



HEADLINES

	October
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 Y5/6 Boys V Pheasey @ home
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 10:15-11:45 Dodgeball @ Bl:oxwich
23 rd	Celebration Assembly @ 9am parents invited EYFS Parent and Child Reading Session @ 2:45pm Y5/6 Football Girls V Pheasey @ Home
	NOVEMBER
2 nd	Whole School Mass - please have your memory boxes for the lives of our lost loved ones.
5 th	Confirmation @ 6pm @ Church -Bishop Timothy
6 th	Y6 Wreath laying @ Barr Beacon
7 th	Whole School Family Parish Mass Lives of Lost Loved Ones Boxes to Church 6pm
10 th	Y6 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Y5/6 Boys Match V Delves away Kick Off 3pm
11 th	Y5 Mass in school Y4/5 to All Saints Remembrance Service
14 th	Family Parish Mass Y6 receive Confirmation Certificates @ 6pm
16 th	Nursery parents Meeting reference Reception 2027 @ 2:30pm - School Hall.

Word



The word is **Gratitude**. This week let us be people who give thanks for what we have - remember to say thank you for our gifts and talents

Tuesday 13th October Y2 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
Wednesday 14th October Y4 Mass in school @ 9am



Headteacher Message

Today our Mini Vinnies hosted a truly wonderful coffee morning for parents, grandparents and friends, it really was a great occasion. It is lovely to come together in community as a family to help such a worthwhile charity. We raised £300 for McMillan Cancer Care. Thank you to everyone who supported by attending or donating cakes - you really do make a difference.

Then, our Caritas and Mini Vinnies Team, asked for a MUFTI to help stock the shop at church for our SVP group. As always, your response was truly impressive. Sr. Lizzie, Fr. Gwil and Pauline were overwhelmed by your generosity and this will make such a difference to those in our local community in real need. You truly embrace being Christ centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts.

On Saturday, I am looking forward to one of my favourite Masses of the entire year when our special friends come together for a blessing and the families get a chance to meet each other. Let us raise the roof in praise of these wonderful relationships, that really are of mutual benefit.

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Nursery This week, we have continued exploring the theme of Autumn. The children have enjoyed rolling conkers through paint to create colourful artwork, as well as collecting leaves and talking about the different colours and changes we can see around us. We have also been learning the song 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow', which the children have thoroughly enjoyed singing and joining in with. Next week, we will be talking about when we were babies and exploring how we have grown and changed over time. To support our discussions, please could you send in a photograph of your child as a baby. Thank you for your continued support!

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception. The children were very excited on Monday to begin the more formal lessons of Level 2 phonics. The children were introduced to Kit, Sam, Mum, Dad & Robot Rick. They have learned to say the sounds for the letters s, a & t meaning that on Wednesday they finally read their first word! The children are starting to learn to form these letters too. Our role play corner has transformed into a building site and children have especially enjoyed digging in the stones and measuring the bricks. On Wednesday, the children finally met their Y6 Special Friends. A note has been sent home with the name of your child's Special Friend along with an invitation to our Special Friend Family Mass on Saturday at 6pm.

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1. What a joy it has been to be learning about Creation in RE and how to be stewards of God's beautiful world. This week we had the opportunity to send 'Thank You' cards to members of our community and it was a pleasure to watch the children hand over their cards to some very special people who also help to look after God's world, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! We had a wonderful time on our Autumn walk to celebrate the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. Not only did we look for signs of Autumn but we also looked for ways to be stewards of God's world. Thank you to those who also became litter pickers on the walk! Thank you also for all your donations today, we all enjoyed having some cake at breaktime!

Mrs McCabe, Mr Johnston & Y1 Team

Year 2 This week, Year 2 have enjoyed using their imaginations in English and having a go at writing a poem. We liked thinking of silly noun and adjective combinations like our knees being smelly cheese! You made lots of great contributions during our online safety workshop and we will remember, 'Before you tap and click, you need to stop and think and tell someone!' Don't forget we are at church on Tuesday morning and we have lots to look forward to with our trip to Warwick Castle on Friday. Have a nice weekend everyone.

Miss Regan

Year 3 A brilliant week in Year 3. We finished our amazing Stone Age stories. In RE, we have been thinking about being Stewards of Creation and we have all chosen a promise that we are going to keep to look after God's world. We know that good habits can really make a difference. Well done for all your hard work this week. Keep practising those Learn Its - we want some movers next week.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 Another great week in Year 4. This week, we have loved our poetry work on Joseph Coelho. We listened to his poem called, 'Phone' and created our own poems about everyday objects. We really enjoyed thinking about the things that our object may grumble about and added some funny phrases into our work. In maths, we have been estimating numbers on a number line up to 10,000. Thank you to Deacon Michael who came into class on Tuesday to speak to us about being Altar Servers. We asked lots of interesting questions and enjoyed listening to his experiences. We also had a lovely library visit to Streetly Library on Wednesday where we enjoyed choosing our new books. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Jones

Year 5 What a week Year 5! Mrs Flower and I are so impressed with your arithmetic check scores this week - the hard work is definitely starting to pay off, well done! Your writing in English has been fantastic: we have been blown away by the way that you have created tension and suspense for Gunnar. In Science, you worked brilliantly as a team to conduct your second investigation - this time into rock hardness. Your results were very accurate. Remember to practise your times tables on TTRS if you want to win Mrs Johnston's big reward next week. Have a great weekend!

Mr Caddick

Year 6 A fantastic week of hard work Year 6. I am so impressed with the way you have analysed the poem 'Look into my Lights' by Joseph Coelho and delighted with the creative ideas for your own poems using imagery and metaphor. Maths work and problem solving is improving - remember to use correct mathematical vocabulary in your explanations. Keep working on speed writing your table lists as this will help in all aspects of maths work. On Monday I will send out Confirmation sponsor cards and look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the Confirmation parents evening. See you at Mass on Saturday.

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery:	Mabel & Bobby
Reception:	Cainan & Daisy
Year 1:	Jacob & Isla
Year 2:	Imogen & Lara
Year 3:	Luna & Radhe
Year 4:	Reuben & Alfie
Year 5:	Louie & Daisy
Year 6:	Caleb & Andrea

Congratulations everyone, certificates will be awarded during Monday assembly.

Learn Its Movers

Year 2: Kingsley & Henry

Year 3:

Year 4: Kaylon, Spencer, Quinn, Archie, Reuben, Evie

TTRS AWARDS

Congratulations Rock Legends Archie & Tillie, badges will be awarded in Congratulations assembly



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.

Sports Awards

Y1 - Gabriel got his 100mtr swimming badge!

Y3 - Aoife passed her Level 1 Ariel Grading

Y3 - Frankie got Parents Player of the match for Ace Lazio by scoring 3 goals

Y3- George also got a hat-trick for Ace Lazio

Y3 - Jamie got Managers Player for Ace Lazio

(so lovely to see all 3 boys thriving for Ace Lazio this week - fantastic team effort)

Y3 - George also received managers player for his Sunday team

Y3 - Frankie went on to score another 2 hat-tricks, also for the Sunday team!

Y4 - Ruby played in her first netball game for Little Sutton

Y5 - Olive scored 2 goals and earned the Managers Player of the Match for Burntwood Phoenix

Y5 - Lola scored 1 goal and got awarded Parents Player of the Match

Y5- Honor scored another 2 goals for Walsall FC

Sports Personality of the Week

Grace M (y5) for staying behind to support the girls football team when she hadn't been selected to play in this game, giving others the opportunity to play. Well done Grace for supporting your friends, you are an amazing role model.

Results and Fixtures

The girls took on Delves in the 2nd round of the Girls Walsall Football League. A slightly different team to the previous week, but the same determination and resilience during this game. Although we went 1-0 down at half-time, an inspiring team talk by our captain for the day, Sophia (Y5), we clawed the game back to win 2-1 with goals from Honor (Y5) and a first goal for the school team from Maille (Y6). I was so impressed with the girls work rate, effort to win the ball back and not being put off by the opposition being much physically stronger than us. They chased the ball down to put pressure on the opposition which led to the two goals. Well done girls!

Good luck to the Y5/Y6 boys playing next weeks games against Christ Church and Pheasey.



School Games

Some year 3 boys went over to Aldridge Airport on Thursday for a Footgolf activity. A new activity for the boys to try and we had a great time in the autumn sunshine, coming back with smiles and soggy feet!

Please look out for future events on the school newsletter above and if your child would like to participate, please ask them to speak to Mrs Baynham-Hughes in school.



Based on the gospel for Sunday 11 October, Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 22:1-14

"Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find."

The parable in today's Gospel reminds us that our Lord calls everyone into his Kingdom. We do not wish to be like those who rejected the invitation to the wedding feast because of the distractions of the world around them.

St Oscar Romero spoke of the diversity of those who accept Christ's invitation to bring peace, love and justice into our world: *"There are many Christian-spirited people who have no knowledge of the church but who perhaps live better lives than those who belong to the church. Christ overflows the church. Blessed be God that there are many good people, many very good people, outside the confines of the institutional church: Protestants, Jews, Muslims, etc."*

These words resonate deeply for me reflecting on time spent visiting family in my local hospital over the past 12 months. It is where BBC 2's recent Emergency 24/7 programme was filmed. An uplifting memory, also witnessed in the programme, is the wonderful care given by a very diverse workforce, of different faiths or perhaps none.

Working with more than 300 diverse faith-based and non-religious partners throughout the world, CAFOD supports communities regardless of religion, culture or background. One of CAFOD's partner organisations in Nigeria, the Social Justice and Human Development for Peace Initiative has recently launched a new project aimed at promoting cultural and religious cooperation. Fr Basil Kassam told CAFOD that *"when we work together across communities, faiths and nations, we can overcome the challenges that divide us and build a future that sustains us all."*

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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