Issue 310 Friday 27th November 2026

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HEADLINES

	NOVEMBER
28th	Y4/Y1 Family Parish Mass @ 6pm First Sunday of Advent.
	DECEMBER
1st	Y3 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
2nd	Festive Y3/Y4 Dodgeball Walsall College KS1 Multi Skills
3rd	IRock Concert @ 9:15am parents welcome
4th	Christmas Fayre starts @ 3pm 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 CUPPA 'n' Company 10-11:30am in school house
10th	9:30am KS1 Nativity 2:15pm EYFS Nativity
11th	KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
12th	Whole School Blessing Bambinelli Mass @ 6pm Please join us for the final Family Parish Mass before Christmas – we will have all of our Bambinelli blessed, remember to bring yours from home too.
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 (arrive from 5pm)**
17th	9am Celebration Assembly parents invited
18th	School Closed INSET
	JANUARY
4TH	Return to School
6th	Whole School Mass @ 9am School Hall
8th	MUFTI For EXCESS Christmas Gifts



The word is **Advent.** This Sunday we enter the Advent season, remember this is a special time for preparation for us, let us promise to make time to prepare, to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Tuesday 1st December Y3 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
Wednesday 2nd December No Mass in school.



Headteacher Message

This week seems to have disappeared in a flash. We are now getting fully prepared for the Advent Season, which starts with our first Mass of Advent our preparation for Advent, we are going to be participating in the Spanish tradition of Posada. This is where the Nativity figures will travel around our families. We asking for volunteers from across the school to take the Nativity box and make some time to stop and pray as a family. All of the instructions are contained within the box. If this is a success, then next year we will introduce class Posadas. Mini Vinnies are now keen to share their Advent Appeals. They are as follows:

Christmas Gifts wrapped and labelled for a child (please specify age and boy or girl). Gifts wrapped for elderly parishioners, gifts for homeless.

We are going to bring the children's gifts to BCH. Elderly gifts to the parish and homeless gifts to St. Chads. More details to follow on Monday.

On Thursday Y4 and Y5 participated in a Dance/Science workshop and I was thrilled with the feedback from the instructors, who commented that Y4 were the best class that they had encountered this term for team work, whilst Y5 demonstrated great talent. I am so very proud of them all and their teachers.

Thank you to all of our volunteers this week, who have made such a difference in getting the house ready for our elderly parishioners and family members.

Year 6 entertained us beautifully at Forest Arts Centre on Thursday, your harmonies were really special – thank you for giving us that Christmas feeling. Have a wonderful weekend everyone and remember our Advent Appeals start from Monday.

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Nursery This week our story has been *The Gingerbread Man*, and the children have absolutely loved it! It has been so lovely to watch them retell the story with such enthusiasm, confidence, and expression. We have also turned into little bakers this week and baked gingerbread! The children really enjoyed rolling out the dough and using the cutters to make their own gingerbread men. As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child has a hat and gloves in school each day, so they are warm when we are outside.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception. This week our RE lessons have introduced the children to the shepherds as they were visited by angels and the nativity scene. We also looked at pictures of the nativity scene and crib sets themselves. If you have a nativity set at home, please get this out for your child and ask your child to tell you the story of Jesus' birth. The children now have their parts for the EYFS nativity. Please spend some time at home helping your child learn to say their lines without help. Next week we begin to put things together with Nursery. We also begin making Christmas crafts - expect lots of paint, but most importantly glitter!

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1. There was lots of excitement in the air this week, especially when we wrote our letters to Santa! What a fun activity to allow independent writing. As soon as they are finished, we will send them home. We have worked extremely hard over the last few weeks in Phonics to learn our split digraphs. We have also enjoyed practising this skill on phonics play, can your child show you some of the splits they have been learning? This week we launched our outdoor senses experiment and the children absolutely loved looking through their binoculars during Forest School, finding a 'fairy door' was definitely one of the highlights! Please can you send your child to school on Monday with their PE shorts and t shirt in a separate bag. We will keep them in school until the Nativity. Many Thanks.

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. A great start to our Snowman stories - I have been so impressed with your ideas. Your Christmas cards that you created in RE were beautiful. It was lovely to see how much time and effort you put into them. I know the people that receive them will really appreciate them. Dodgeball in PE has been a real highlight as well. Our Christmas Hamper is starting to look very good with lots of items donated. Monday (30th) is the last day for donations and our colour is Silver and Gold. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 Another great week in Year 4. On Tuesday, we were lucky to be invited to celebrate Mass at St Francis. We loved seeing the chapel and celebrating Mass there. You were all excellent representatives of our school and read and sang beautifully. Well done! On Thursday, we took part in an exciting dance workshop based on Science forces. You all worked really hard to learn the routine in an afternoon and performed confidently to your peers. Have a great weekend!

Miss Jones

Year 5 A really successful week Year 5! We have finished our last piece of Viking Boy writing - a chapter from the perspective of Gunnar's mother, Helga. You tried very hard, well done. In Maths, we have started our fractions topic. Although some of you were a little low on confidence to start off with, I think that you have done brilliantly so far. On Thursday, we had a dance company come in to teach us dance through the topic of Forces. You threw yourselves into it, well done. The week was rounded off today with an Enrichment Day led by Miss Keedwell - you have started work on cracking the crime of the stolen money! We'll carry on with this on Monday when you will be learning about fingerprinting, chromatography and clothes fibre analysis. I wonder if you can solve the mystery and find the guilty person?

Mr Caddick

Year 6 A very busy week in preparation for the Christmas Concert at Walsall =Arena - you have all worked very hard to learn the harmonies and the words and I am sure you will do us proud. We completed the flashback accounts of Mr. Morrison's Christmas and the improvement in your writing since the start of the year has been incredible - well done Year 6. Fractions work now needs to consolidated and we only have percentages to do next week and we have completed the arithmetic curriculum for Year 6 SATS!

Some super work on volcanoes and electricity has topped off the week. Have a good weekend because the last 3 weeks before Christmas are always hectic!

Miss Keedwell

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Headteacher's Awards

Nursery:	Orla & Marley
Reception:	Kellan & Hallie
Year 1:	Nelly & Oscar
Year 2:	Henry & Anthonia
Year 3:	Daniella & Polly
Year 4:	Quinn & Daria
Year 5:	Lyla & Ronnie
Year 6:	Max & Maille

Congratulations all your awards will be given during Monday assembly.

TTRS

Learn ITS

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4 Harper, Rogan, Spencer, Charlie, Gracie, Ruby, Teddy

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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 have made it through to the next round of the Walsall Kids Cup…. 3 stops away from WEMBLEY

Y5/Y6 Girls won their league game against Pheasey 1-0

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date details	Event	Year group /
2/12	Inspire Festive Dodgeball – Walsall College	Y3/Y4
3/12 KS1	Multi Skill – Walsall College	

⋆ SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This issue we're celebrating…

Y5/Y6 Boys Football

The team played over at Bescot Stadium and showed great resilience, determination but more importantly, lots of respect towards the opposition.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Well done to our sports stars!

Y2 – Maisie achieved her 25mtr swimming badge

Y3 – Theo Ra was awarded the Weekly Star award from his basketball coaches at Basketball Buddies

Y4 – Darcie achieved her 100mtr swimming badge

Y4 – Amelie came 2nd in the Staffordshire Artistic swimming competition in Grade 1 figures and 6th overall!

Y5 – Emilia took part in the Sutton Fun Run

PARK RUN ATTENDEES

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.

Gene (Y6) Emilia (Y5) Sienna (Y5)

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.

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Based on the gospel for 29 November, First Sunday of Advent, Mark 13:33-37

"And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

As Advent starts once more, we enter this season of longing for the coming of our Lord. We look forward to celebrating Christ's birth at Christmas, but we also wait in hope and anticipation for when he comes again.

As Jesus says in this Gospel, we do not know when this will be, but we must stay awake. Like servants, waiting for their master, our work does not stop. We are called to serve God and one another, reconsider our priorities and live out our faith in our actions. It is time to work for peace, be good neighbours to one another and build a better world.

In this way, we prepare our hearts to meet the Lord, who came to dwell among us and who will return to renew the face of the earth. We raise our voices in an Advent prayer of longing for this moment, saying "Come, Lord Jesus, come."

Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus, come,
dwell in our hearts
and lead us to follow you
as we seek to love one another
and build a better world,
so that we might be found awake
when you come in glory.
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.

Making room for HOPE

Amid the rush towards Christmas, may we make time to notice who needs us to slow down. In these small acts of care, we make room for Christ and help those around us find hope.

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 bottles to go onto the bottle tombola at the Christmas Fayre.

Next Friday 4th December will be a MUFTI day. No donations necessary, dress for Christmas and join us after school at the Fayre.

You can still bring those final items for the class hampers into school on Monday. Staff will be decorating and making the hampers ready for Friday. We will post pictures so you can see what amazing prizes they are. Tickets will be on sale 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.