



# HEADLINES

SEPTEMBER	
8 <sup>th</sup>	First Intake to Nursery (then 10 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> )
10 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mass @ 9am in school hall, welcome to the new year. Everyone welcome.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 and Y3 Commitment Mass to their sacraments @ 6pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	GIFT Team @ Solihull Y5 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am
19 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Meet the Teacher @ 2:45pm School Disco KS1 and KS2 (details to follow)
20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Mass Led by GIFT Team and Mini-Vinnies
21 <sup>st</sup>	Father Gwil Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Timothy @ 11am
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Whole School Mass @ Church @ 9:30am Fr. Gwil's Silver Jubilee. Normal arrival at school.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am Confirmation Sacramental Meeting @ Church parents only with Fr. Gwil @ 6pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Mass in School @ 9am Rags 2 Riches Collection (please save all your summer clear outs)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Caritas Training @ Solihull
26 <sup>th</sup>	McMillan Coffee Morning 9 - 10am in school all families and friends welcome.
27 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome to St. Anne's Parish and School for Nursery and Reception, Mass starts @ 6pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am PTA Meeting 7pm
October	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Final day to hand in projects on inspirational women.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Special Friends Family Mass @ 6pm Meet your child's special friends and their families.
6 <sup>th</sup>	School photos
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am
8 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Mass in school @ 9am Y5 trip to Alton Castle
9 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Alton Castle
10 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 back from Alton Castle @ 3:30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Y4/Y1 Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly to Launch Lives of Lost Loved Ones Boxes

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The word is **Loyalty**. How can we show loyalty to our family and friends? Then how can we show this same Loyalty to God?

**Whole School Family Mass Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am School Hall all welcome.**

## Headteacher Message



Welcome back everyone, how fantastic it is to hear children in our classrooms again, school is now really alive. We are really looking forward to an exciting year, one that will be filled with joy and love for all.

Already the children have produced some incredible work, Fr. Gwil visited today and was overwhelmed by the quality, standard and diversity of work on display from Reception to Year 6 (after only four days).

On Monday we welcome our youngest children into our Nursery and by Friday we will have a full school. Thank you to those parents who attended zoom meetings for Year 5 and Year 6 this week and to all those who were able to join us for Meet the Teacher. All of the information from these events are on the class pages. There is a meeting the teacher icon and the presentation will be on that page. Our cycle of Family Parish Masses starts tomorrow with our KS2 pupils. This year we would love our families to join us at these very special Masses, as we work collaboratively as pilgrims of Hope with our Parish. Have a wonderful weekend everyone - enjoy some sunshine and some relaxing after your first week back.

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### Nursery

We look forward to welcoming all of our children next week. We really enjoyed our stay and play sessions today and can't wait to see you settling into your new class.

**Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team**

### Reception

Wow! What an amazing first week in Reception. The children have been truly wonderful and are settling well. The children have loved playing with all the new toys in Reception and are making lots of new friendships. They've risen to the challenge of learning the new routines and rules of Reception and proud that they've worked together to fill their marble jar for the first time. That means a treat so they're coming home with a lollipop or chocolate bar. Well done for a great first week in Reception - I'm sure we're in for a wonderful year together.

**Mrs Turley and the early years team.**

### Year 1

Welcome back to school Year 1! What a fabulous first week we have had together.

This week we have been establishing our class rules and learning about our class saint. Can your child tell you what two things St Francis loves? We have come up with some fantastic ideas on how we can live out our school mission statement and I am most impressed with the children who are being eloquent and truthful in the classroom. Thank you to everyone who has returned their summer booklet and for the effort put into making them special. We have been looking forward to sharing these and will continue to do so over the next few weeks. It has been wonderful to watch you play nicely amongst your peers. They are amazing already!

**Mrs McCabe**

### Year 2

What a lovely week to start our time together in Year 2! I have really enjoyed settling into the year with you and hearing about your adventures in the summer holidays. I can already see that you are such a kind and helpful class, who are ready to learn and share your brilliant ideas on our new topics. You have produced some lovely work for our class saint, that is making our classroom look lovely and colourful and you already have a super understanding of the Great Fire of London with the 10/10 answers in our History quiz! Have a great weekend everyone, you deserve it.

**Miss Regan**

### Year 3

Well done on a fabulous start to Year 3. We have settled in very well and already started our new story Diary of a Killer Cat and begun our spellings in preparation for our quiz next week on Monday morning. We have our Reading journals in our bags as well as our reading books. Please hand in homework on Wednesdays. We look forward to our Commitment Mass on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September and a fun filled term ahead. Enjoy the weekend and don't forget P.E on Tuesday.

**Mrs Robinson & Mr Johnston**

### Year 4

We have had a brilliant first week back in Year 4! The children have settled wonderfully into their new routines and classroom and it has been lovely to see how much progress they have made since Year 2. This week, we've been learning all about the life and work of our class saint, Mother Teresa. We have also been learning about our values and virtues for this half-term which are eloquent and truthful. The children have created some fantastic work which we are looking forward to displaying. Thank you parents for attending the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting this afternoon- a copy of the PowerPoint will be available on the Y4 web page. Homework and spellings will begin from next week. Have a great weekend!

**Miss Jones**

### Year 5

What an amazing start you have all had to Year 5! You have settled in brilliantly and we've been hard at work already. It was lovely to see so many parents at the Alton Castle zoom meeting on Tuesday and Meet the Teacher session on Friday. If you weren't able to attend either of them then the information can be found on the Year 5 class page of the school website. Please remember that we have our first swimming session on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Children should come to school in their PE kit with their swimming bag with them. Spellings to practise for Monday are 'Week 1: Modal Verbs' and I expect the first Reading Journal activity to be handed in on Thursday at the latest.

**Mr Caddick**

### Year 6

Well, what a great start to Year 6! Mrs Lee and I are both so impressed with your learning behaviours and determination to get off to a flying start. You have all produced fantastic biographies about our class saint - St. Vincent de Paul, shown your commitment to improve arithmetic scores and remembered your grammar word classes! Please remember that 'smart people work out' whenever tackling maths problems and that jottings are key to Year 6 success! Next week we start all of our other subjects and start our confirmation preparation so have a great weekend!

**Miss Keedwell**

### PE DAYS

Nursery After Christmas Friday

Reception Week 3 or 4 Thursday

**KS1 and KS 2 Come into school in PE Kit**

Year 1 Wednesday/Friday

Year 2 Monday/Thursday

Year 3 Tuesday/Thursday

Year 4 Monday/Wednesday

Year 5 Monday\*/Wednesday

Year 6 Thursday/Friday

\*Y5 swimming on Mondays for first half term

### Uniform Reminders

Please ensure that your child adheres fully to uniform policy to include, jewelry.

A reminder that our policy does not allow fashion hair styles.

Please label everything - a lost item will be returned to the owner if labelled.

**Fr. Gwil's Silver Jubilee is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025.**

Fr. will celebrate Mass at Church that morning, the whole school will join him there. We would love to present him with a worthy gift for all the time he gives to our children and families. If you wish to donate to this fund, please go to the Arbor payment shop. Alternatively, you can pay directly into the school fund account quoting the following:

Bank: HSBC

Account Name: St. Anne's Primary School fund

Sort Code: 40-26-23

Account Number: 91188461

**Reference: Silver Jubilee**

Or simply send in some cash in an envelope.

Thank you very much.



Sporting Achievements this year.

Don't forget to tell us about your out of school achievements. Email Mrs Baynham-Hughes on

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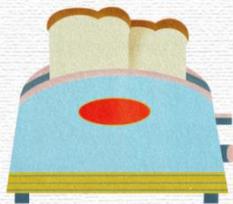
**Remember to sign up for After School Clubs, they start next week.**

Sales now open to KS1 and KS2

# BREAK SALES



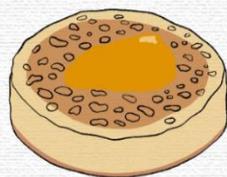
Some children in our school leave home without any breakfast and we're here to change that. As of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February we are going to be selling...



TOAST 30P



PANCAKE 50P



CRUMPET 50P



BAGEL 50P



SAUSAGE SANDWICH  
£1  
MONDAY ONLY

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This half term our Catholic Social Teaching is about Solidarity and the common good. How we think of everyone and showing we care.



# Thinking of everyone

## The Common Good

### Chikondi the giraffe's story



Chikondi loves to play hide and seek with her friends. Some of her friends are really good (like spider and mouse). Chikondi is often found first in this game as she struggles to find a way to hide herself because of her really long legs and neck.

One day she thought about not including some of the smaller animals so that she would not be the first picked. But then she realised that it was important for everyone to be included and for everyone to be treated equally.

So now she just giggles to herself whenever she is found! She is happy that everyone is having fun, and everyone has a chance to play together without being left out.

*Chikondi's story tells us that what we do affects everyone. When we make decisions, we should think about the good of everyone.*

# Showing we care

## Solidarity

### Shristi the sun bear's story



Shristi is one of the biggest animals in her neck of the woods. However, she also has the kindest heart.

A fire destroyed part of her forest and many animals lost their homes and were injured and couldn't live like they used to. Shristi was the first to visit them and shared time with them, learning what it was like to lose your home.

After becoming friends, she made sure that they found new homes and were happy with their new lives. Her actions inspired lots of other animals to follow.

*We learn from Shristi's story that we must recognise others as our brothers and sisters and actively work for their good.*

We are trying this half term to embrace the values and virtues of being Eloquent & Truthful. One of the ways that we can do this is to make a small change in our lives that could have a positive impact on our world.

Here are some of the examples from Year 3

- Turn of the tap when brushing my teeth
- Turn off my games console when I have finished playing
- Encourage my family to walk more and not use the car.

Some great ideas Year 3.