Issue 309 Friday 20th November 2026

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HEADLINES

	NOVEMBER
21st	Year 5/Nursery Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
23rd	Y5/Y6 Boys Walsall Kids Cup @ Bescot
24th	Y4 Mass @ SFA (going on school mini bus) Y2 visit to library don't forget library card Y5/6 Girls Football @ home V Pheasey
25th	Y2 Mass in School @ 9am Nasal Spray flu catch ups.
26th	Streetly Christmas Tree Festival @ All Saints Y6 Christmas Concert @ Walsall Arena @ 7pm. 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	Festive Y3/Y4 Dodgeball Walsall College
4th	Christmas Fayre starts @ 3pm KS1 Multi Skills Santa Dash Whole School – wear token red
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
15th	Y2 perform Nativity @ local Care Home – details via Arbor
16th	Whole School Mass @ Church @ 10am Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation Christmas Dinner Day KS2 Carol Service @ Church @ 6pm
17th	9am Celebration Assembly parents invited
18th	School Closed INSET
	JANUARY
4TH	Return to School

The Wednesday Word



The word is **Kindness.** **Let us be the difference inn the world that spreads kindness, even to those who might be unkind to us.**

Tuesday 24th November Y4 Mass @ SFA College note change of VENUE
Wednesday 25th November Y2 Mass in school @ 9am



Headteacher Message

What a fantastic week we've had at school this week. It was wonderful to be able to share with your parents your great successes since the start of the year.

Thank you to those who have purchased books from the Book Fair (so far), school receives a % of the sales in the form of new books for classes – so thank you. The fair is here until next week.

My personal thanks to those parents family members and friends who have come forward to offer their expert knowledge on the drainage problem on KS2 – you really have helped me out – I am so very grateful. Thank you also to the volunteers who are helping to make our dream of revamping the caretakers house for the cuppa and company mornings – you really are a fantastic parent body.

The displays in the dining hall are wonderful, so please when you come to the book Fair, which lasts another week come and see some incredible artwork and great poetry work. We look forward to Y5/Nursery being at Mass on Saturday evening at 6pm. Have a wonderful weekend.

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Nursery The children have had the most amazing time at Forest School this week. They have loved exploring outdoors, getting muddy and making their very own bird feeders. We would just like to ask that, where possible, children bring **waterproof gloves** for Forest School, as their hands can get very wet and cold when wearing the usual thin gloves. Our story this week has been **Little Red Riding Hood**, and the children have really enjoyed bringing the story to life! They have acted out the different parts and created some beautiful pictures of Little Red Riding Hood.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception. What a wonderful week we've had in Reception. On Wednesday, the children celebrated St Cecillia Day. The children started the day sharing a Mass with their Special Friends, learned about St Cecilia, made posters for our prayer table and spent the afternoon playing and making musical instruments. We finished the day singing hymns just like St Cecilia. The children have also been busy investigating their 5 senses. There has been feely bags, memory tray games, listening challenges and smelling experiment. But the best investigation was left to the end of the week with our tasting challenge. The children were encouraged to try as much food as they could and talk about their findings throughout the week - I was very impressed with their efforts. Well done everyone.

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1. This week we have been learning about fact families in Maths. I have been blown away at how quickly your children mastered this skill! In R.E we have been celebrating the 'Good News' that Mary and her cousin Elizabeth shared together. We have enjoyed sharing our own good news with our class and have created some good news cards that we will soon be delivering to one another. Ask your child who their card was for. Can your child tell you their good news? We have also prepared our Manger scenes for display. What a wonderful piece of work your child has created. Can they share their knowledge statements with you that they have been learning this week?

Mrs McCabe, Mr Johnston & Y1 Team

Year 2 Nice work this week Year 2! We have been working hard in English to understand when to use exclamation marks and questions and have been writing some examples for our 'Wanted!' poster for Robin Hood. We are developing our addition and subtraction skills in Maths and exploring different methods that can help us when adding numbers together. We look forward to exploring more about the different continents in Geography over the next few weeks. Enjoy your weekend

Miss Regan

Year 3 A great week in Year 3. We had an amazing RE lesson this week where we invited Mrs Johnston to our class to interview her about her favourite parts of the Mass. The children came up with some brilliant questions and were thrilled with the response they got. Another great week for Learn Its movers too - well done.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 Well done for working hard again this week Year 4. We have become more confident with our seven times table this week and are practising learning them off by heart. We have spent this week's English work focusing on last week's football trip to Aston Villa Academy. We have been planning some interviews for the coaches we worked with during our session. We have learnt how to ask open questions and have practised writing some responses for the coaches. We are also very pleased that Mr Vickers has joined us in Year 4 this week and has been supporting the children with their activities. Please see Google Classroom for this week's homework. Have a great weekend!

Miss Jones

Year 5 Well done on another great week Year 5. Mrs Flower and I were very impressed with your reverence and behaviour in Mass on Tuesday - Father Gwill also commented on how good you were. The highlight of this week has to be finishing our class book - 'Viking Boy'. You were all so enthusiastic as the book entered its dramatic conclusion and you were living and breathing every slash of Gunnar's sword! I am so impressed with the standard of your Art work too - your Viking brooches look fabulous. Our Geography topic is going well - we learnt all about symbols on maps. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Mass on Saturday

Mr Caddick

Year 6 A fantastic week of work again with writing on Mr Morrisons Christmas, fractions work, volcanoes, circuit experiments and lots of singing in readiness for next week and the concert. Keep learning those words! You sound fantastic.

Miss Keedwell

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Headteacher's Awards

Nursery:	Theo & Ketch
Reception:	Amelia & Maia
Year 1:	Leon & Emilia
Year 2:	Maisie & Sienna
Year 3:	Elowen & Eshan
Year 4:	Isla & Connor
Year 5:	Finn & Jenny
Year 6:	Georgie & Gene

Congratulations all your awards will be given during Monday assembly.

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Learn ITS
Year 2
Year 3

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SPORTS NEWSLETTER

PLAY • PARTICIPATE • ACHIEVE

Keeping you updated with all things sport!

SPORTS NEWS

Results and Events from this Week

Y3/Y4 Girls Football – the girls played over at the Wolverhampton University, playing lots of football but more importantly, having fun with their friends. Played 4, won 2, lost 2.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date details	Event	Year group /
23/11	Boys Walsall Kids Cup – Bescot	Y5/Y6
24/11	Girls vs Pheasey League Match (home)	Y5/Y6
2/12	Inspire Festive Dodgeball – Walsall College	Y3/Y4
3/12	Multi Skill – Walsall College	KS1

SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This issue we're celebrating…

Eadie (Y3) for attending the year 3/4 football girls event and giving out lots of encouragement and tactics! She was very very close to getting a goal too!

ROLL OF HONOUR

Well done to our sports stars!

Well done to everyone who has taken part in any out-of-school physical activity over the last week. Physical activity has so many benefits to both the body and mind. We should all try to aim for 60 active minutes per day. This could include the walk to school, playing at playtimes and playing in the garden at home.

Soon we shall be releasing our St Anne's PE Passport for challenges you can complete at home to keep active.

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.

Well done to Gene (y6) and Sienna (y5) for attending a Park Run event last weekend. Can we get any more children to a park run event this weekend?? Sign Up register | parkrun UK

REMINDERS

Please email sbaynham-hughes@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk if your child would like to attend any of the up-and-coming events.

STRONGER BODIES • HAPPIER MINDS • A HEALTHIER FUTURE

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Based on the gospel for 22 November, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Matthew 25:31-46

"For I was hungry and you gave me food."

Jesus' kingship in this reading is shown as a position above all offices of the world. A position that at the end of time has ultimate sovereignty. But we do not have to wait to see Christ already amongst us. Christ is in those who are living in poverty, in those who hunger, in those who are sick.

It feels like the world has put up not just physical borders but invisible barriers in society. Prejudice based on race and faith, apathy towards the suffering of others and deepening economic differences create a culture of division. These barriers prevent us from recognising Christ in one another and treating those around us with the same dignity we would offer him.

Do we sometimes walk past people experiencing homelessness, pretending not to see, in the hope that someone else will do something instead of us?

When we look upon our brothers and sisters who are suffering, we are called to reflect upon the face of Christ. In our treatment of others, even a small act of kindness can inspire others to do the same. But our calling goes beyond these individual acts of kindness; we must also challenge the unjust systems that allow poverty and inequality to persist.

We strive to be truly selfless, acting out of pure unconditional love for our neighbours. Could we find in ourselves the humility and courage to reach out?

Lord, help us to see your face in those all around us, give us the heart to reach out and help those who suffer injustice. Let us hear your calling not to be served but to serve. 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

St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

A more compassionate society

CUPPA & COMPANY



Come along for a cuppa, a chat and some friendly company.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a relaxed morning of tea, coffee, refreshments and conversation.

We'll also be joined by the Mini Vinnies from St Anne's Catholic Primary School.

Wednesday 9 December 2026
10:00am – 11:30am

St Anne's School House
Blackwood Road
Streetly
Sutton Coldfield
B74 3PL

FREE TO ATTEND
Tea, coffee & refreshments are all FREE

Places are limited, so please register your interest:
Email: **stannessvp@gmail.com**
Telephone / Message Pauline Pitt: **07940 961819**
or add your name to one of the sign-up sheets available in the Church and School.

Hosted by St Anne's St Vincent de Paul Society.

Christmas Fayre

Today we held our MUFTI day for chocolates to go onto the chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fayre.

Next Friday 27th November it will be a MUFTI day for Bottles to go onto the Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fayre.

Please remember to keep bringing in your hamper items. For every item your child brings into school, they will receive one free entry into the draw. The draw will take place at the Christmas Fayre.

Please remember that all of the monies raised at the fayre will be used to purchase fixed equipment for our KS2 pupils. Thank you as always for your support.