



HEADLINES

	October
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 @ Bloxwich
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.
3 rd	Y1 Library Visit
5 th	Confirmation @ 6pm @ Church -Bishop Timothy
6 th	Y6 Wreath laying @ Barr Beacon Bring & Buy Eco-Sale @ School details sent via Arbor
7 th	Whole School Family Parish Mass Lives of Lost Loved Ones Boxes to Church 6pm
9 th	Y4 & Y 5 Aston Villa Event Details via Arbor
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 Future Medics First Session 7pm PTA AGM @ School
14 th	Family Parish Mass Y6 receive Confirmation Certificates @ 6pm
16 th	Nursery parents Meeting reference Reception 2027 @ 2:30pm - School Hall.
17 th	Y5 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am 6pm @ Church Parent Meeting reference Reconciliation no children
18 th	Y6 & Reception Special Friends Mass in School @ 9am All welcome.
19 th	Parent/Teacher Meetings from 1:30pm
20 th	Chocolate MUFTI



The word is **Love**. We can all show our love for God's planet, by thinking about our impact on it. How can we be better stewards?

Tuesday No Tuesday Mass @ Church
Wednesday 21st October Whole School Harvest Mass in school Hall @ 9am all welcome



Headteacher Message

A great fun week this week, with our Year 5 class on residential for 3 days and 2 nights and both Y1 and Y2 enjoying class trips. Both Mrs McCabe and the year 1 team and Miss Regan and the Year 2 team were very impressed with everyone on their trips and it was wonderful to hear such positive feedback from the venues.

Year 5 had an action packed 3 days, with everyone embracing all of the activities. Many children tried activities that they were understandably anxious about, and they absolutely loved them. My thanks to the staff members who attended the residential trip, without them being willing to stay away from home (unpaid), then these trips would not be possible. I know they get great pleasure when they see the children flourishing over the course of the trip. Thank you so much. Next week, is our final week of the half term, we will be hosting our annual open days for our New September 2027 intake. Also, on Wednesday we are inviting the whole school community to come together for our Whole School Harvest Mass. Again, your donations will be used to support the work of the parish SVP group and the shop that they have organised in the church hall. See the end of the newsletter and Arbor message for donation ideas. Have a wonderful weekend everyone and Fr. Gwil looks forward to Years 2 & 3 joining him for Mass on Saturday evening at 6pm.

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Nursery This week in Nursery, our story has been 'When I Was Little Like You'. The children have been exploring how we change as we grow up and talking about the ways they have changed since they were babies. We also discussed what babies need to help them grow and stay healthy. A big thank you to all the parents who have sent in baby photos! If you haven't sent one in yet, please could you bring one in by **Wednesday**, as we will be using the photos as part of our literacy lessons. Thank you for your continued support!

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception. What a busy week we've had! The children are loving their phonics sessions and are starting to read 2 & 3 letter words using their Robot Rick fingers. Our Year 6 Special Friends visited us on Wednesday to begin helping us learn to read. They will come every Monday & Wednesday to hear us read. On Tuesday's and Thursday's, the children will be heard read by adults. Please make sure your child's reading book and reading record are in school every day. We've been considering how we can be stewards of God's creation as we move to the end of our first RE unit. Some children have been putting this into action by tidying the class and helping other children - thank you everyone.

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1. We have experienced so many exciting things this week. Making emotion potions were very popular but please note that this is not safe for drinking! Performing our class poetry was a great opportunity to see who could use expression in their voices. Well done to everyone for performing their own verse. We also had a fantastic trip to Wythall Transport Museum. The children enjoyed seeing a wide range of buses and the steam train journey was a lot of fun! Please feel free to send your child's library card into school for our visit on the 3rd November.

Mrs McCabe, Mr Johnston & Y1 Team

Year 2 Some nice work in Year 2 this week and what a brilliant end with our trip to Warwick Castle. It was great to see that you all loved exploring the castle and its grounds, taking part in the workshop and we have some great inspiration for our learning next half term. No homework for this week due to our trip and your London project activities. Remember houses need to be in school by Thursday and please let us know if you don't want the house to be in the fire. Have a nice weekend- I will see you on Saturday for our family Mass!

Miss Regan

Year 3 Another brilliant week in Year 3. In RE we have been thinking about Pope Francis's 'Laudato Si' and how the actions we make can cause a ripple effect for many other things. A few children have volunteered to read at Saturday's Mass - please practise these and we look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget that next week is our school trip to watch The Snowman in Birmingham. It should be a brilliant show which will feed into our English work next half term.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 We've had another great week in Year 4. Well done to everyone for a lovely Mass on Wednesday. Your singing and readings were brilliant. We have enjoyed completing our Joseph Coelho inspired poems for the poetry competition. Lots of you have been very creative and have written some super poems where the reader has to guess the object. In English, we have been looking at our new text, Escape From Pompeii which links to our History topic. We looked at the vocabulary used to compare Pompeii. In Maths, we have been learning to read Roman numerals. Can you find any examples at home? Have a great weekend.

Miss Jones

Year 5 Well what a retreat, myself, Mrs Flower and Mrs Baynham-Hughes have had the best three days. It has been an absolute joy to be with you all, watching you grow and develop throughout the residential. You have made us so very proud. The team members and other school staff at Alton have been so complimentary about your behaviour, attitudes and general resilience. I know that you will all be tired over the weekend, but do remember to share the wonderful moments that we had with your families. Have a good rest and I look forward to the final week of the half term with you next week - where did that half term go?

Mr Caddick

Year 6 A very busy week with leaflets prepared for next week's open days, planning descriptive narrative work on the fight, multiplication, human evolution, the Windrush Scandal and the links between faith and science. You are now starting to craft your writing and make improvements which is very pleasing to see. Arithmetic scores continue to rise - well done! Please make sure that you go onto our class pages on the website and learn the songs for the performance at Walsall Arena. Only a few weeks until Confirmation so please ensure that you have a confirmation saint's name and have completed and returned your confirmation sponsor form.

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery:	Tillie & Austin
Reception:	Jack & Chester
Year 1:	Sienna & Mila R
Year 2:	Charlie & Rae
Year 3:	Arlo & Theo Rav
Year 4:	Rogan & Ben
Year 5:	Grace & Lola B
Year 6:	Joseph & Lilly

Certificates will be awarded during Congratulations Assembly parents welcome. Friday 23rd @ 9am

Learn Its Movers

Year 2: Kingsley & Henry
Year 3: Oscar, Lewis, Eshan, Julio, Namrita,
Orla, Riley
Year 4:

TTRS AWARDS

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

Faith in Action Awards

Nursery	Lydia
Reception	Leo
Year 1	Kasper
Year 2	Eloise
Year 3	Orla
Year 4	Ella D
Year 5	Thomas
Year 6	Kiera

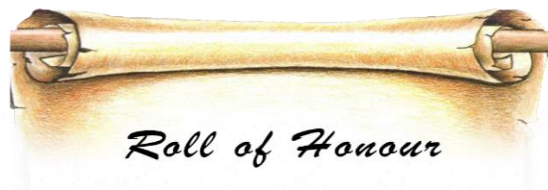
Donations requested for our Whole School Harvest Mass - these items will be used to stock the SVP shop at Church. If at all possible, if you can donate items from the list it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be sent into school from Monday and we will deliver them to Church on Wednesday 21st October. THANK YOU!

- Tinned fruit all varieties
- Rice pudding - tins or cartons
- Custard - tins, packets or cartons
- Tinned fish/meat
- Toilet rolls
- Kitchen roll
- Washing up liquid
- Washing powder/pods
- Deodorant mens/ladies
- Coffee
- UHT Milk

The shop operates each day of the week. Customers pay £3 and then they can fill a bag with items from the shop. Since the shop opened, three months ago, it is being really well used by many retired people in Streetly and those on limited incomes. It really is making a tangible difference to so many people. Thank you as always for your support. We are reminded that when we feed the hungry we feed Jesus. When we care for the poor, we care for Jesus and when we reach out in love to our fellow man, we do the greatest act of kindness.



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

Y2 Connie and Croia Connie and Croia both attended their first competitive Irish dancing competition in Nottingham yesterday and we're both placed on the podium

Y3 Frankie got managers player of the match for his hat-trick for Ace and they won the league trophy

Y4 Darcie has earned her 75mtr badge, not long after getting her 50mtr.

Sports Personality of the Week

Reception class for an excellent effort with listening during our session with Coach Amber from Aston Villa.

Events and Results

Football League - A busy week for the Y5/Y6 Boys football teams. Firstly, they came up against a very competitive Christ Church but we were able to hold off to win 2-1 in the Walsall League. Unfortunately, we ran out of steam for the second game the following day and lost 4-0 to Pheasey Park Farm. We couldn't find another gear to be clinical in front of goal. Well done to Pheasey for being brilliant competitors.

School Games -

Tuesday saw the KS2 Benchball group attend Manor Farm against lots of schools from the local area. We joined forces with Pheasey and had excellent match play. The team won 7, drew 1 and lost 2.

School Games

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 18 October, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Matthew 22:15-21

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

In asking if it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, the Pharisees and Herodians set a clever trap for Jesus. If Jesus supports the paying of the unpopular tax, he will be seen as supporting the oppressive Roman regime, especially problematic since the coin bears a graven image of the emperor, pictured as divine. If Jesus says it's unlawful to pay the tax, he'll put himself in jeopardy with the authorities.

So, what does Jesus do? Significantly, he does not himself possess one of these coins, so he asks for one. The image and name inscribed there settle the question. "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," Jesus says and then adds, "and to God the things that are God's."

The coin belongs to Caesar because it bears his stamped image so give him his metal back. But what belongs to God? We do! God's image is engraved on each human person and all we have is a gift from God. We cannot compartmentalise our lives, separating religion from politics or the sacred from secular. We are called to remember we belong to God and allow our faith to shape our politics, our work and our relationships.

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.

Parental Contributions

Thank you to those parents who have contributed to our termly school fund. We have received 51 payments out of 240 - thank you.

Annual Building Fund Payment - we have received 41 out of 240 - thank you.

If you are able to make these payments, they really do make a tangible difference. All Building fund money is spent on improving the building and grounds. All Termly School Fund money is spent on enrichment activities and increasingly subsidising coach costs for trips and events.

Payments can be made via Arbor.

Thank you