



HEADLINES

OCTOBER	
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 visit 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 UKS2
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, please make your memory boxes over half term and bring into school today.
4 th	Y6 Mass @ Church arrive at 8:45am Meeting for Parents applying for a Reception place for September 2026
5 th	Mini Vinnies Support Coffee morning @ Church Reconciliation Sacramental Meeting @ Church for all Y3 Parents (not children)
7 th	Celebration Assembly all parents invited @ 9am PTA coffee social from 8:15am in school Wreath Laying Barr Beacon Y6
8 th	Remembrance Mass Y6 receive Confirmation Certificates
10 th	Anti-Bullying Week

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The word is **thankfulness**. This week we celebrated the feast of John Henry Newman, remember his words 'Heart speaks unto Heart.'

Tuesday 14th October Y2 Mass @ Church. Children arrive at 8:45am.
Mass in school on Wednesday 15th October Year 3 Mass in school @ 9am.

Headteacher Message



What a fantastic week for St. Anne's School. On Monday Bishop Timothy paid a visit to school to meet with Year 6 and discuss next week's Confirmation service. He was very impressed with your knowledge and the maturity of your questioning. On Tuesday, our GIFT and Caritas teams launched our Rosary for October and explained their role in school. Thank you to the teams and to Mrs Flower who is the facilitator of these groups. On Wednesday, Year 5 headed off to Alton Castle as Pilgrims of Hope, what an incredible three days, they threw themselves into every activity, they supported and helped each other, and they even slept well at night. Thank you for making the retreat so special. Thank you to Mr Caddick and Mrs Baynham-Hughes for leading the groups. Without your agreement to be away from your own homes and families for two nights, these trips cannot happen, so thank you. Have a wonderful restful weekend, Year 4 and Year 1 it is your special Mass this weekend, Fr. Gwil is really looking forward to many of you attending tomorrow at 6pm. God bless all.

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Nursery What a great week we have had in Nursery. The children have enjoyed learning about Autumn and have created some wonderful pieces of artwork. We have also started our number work and learnt about the Creation story in RE. Can the children tell you who made the world? We have continued talking about ourselves and our families and the children created mini houses with their families inside. The children have made a brilliant start to their 1000 stories. Please remember to bring the book back once you have read it so it can be swapped for another one. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception Thank you children for a wonderful week in Reception. You've done it! You've filled the marble jar again. This means your next reward - bringing a toy in from home. More information will follow about the date next week. We've had lots of fun learning how God made everyone we are all different, but very special. We used the word 'unique' and everyone in Reception is unique and special. The children made paper plate faces to represent themselves which are now happily hung in the class to show how they are all different. It's wonderful that young children understood how it doesn't matter what we look like - everyone is very special!

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1

This week we have been getting into the trickier maths concepts of greater than and less than! We have been exploring the symbols used to compare objects and numbers. By the end of the week, we have shown greater confidence in this area. Well done everyone. We have also enjoyed creating our own Colour Monsters to complete our display. Year 1 have now started to plan their own Class Liturgy; they take pride in setting up their own altar and are always very proud of this. Please see our class page for photos. We have also completed the joyful mysteries of the Rosary. Why don't you try a decade of the Rosary with your child. Next Tuesday is their school trip. Please remember to wear a coat on this day. The highlight of our week was having a fun Friday session in our old Reception class! The children loved having this extra playtime! Thank you Mrs Turley for letting us visit! Our Mass on Saturday night at 6pm.

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 Well done for your hard work this week Year 2- especially with your writing. It was great to hear that you enjoyed writing letters as Paddington to Aunt Lucy- you are all experts on places to visit in London now! I also enjoyed reading your diary entries, where you thought about your senses and imagined that you were there when the Great Fire of London happened. Next week, you have an exciting start to the week on Monday with the first enrichment project and don't forget it is our Mass at church on Tuesday morning! Have a great weekend.

Miss Regan

Year 3 We have been working hard on our Maths this week, adding on tens to 3 digit numbers. In English we are writing diary entries, and our handwriting and spelling is really improving. On Wednesday we have our class Mass so some children have readings and we also have our visit to the library. Remember to bring your cards. Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Robinson

Year 4 Well done for working so hard again this week, Year 4. Thank you for bringing in your props for your dance lesson on Monday. Mrs Swann tells me that you have been very creative, incorporating your props into your routines! This week, we have been looking at playscripts in English and have been annotating some of the key features. On Thursday we used our computing skills to continue with our scratch programming. We have been busy debugging some fantastic quizzes! Your scratch logins are inside your homework diaries if you would like to continue this at home. Have a great weekend!

Miss Jones

Year 5 What an amazing end to the week at Alton Castle Year 5! You have thrown yourself into the activities and have all got so much out of the experience. Well done for all the trekking, biking, climbing, surviving and archery - you did yourselves proud. Everyone tried something new and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone. I hope you all have a good rest this weekend (something tells me you're going to need it) and I will look forward to having you all back in class on Monday for the final two weeks of this half term. Well done Year 5.

Mr Caddick

Year 6 A very exciting week - Bishop Timothy came to visit us on Monday and was so impressed with your answers and questions. I am sure that we will have a very blessed Mass for Confirmation next week. We have been very busy with planning our writing for next week - working on building atmosphere and tension in preparation for our writing next week. Your arithmetic work on multiplication has been accurate but please remember to keep practising times tables as this will help with all aspects of maths. Congratulations on reaching the first 50 class points - 5 minutes extra play everyday for a week! Have a great weekend.

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery	Amelia & Kaiya
Reception	Jude & Dottie
Year 1	Rory & Scarlett
Year 2	Namrita & Charlie
Year 3	Alicia & Azzurra
Year 4	Frederic & Ruairi
Year 5	Whole Class
Year 6	Oliver B & Kacey

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	Aoife, Eadie, Theo Rav, Polly & Albert
Year 3	
Year 4	Matilda, Charlotte, Olive & Honor

TTRS

Rock Legends

Sienna, Sophia, Lola B, Matilda, Thomas

Building The Kingdom Inspirational Women Winners

Maisie (Y1), Edie (Y2), Charlie (Y3), Rory (Y5), Grace (Y6) and Gracie (Y3)
Well done your projects were very original and creative. Enjoy your vouchers.

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.



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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Y2	Frankie, scored three goals for his team Ace.
Y4	Lyla got Player of the Match for Barr Beacon for the second consecutive week
Y4	Aluna got player of the Match for Sutton town Vixens Netball Club
Y4	Honor scored two goals and got Player of the Match for her football team Ace Miami
Y4	Lola B got Player of the Match for her football team Burntwood Phoenix
Y6	Remi got Player of the Match for his football team

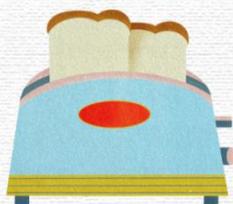
Sportsmanship Award of the week
Grace M (Y4) always sticking to the rules of football and
always having a smile on her face when doing so.

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

BREAK SALES



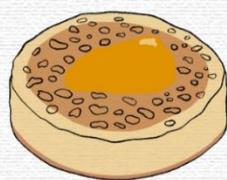
Some children in our school leave home without any breakfast and we're here to change that. As of Monday 3rd February we are going to be selling...



TOAST 30P



PANCAKE 50P



CRUMPET 50P



BAGEL 50P



SAUSAGE SANDWICH
£1
MONDAY ONLY

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 12 October, Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Luke 17:11-19

"One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks."

Jesus heals ten people of leprosy, but only one of them comes back to thank him - a Samaritan.

We see in this story how Jesus' healing is not restricted to one group of people. God's love and mercy are for all people who are open and willing to receive it, regardless of their background or where they come from.

This story also shows us something about gratitude. Nine of the ten people healed went away without looking back or returning to say thank you. People with leprosy were forced to live separately, so perhaps they wanted to rush back and see their loved ones again. Perhaps they were caught up in celebrating, sharing their story, or simply forgot. We do not know.

But we do know how easy it is for us to get distracted. To take for granted all the gifts that God has given us. The beauty of creation, the food that we eat, our friends and our family - all that we have comes from God.

So let us turn to God in thanks and praise this week and open our hearts to God's healing love. Filled with gratitude and joy at what we have received, we are also called to be open and generous to others, despite the differences between us.



Our wonderful pilgrims of Hope who were fantastic ambassadors for our school at Alton Castle. It was a great pleasure and privilege to spend time with you as a group. We were sad that one of our members had to go home on Wednesday (due to illness). He showed great maturity in telling us teachers that he was unwell, although he knew this meant he would need to go home. He really did not want to go home but said 'I knew I had to tell you, otherwise someone else might get ill too.' What an incredible attitude and behaviour from one so young. We can all learn from his wonderful example. Get some rest over the weekend.

