



HEADLINES

OCTOBER	
3 rd	INSET School Closed
4 th	Special Friends Family Parish Mass, meet your child's special friend and their family.
6 th	School Photos all year groups in uniform, if you need PE kit bring it in a separate bag.
7 th	Y1 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am
8 th	Y5 to Alton Castle until Friday Y4 Library Visit Y4 Mass in school @ 9am Alpha group starting at St. Anne's Church please join for food at 6pm
10 th	Reception Literacy Meeting for all Reception parents @ 2:15pm
11 th	Y4/Y1 Family Parish Mass @6pm all welcome
13 th	Y1/Y2 Enrichment Day
14 th	Y2 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am Y1 trip reference transport topic.
15 th	Y3 Mass in school @ 9am Y5 Library viist Footgolf Festival Bench ball event
16 th	Confirmation @ 6pm Bishop Menezes
17 th	Open Day for New Intake 2026 Nursery and Reception, please call to make an appointment.
18 th	GIFT/Caritas & Mini Vinnies commitment to Parish Mass @ 6pm
20 th	Open Day for New Intake 2026 Nursery and Reception, please call to make an appointment. School/Parish Mission Sisters of Walsingham
21 st	Flu Vaccines Y3 - Y4 Football festival Reconciliation Zoom Meeting for Year 3 parents 890 6679 6203 P/Code 427440
22 nd	Whole School Harvest Mass donations of any food welcomed. Y3 library Visit Football tournaments @ Star City
23 rd	Y3/Y4 Boys Football @ 3:45pm 1:30pm Marian Procession through Streetly
24 th	Whole School Sponsored Walk to raise funds for new technology in school. Payment is via Arbor.
25 th	Mass for the Mission @ 6pm
NOVEMBER	
3 rd	Return to School Mass to launch Lives of Lost Loved Ones

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The word is **Faith** - In the words of Pope Francis, Faith without action is no Faith at all. How can we take action to make the world a better place?

Tuesday 7th October Y1 Mass @ Church. Children arrive at 8:45am.
 There will not be a Mass in school on **Wednesday 8th October** Year 4 Mass in school @ 9am.

Headteacher Message



A short week for the children this week, but as always we managed to cram five days into four. I had the pleasure of taking three of the Mini Vinnies group to Church this week to support the first coffee morning of the academic year. They were a delight mixing with the elderly of the parish, chatting and helping out. It really is a wonderful interaction where both young and old benefit. Year 1, had a wonderful time celebrating the life of St. Francis out in nature, it is so important to embrace outdoor learning especially for our younger pupils. This week we also had our first sporting event, the KS2 Cross country event. The children who participated were an absolute credit, showed fantastic resilience and achieved some impressive results. Thank you to Mrs. Baynham-Hughes for everything that she does in and out of school to ensure that our children attend every single event organised by Streetly and the Catholic Partnership, not many schools can say they do that. We hope to achieve a platinum award for participation in school games this year. On Saturday, it is the Special Friends Mass, so Fr. Gwil is inviting all of our Year 6 and Reception children and their families to church at 6pm. Wishing everyone a great weekend, let's hope the rain disappears and the winds aren't too strong.

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Nursery Another amazing week. Thank you to all those children who came to Mass last weekend. It was wonderful to see so many of you. This week, we have started our All About Me topic and it's been lovely to hear about all of your interests. Please remember to send in a photo of your child as a baby/toddler. Have a wonderful long weekend.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception What a quick week that was! This week our role play corner was transformed into a building site. The children have enjoyed dressing up as builders and making a variety of buildings - working together as a team. We've also finished Level 1 in our phonics lessons ready to start Level 2 next week. Don't forget the Literacy in Reception & Beyond Parent Meeting on Friday 10th October at 2.15pm. I will give you some strategies for you to help your child at home. See you all on Saturday for the Special Friends Family Mass at 6pm...

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1 That was a quick week! We have now started our level 5 Phonics and this week we are learning the 'ay' digraph. We are off to a flying start with a Computing unit and have enjoyed creating our own Algorithms to decorate an elephant this week. The children are also expressing their emotions by using the Colour Monster interactive display. Ask your child what they were feeling this week and why? On Thursday we had a wonderful morning celebrating the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, our class saint, whose feast day is on the 4th October. The children loved going on their Autumn walk and looking for nature items to bring back to class. They loved collecting items of nature and giving thanks for these in class. Ask them what we said to the birds on our walk.

Please can you send in one family photo and one photo of your child's Baptism for next week. All of your children are now getting used to logging into PurpleMash, your child has been sent home with their username and password. Please check that you can log in at home and remember to select St Anne's as your school before you log in.

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 Well done for your contributions this week Year 2! You did really well in Maths when we were comparing and ordering numbers and in English we explored the use of adjectives and how they can make our writing more detailed and interesting. It was great to see your interest in the story of David and Goliath in R.E and you had fun acting out the story- some super acting! Thank you to everyone who completed inspirational women projects they were lovely to share with the class and the brilliant Tudor houses which have already been made! Have a lovely long weekend everyone.

Miss Regan

Year 3 Year 3 have been focusing on how stone age and iron age people lived in the past and reading all about Ug, the Stone Age boy. In Maths we are practising counting on and back to add and subtract ones. We have been doing really well in our spelling tests so keep up the hard work. We have also learned how to login to the Chrome books and begin word processing. Well done Year 3.

Mrs Robinson

Year 4 This week in RE, we have been reading the story of Abraham and Isaac. It made us think about the sacrifice Abraham was willing to make for God. We made our own storyboards to retell the story and thought about the times when we have been asked to do something difficult. In science, we've been continuing our work on food chains, especially thinking about animals that live in different habitats. We've also been identifying plants and animals that are producers, prey and predators. Next Wednesday, we are visiting the library so please remember to bring in your library cards! Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Jones

Year 5 Well done everyone for another fantastic week - you are really rising to the challenge of Year 5! We are making great headway with our class book, 'Viking Boy' and have got to the end of our first units in Maths and RE. Science has been exciting as we have had the opportunity to carry out two investigations into the properties of materials. I continue to be impressed with your homework efforts - keep up the hard work with Reading Journals and practising your spellings. I am really looking forward to our Alton Castle retreat next week - I hope you are too.

Mr Caddick

Year 6 Another very busy week in Year 6. We are working hard to develop and improve our writing, using more advanced punctuation and vocabulary. Maths problem solving is greatly improving and your explanations are top notch. There are now only two weeks left until Confirmation and your confirmation saints names are well considered - we will start rehearsing at church soon so that everyone is well prepared for the evening. I have put all of the songs for the Once Upon a Christmas show on the class web pages so please make sure that you listen to them and learn them by heart.

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery	Kaiya & Louie
Reception	Mila K & Robin
Year 1	Dexter & Eloise
Year 2	Eshan & Frankie
Year 3	Anna & Santiago
Year 4	Florence & Olive
Year 5	Patrick & Merryn
Year 6	Ollie & Isla

Congratulations Certificates will be presented to the pupils. Well done!

After School Clubs

Monday: Y1/Y2

Dance

Monday: Drama
Y5/6

Thursday: KS2
Dance

All clubs dismissed at main reception. If you wish to enroll email mmiller@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk

Learn Its Movers

Year 1	
Year 2	Arlo & Lewis
Year 3	
Year 4	

TTRS

Rock Legends
Caleb & Ronnie

Building The Kingdom

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a project on inspirational women, teachers today during INSET, were reading your fantastic pieces of work. Winning projects will be announced in the newsletter next week.

October's challenge - complete a poster linked to Creation, perhaps encouraging others to look after the environment, giving thanks for the environment or simply depicting our God GIVEN WORLD.

Mrs Johnston.



Roll of Honour

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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Reception	Gabriel won player of the week u6's Sutton Coldfield Hockey club
Y2	Jamie won player of the match for his team Ace Inter
Y4	George participated in the Under 9's National Gymnastic Competition and won a bronze medal for tumbling and silver medal overall
Y4	Ruairi won the sixes league in his golf competition
Y6	Won the sixes league in his golf beating Little Aston Golf Club

Sportsmanship Award of the week

Declan (Y6) for being an excellent role model and mentor to a year 3 child. Declan missed some of his own time on the MUGA to make sure other children were having a positive experience during lunchtime

Please ensure that children bring the correct money for the items.

BREAK SALES



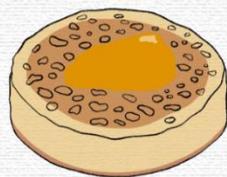
Some children in our school leave home without any breakfast and we're here to change that. As of Monday 3rd February we are going to be selling...



TOAST 30P



PANCAKE 50P



CRUMPET 50P



BAGEL 50P



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£1
MONDAY ONLY

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This half term our Catholic Social Teaching is about solidarity and the Common Good.



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.



Based on the gospel for Sunday 5 October, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Luke 17:5-10

"Increase our faith."

There may be times when our hopes for a world of justice and fairness for all seem even further away. There are conflicts which have no end. The cry of the earth is not heard. Many of our sisters and brothers still lack water, food and other essentials of life. Migrants and refugees seeking a better life are not welcomed. Loud voices preach hate not love.

This might cause us to feel doubt and despair, questioning if things will ever change. As we strive for what is good, do we ever feel like giving up?

Taken from his homily on this Gospel, St Oscar Romero's words can give us strength:

"Where injustice, violence, and brute force seem to hold sway, the just person can feel helpless. Nevertheless, we have the vigorous force of God, which is faith. If we who are tiny before the forces of the world have faith in God, then we are more powerful than all the armies of the world."

Waré in Ethiopia faced many difficulties getting water for her family during times of drought. But she did not give up. She carried on walking despite being pregnant, feeling weak and worrying her children would lose their mother.

Thanks to CAFOD supporters, Waré now has a much shorter walk to an underground storage tank providing water for her community.

May our faith sustain our hope of a better world, as we respond to the call to bring about God's Kingdom on earth.

Well done to all of our Cross Country Team - you showed great resilience and determination.

