 16 th October Y3 Library Visit don't forget your card.
15 th	Y5 Alton Castle. Rags 2 Riches Y1 trip to Whythall
16 th	Y2 Trip to Warwick Castle
17 th	Y3/Y2 Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
19 th	Y5/6 Girls Premier League Bescot 12 -3pm
20 th	Open Day for Nursery and Reception places 2027 Please call school office for an appointment
21 st	Whole School Harvest Mass Open Day for Nursery and Reception places 2027 Y3/Y4 Theatre Trip The Snowman 1-4pm Y5/Y6 Football @ Star City
22 nd	Catholic Schools' Boy's Football 1-4pm
23 rd	Celebration Assembly @ 9am parents invited



The word is **invitation**. Jesus invites each and every one of us to share in his feast, we just need to accept.

Tuesday 6th October Y3 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am.

Wednesday 7th October No Mass in school this week.



Headteacher Message

I hope that you all take advantage of the long weekend and have some extra family time together (if possible). What a wonderful Whole School Mass and procession we had on Wednesday celebrating our Year 4 pupils. Giving thanks for them, receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist, coming together as a school community to pray for them and their families. This weekend, Fr. Gwil and I are inviting pupils from years 4, 5 and 6 to join us at Mass to make their commitment to leadership across school. These children will form our GIFT/Caritas and Mini-Vinnies groups for the year. This year we are very excited as we are going to join forces with the newly formed SVP group in the parish to do some interesting and hopefully life enhancing work for our parish community. Finally, yesterday Wendy Morton MP came to visit school, to congratulate us our academic successes last year. Once again school is in the top **1% of schools in the country**. This is an incredible achievement, there are over 25,000 primary schools in the country and we are in the top 250 our final position will be validated by December. Thank you to our amazing teachers, our pupils and families who have worked collaboratively to make this happen. We always want the best academically for our pupils whilst never moving away from our core mission to Live, Love and learn together. Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

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Nursery This week, we have continued exploring our topic "God Made Me." We have been talking about the things we like and dislike, which has led to some lovely conversations with the children. We enjoyed sharing our favourite foods and animals, as well as talking about some of the things we don't like. Spiders and the dark were among some of the popular answers! The children have also had lots of fun exploring our new car wash. We look forward to seeing you all at Meet the Teacher next Friday!

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception. What a wonderful week we've had in Reception. The children thoroughly enjoyed their Aston Villa football training on Thursday afternoon. It was wonderful to see the children running, taking turns, following instructions and trying their best. This will continue every Thursday afternoon. The children have been learning Nursery Rhymes this week, focusing on Humpty Dumpty. Ask your child if they can perform the rhyme for you. They have also been learning that God made people for us to love and care for. We tried to show how we can care for the children and adults in our class. We've also learned how to draw pictures of our faces and find the right colours for our eyes and hair.

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1. Year 1 had a fabulous start to their week as they completed their first enrichment day. They tasted many different fruits. Some they liked and some were not liked but it was a joy to see them having fun during the tasting session and we were incredibly proud to see every child taste everything. Can your child tell you what fruits they tasted? We also had an excellent finish to our week looking at the poem, 'Counting to Ten' by Joseph Coelho. We explored lots of different emotions and the children loved performing this in class. Can they remember any of their actions?

Mrs McCabe, Mr Johnston & Y1 Team

Year 2 We had a great start to the week with our first enrichment day! Everyone was very enthusiastic and enjoyed using their senses to try the different fruits and choose your favourites. In R.E, we have been exploring stewardship and what it means to be a good steward- we enjoyed doing some role play and exploring different scenarios on the field. Mrs Swann has also been impressed with your energy and participation in Dance- keep it up Year 2! Enjoy your long weekend.

Miss Regan

Year 3 Well done for all your hard work this week. In RE, we have spent a lot of time talking about dignity and respect for all. You all had some amazing ideas about how we treat each everyone with respect no matter their background. We then wrote a fantastic version of St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of Creation thinking about how we see God's goodness in the world. Another highlight of our week was seeing how many people have moved up on their Learn Its this week. We are getting into the swing of things now. I wonder how many we will move next week? Enjoy your long weekend.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 Well done for working hard again this week, Year 4. We have enjoyed learning more about Abraham in RE this week and we particularly enjoyed making paper chains to show how God's covenant passed down the generations of Abraham's family. In Maths, we have been busy practising our 4 times table. Well done to everyone for continuing to work hard on this. Thank you to Mrs Robinson for helping Year 4 with their First Holy Communion Mass. You all read beautifully on Wednesday. Please see Google Classroom for this week's homework.

Miss Jones

Year 5 Although it's only been a 4-day week this week Year 5, we have managed to fit a lot in! We have finished our final lesson in the first Maths unit and you have made excellent progress. We started to plan our 'Gunnar's Close Escape' story - you had some AMAZING ideas and I look forward to reading your finished stories next week. In Geography, you have created some brilliant maps and scale plans of a bedroom. Have an incredible long weekend and let's hope that swimming is back on, on Monday - see you then!

Mr Caddick

Year 6 Another very busy week in Year 6. We are working hard to develop and improve our writing, using more advanced punctuation and vocabulary. Maths problem solving is greatly improving and your explanations are top notch. I was so impressed with your Stewardship speeches in RE this week - you were able to link the baptismal covenant to our virtues of Faith, Hope and Love and explain how we should take action on behalf of the planet. There are now only a few weeks left until Confirmation and your confirmation saints names need to be considered and chosen. I have put the link for all of the songs for the Travelling through Christmas show on the class web pages so please make sure that you listen to them and learn them by heart.

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery:	Hari & Amelia
Reception:	Jude & Louie
Year 1:	Bobby & Essie
Year 2:	Dexter & Scarlett
Year 3:	Francesca & Lewis
Year 4:	Alicia & Harper
Year 5:	Finley & Freddie
Year 6:	Alexander & Lilly

Congratulations everyone, certificates will be awarded during Monday assembly.

Learn Its Movers

Year 2:

Year 3: Charlie, Luna, Riley, Lewis, George, Theo, Francesca, Theo Rav.

Year 4:

TTRS AWARDS

Congratulations Nora, Amelie and Ella all Rock Legends - badges will be awarded in Congratulations assembly on 23rd October.



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

Y1 - Jacob has moved up a group in swimming after trying really hard in his lessons

Y4 - Harper took part in her first netball tournament for Aldridge

Y5 - Aluna won the Birmingham Panthers tournament with her team Sutton Town Giants

Y5 - Lola scored her first goal for Burntwood Phoenix Boys

Sports Personalities of the Week

Y3 for excellent effort with skipping so far this term in PE. They have shown great determination to succeed even when they are finding it a little bit tricky! They are excited to show their skills off in sports day next year!

Results and Fixtures

Girls Football - The girls took on Bloxwich in their first league fixture of the season unfortunately losing 2-1 in a fairly contested game. Goal scorer and POM went to Lola for her determination and effort to try win the ball back, especially when we went 2-1 down.

Aston Villa - This week we've had Amber from Aston Villa start her work with Reception. This week the focus was ball control, listening and changing direction. Amber was very impressed with how hard they all worked and the progression she has seen from those who she worked with last academic year.

Next week - Our School Games activities start next week with netball for years Y5/6 and Footgolf for Y3 as well as two home fixtures for the girls football in the league. Invites have been sent out for these events but if you would like to your child to participate in future events, please ask your child to speak to Mrs Baynham-Hughes on school.

Girls Football Team - well done



Coach Amber is back Yipee!!







Based on the gospel for Sunday 4 October, Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 21:33-43

"He will... let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons"

Envy is like a poison which taints everything in our lives. In the parable, the landlord leases his new vineyard to tenants, but when the harvest comes, the tenants are envious of the landowner's wealth. They abuse the rent collectors and ultimately kill the heir to achieve their own ends. We, too, can be envious in many ways - of reputation, property, personality, talents, and even good looks.

This poison can take root when we forget that we are all tenants here on earth, taking care of God's creation. We are called to share the fruits of our harvest, making sure we do not keep it all for ourselves. Yet, in today's world of unbalanced wealth, so many people live on the edge of existence due to famine, war, and climate emergencies like devastating floods.

In the parable, the heir is put to death, and we can recognise that Jesus is foretelling his own death as his popularity becomes the envy of the leading authorities. It is a warning for us today that the destruction of human life is often the result of unbridled desire. We must always be on our guard against envy. Our prayer should be for the wellbeing of all, finding contentment as caretakers of God's world while producing fruits of peace and plenty for all people.

Dear God, you have given us so many good things to enjoy in our lives, give us generous hearts to share all that we possess with others so that our world will become a place for friendship, sharing and caring for all. Amen.



Harvest Family Fast Day

Today 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.

Family Fast Day prayer

Join us in praying this Family Fast Day as we praise God for his gifts and ask that we may hunger and thirst for a better world, where we put our faith into action.

[Pray with us](#)

[Give today](#)



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.



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.

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St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

The SVP is here to support members of our local community who may be struggling and would benefit from practical help or a listening ear. If you or someone you know needs support, please get in touch with us at PresidentF021210@svp.org.uk or contact us on Facebook via our page, [SVP Streetly St Anne's](#).

We are also looking for new volunteers to join our team. If you can spare a little time and would like to help us support those in need within our parish and local community, we'd love to hear from you. For more information, please contact Tom Baynham-Hughes at PresidentF021210@svp.org.uk

