Issue 308 Friday 13th November 2026

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HEADLINES

	NOVEMBER
14th	Family Parish Mass Y6 receive Confirmation Certificates @ 6pm
16th	Nursery parents Meeting reference Reception 2027 @ 2:30pm – School Hall.
17th	Y5 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am 6pm @ Church Parent Meeting reference Reconciliation no children
18th	Y6 & Reception Special Friends Mass in School @ 9am All welcome. Book Fair @ School until 25th November Y5 & Y6 Boys & Girls Football Matches Away
19th	Parent/Teacher Meetings from 1:30pm 9:30-11:00 Y3/Y4 Girls Football Walsall
20th	Chocolate MUFTI please bring in donations to be used on Chocolate Tombola.
21st	Year 5/Nursery Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
23rd	Y5/Y6 Boys Walsall Kids Cup @ Bescot
24th	Y4 Mass @ church arrive @ 8:45am. Y2 visit to library don't forget library caard
25th	Y2 Mass in School @ 9am Nasal Spray flu catch ups.
26th	Streetly Christmas Tree Festival @ All Saints Y6 Christmas Concert @ Walsall Arena @ 7pm. Tickets available via ticket box office @ the Arena. Y4/Y5 Science Workshop Day
27th	Bottle MUFTI for Christmas Fayre
28th	Y4/Y1 Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
	DECEMBER
1st	Y3 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
2nd	Y3/Y4 Dodgeball Walsall College
4th	Christmas Fayre starts @ 3pm
5th	Family Parish Mass Y3/Y2 @ 6pm @ Church
8th	Y2 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
9th	EYFS Nativity @ 10am (No Mass in School) 1:30pm First Reconciliation @ Church Y3
10th	9:30am KS1 Nativity 2:15pm EYFS Nativity
11th	KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
12th	Whole School Blessing Bambinelli Mass @ 6pm



The word is **Talent.** This week we are trying hard to use our talents to become closer to Jesus.

Tuesday 17th November Y5 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am.
Wednesday 18th November Y6 & Reception Special friends Mass in school



Headteacher Message

This week is a very poignant week in the life of any school as we come together to remember the sacrifices of all those who gave their lives for our freedom. We spent time thinking this week about the huge diversity of soldiers who fought from countries across the world, not just those from the UK.

Y4/5 were fantastic ambassadors for our school as they joined Blackwood and Manor Schools at All Saints Church, as we remembered especially those from Streetly. Thank you to all those who gave so generously to our Poppy Appeal, all funds support the valuable work of The Royal British Legion. Year 4 and 5 started the week at Aston Villa, having a wonderful time developing their skills.

We are now in full Christmas fayre preparation, remember the mooney raised this year is going towards the much needed play equipment for our KS2 pupils. Thank you to all those who have been offering their expertise on our drainage problems, you really are so supportive anytime I am in need of help. It is GREATLY APPRECIATED. Thank you.

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Nursery This week, the children have been learning all about Remembrance Day and developing an understanding of why we remember and honour those who have served. They respectfully took part in a two-minute silence, made their own Poppy biscuits, and joined together in saying a special prayer for all the soldiers. We have also continued exploring the story of **The Three Little Pigs**. The children have enjoyed retelling the story, developing their confidence in using story language and sequencing events. As part of our creative learning, the children explored colour mixing combing red and white to create pink, which they then used to paint their own pigs.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception. The children have had a reflective week learning the symbolism of wearing poppies and the importance of Remembrance Day. I was so very proud of the children during the 2-minute silence on Wednesday. We've also spent time in RE thinking about the good deeds we can do to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus at Christmas. The children have then spent the week trying to do good deeds around the class. I wonder what good deeds they can do at home?

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1. Another great week in Year 1 We have just started our RE unit on Prophecy & Promise. This week we have been thinking about the promise Mary made when she was asked to be the mother of Jesus, we have also been making our own promises. What can your child promise to do at home or school to say 'Yes' to God? We have also started our maths topic on addition and subtraction. We have been learning about part whole models and have been looking at how many parts you use to make a whole. We have also selected our Nativity roles and have been able to find enough costumes for everybody. If your child is an inn keeper, they will have a reading part, please check inside their reading packets for their lines. We would be grateful if you could practise these at home.

Mrs McCabe, Mr Johnston & Y1 Team

Year 2 Well done Year 2- you showed great perseverance this week when completing your quizzes! It was great to hear from Mrs McCabe that you had a fun start to the week with our second enrichment day and embracing healthy eating. We have now started practising the nativity songs and our lines, so please keep learning these at home and having a go at using that big voice. The songs can be found on our class page if you would like to have a sing along at home. Have a nice weekend everyone!

Miss Regan

Year 3 Well done to Year 3 on a busy week. We have been enjoying our Snowman text and we have been comparing the story to the theatre production. We have also been writing our own version of the story with us as the main character. We have also learnt about Guy Fawkes and the history associated with Bonfire Night as well as Remembrance Sunday. Thank you for all the hamper donations and we are on week 2 of spellings next week.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 What a busy week we have had in Year 4. We have been lucky enough to take part in multiple events outside of school this week. I have been so impressed with the children's behaviour and the way they have represented St. Anne's in the community. Well done! On Tuesday, we were invited to attend some skills events at the Aston Villa Academy. We had a fantastic time taking part in multiple skills activities and meeting lots of the coaches. We are looking forward to writing about this event next week. On Wednesday, we joined Year 5 at All Saint's Church for a beautiful remembrance service. You all read and sang beautifully, and we were very proud of the way you represented school. In school, we have continued to work hard on our assessments. What a brilliant week!

Miss Jones

Year 5 Another busy week in Year 5! It's been assessment week this week and you have all shown us what you can do in Reading, Writing, Maths and Grammar. We have been so pleased with the effort that you have put in. You have done really well but there is still lots that we can improve upon. I am looking forward to feeding back to Mums and Dads at Parents' Evening on Thursday. As well as the hard work with the assessments, we have also found time to visit Villa Park on Tuesday, lead Mass for the Parish on Wednesday and attend a Remembrance Service on the same day. We had so many positive comments about the behaviour of all the children in Years 4 and 5 - it has made us all very proud of you. Enjoy a restful and relaxing weekend everyone but remember, we still have a long way to go until Christmas, so please keep up the hard work!

Mr Caddick

Year 6 A very busy assessment week in Year 6 this week. Well done for applying strategies and exam techniques to show off how much you have learnt so far this year. You have produced some super RE and geography work this week, demonstrating maturity and the ability to research and present work in a range of ways. I am so proud of your hard work to learn the songs and harmonies for the Christmas concert at Walsall Arena in two weeks' time - keep learning the words online please!

Miss Keedwell

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Headteacher's Awards

Nursery:	Freya & Ren-Yi
Reception:	Poppy JW & Evelyn
Year 1:	Sienna & Lorcan
Year 2:	Ella L & James
Year 3:	Charlie & Theo Ri
Year 4:	Teddy & Anna
Year 5:	Florence & Ashton
Year 6:	Skyler P & Gene

Congratulations all your awards will be given during Monday assembly.

TTRS

Learn ITS
Year 2 Cillian, Ella M & Croia
Year 3 Namrita

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SPORTS NEWSLETTER

PLAY • PARTICIPATE • ACHIEVE

Keeping you updated with all things sport!

SPORTS NEWS

Results and Events from this Week

Y5/Y6 Boys football league Match – 3-0 Win (Jackson 2, Lachlan 1)

Y3/Y4 Boys School Games Football – no results kept due to this being an Engage Event. Lots of goal scorers throughout the team – well done!

Y3/Y4 attending Aston Villa Football Session. An email has been sent for your child to receive half price sessions with The Aston Villa Foundation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date details	Event	Year group /
18/11	Boys/Girls vs Alumwell League Match (away)	Y5/Y6
19/11	Girls School Games Football Event	Y3/Y4
23/11	Boys Walsall Kids Cup – Bescot	Y5/Y6
24/11	Girls vs Pheasey League Match (home)	Y5/Y6
2/12	Inspire Festive Dodgeball	Y3/Y4

SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This issue we're celebrating…

Y3/Y4 Boys – for showing excellent sportsmanship in their own team and towards the opposition

ROLL OF HONOUR

Well done to our sports stars!

Y5 – Ronnie completed a hyrox youngsters event last week. Congratulations

Y6 – Eva received trainer of the week and coaches player of the match

GET ACTIVE

We are now a Park Run Primary School. Your local Junior Park Run is Sutton Town Park. Please let Mrs Baynham-Hughes know if you have attended a junior park run event over the weekend/half-term.

Well done to Gene (Y6) for attending the Sutton Park Junior Park Run last weekend.

REMINDERS

Sports notice have gone out for next week. Please check your spam folder and move them into your inbox for the links to work.
Please email sbaynham-hughes@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk if your child would like to attend any of the above sports fixtures

STRONGER BODIES • HAPPIER MINDS • A HEALTHIER FUTURE

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Based on the gospel for 15 November, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Matthew 25:14-30

"Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more."

Are we trusting or fearful in our abilities? In the parable of the talents, Jesus describes a man entrusting his servants with varying amounts of money in the hope they will increase what they are given. Here, a talent originally referred to a large sum of money, not a skill or personal ability. Yet, it offers a powerful teaching on how we approach our own gifts and our trust in God.

Jesus highlights two different approaches in this parable: one servant buries his talent, distrusting not only his master but also himself; the other two servants invest and multiply what they were given because they trusted their master's judgment.

How does this relate to our relationship with God? It can be easy to feel like the servant who buries his talent, afraid and doubting our potential to make the world a better place and bring about God's kingdom of peace. But when we hide away, we don't only distrust ourselves; we also distrust God and the gifts he has given us. God calls us to be like the faithful servants: trusting, creative, and willing to use our unique abilities in his service. As Pope Francis reminded us, "*Fear paralyses, trust liberates.*"

Whether through the work we do, the opportunities that come our way, or simply lending a helping hand, we can all act in faith and trust.

Dear God, thank you for giving us talents, each different and excellent. Help us to use our gifts to build your kingdom of peace and remind us not to be afraid to live freely and faithfully, for you have created us all in your image, beautiful and brilliant.
Amen.

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Putting people most in need first



Preferential option for the poor

Poppy the pōpokotea's story

When Poppy hatched she was all alone and never knew her parents. She remembers having to rely on kind birds caring for he and bringing her worms to eat.

As one of the youngest and most vulnerable, she understands what it was like to have nothing and the need to rely on others.

She is much older now and has started a "Worms-4-U" service for birds in need everywhere.

Poppy's story tells us that we should think first about the needs of people who need help the most.

Parental Contributions

Thank you to those parents who have contributed to our termly school fund. We have received 104 payments out of 240 – thank you.

Annual Building Fund Payment – we have received 52 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