



HEADLINES

OCTOBER	
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 Girls 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
11 th	Y5 and Y6 to All Saints Streetly for Remembrance Service
12 th	Y2 Mass in school @9am all welcome
14 th	No Pens Day 2:30pm EYFS Parent Reading Support session with your child.
15 th	Family Parish Mass for Lives of Lost Loved Ones all boxes will go to Church
17 th	Assembly Birmingham Children's Hospital 6pm PTA AGM and then first Meeting
18 th	Y4 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am

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The word is **Prayer**. Let us take a moment to pray for those in most need in our world today.

Whole School Harvest Mass Mini-Vinnies food appeal for the poor of the Parish and St. Chad's Wednesday 22nd October. Mass at 9am all welcome to join us.

Headteacher Message



Yesterday was a fantastic milestone in the life of our school as our pupils from Year 6 were confirmed by Bishop Timothy. The Confirmation Mass was a wonderful celebration of the sacrament. The children had been expertly prepared to receive the Holy Spirit, by Miss Keedwell, we now look forward to them sharing the gifts of the Holy Spirit with the whole school community over the coming months. Thank you to parents, sponsors and family members who joined us. Next week, we are thrilled to support our Parish/School mission, this is an opportunity for us all to work collaboratively with the Sisters of Our Lady of Walsingham, to encounter Jesus in a meaningful way in our lives. A highlight to the retreat is the exhibition of a life size replica of the Turin Shroud, that will be on display in church throughout the week, it is very impressive, please come along to see it. Tomorrow evening our Caritas, GIFT and Mini-Vinnies teams will be sharing their vision for the next academic year with the parish. There is a pizza party after Mass. Well done for securing first place (again) in the Summer reading challenge. Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

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Nursery Another brilliant week in Nursery. This week in Maths, we have focussed on the number 1. We have taken our time to really understand what the number 1 means. All of the children were able to recognise the number 1 too. In our other lessons, we have been focussing on different houses and thinking about what our house looks like. If you haven't sent in a photo of your child as a baby/toddler for our 'All About Me' topic, please could you do so. Next week, we will start our PE lessons on Friday. Please send in a pair of trainers for your child in a bag. These can either be kept in school or can go home each week. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception The children have had a busy week learning about looking after their teeth and how to brush them. They were able to sort foods and drinks that are good for teeth and those that are only treats and learned they must all go to the dentist who checks our teeth are healthy. They loved using the toothbrushes to brush the pretend sugar off the teeth. Your child is bringing home their 'BrightBites' booklet with information for you to help them look after their teeth. The children have worked very hard to learn the next 3 sounds in phonics and are getting more confident at using their robot fingers to sound out and blend words. Well done everyone! Keep it up!

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1

What an amazing week we have had. Firstly, thank you to all those families who supported our Mass last weekend. I was so proud to see many Year 1 children there. Our enrichment day on Monday was a great success where the children practised their designing, cutting and sewing skills. We look forward to their finished products in time for Christmas! Our school trip on Tuesday was absolutely fantastic! The children were outstanding ambassadors for their school and they created so many wonderful memories from their experiences, so much so, some of them cried at the thoughts of coming back! Thank you for sending in your family and Baptism photos. Please remember to send your child's library card into school by Monday. Next week we will have Forest School clothes on Tuesday and will keep them until Wednesday. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 Year 2 had a busy start to the week with our first enrichment day- Mrs McCabe was impressed with your perseverance with sewing, well done! You were very respectful during our first Mass at church on Tuesday morning, well done. You also really enjoyed showing off your History knowledge to Mrs Robinson before she re-created the Great Fire of London and we saw the flames grow on your houses! Don't forget if you can complete our October challenge for Building the Kingdom and create a poster linked to creation, it would be lovely to see and share them in class during our last week. Have a great weekend everyone.

Miss Regan

Year 3 Year 3 have worked hard this week on their new story Stone Age Boy and have had some really imaginative ideas for story writing. We have also been learning about the mysteries surrounding Stonehenge. We have a busy week next week including a geography walk to the woods, the Harvest Mass, our sponsored walk to Sutton Park and P.E as normal. For that reason, children can come to school in P.E kit each day. Don't forget about our R.E homework on the newsletter which is producing a creation poster. We also need to make our memory boxes for after half term. Thank you. Remember it is really important that we honour our deceased relatives.

Mrs Robinson

Year 4 Well done for working hard again this week, Year 4! In maths, we've been learning how to round numbers to the nearest ten, hundred, and thousand. You're becoming really confident at recognising which ten, hundred or thousand is closest. Well done! In English, we had lots of fun using freeze frames to act out the exciting fight scene from *Bill's New Frock*. You then used your drama ideas to plan your own playscripts, starting with the dialogue and stage directions. Finally, a big well done to everyone who's been logging in to Times Table Rockstars. Many of you are climbing the leader board and becoming close to earning your badges - keep practising!

Miss Jones

Year 5 Another busy week flies by Year 5. Was Alton Castle only last week? We have covered so much this week. You have written some fantastic stories in character as Gunnar, we have moved on to addition and subtraction in Maths and you are showing off your skills. In RE, we are learning about the miracles of Jesus and I have put you into your Viking families for History. It's Local Geography week next week - looking forward to it!

Mr Caddick

Year 6 Well what a blessed week we have had Year 6. Thank you for your reverence, responses and joy of your Confirmation yesterday. You were all truly awesome and I am so proud of you all. You have also excelled in the classroom this week with super writing of Stacey's fight, accurate long multiplication and wonderful gymnastics sequencing. One week left before the holidays so keep on being great year 6!

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery	George & Olivia
Reception	Leon & Lorcan
Year 1	Amber & Rose
Year 2	Orla & Jack
Year 3	Rupert & Keira
Year 4	Tyler & Sophia
Year 5	Max & Charlie
Year 6	Whole Class

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

Learn Its Movers

Year 1	
Year 2	Riley
Year 3	Rogan
Year 4	

TTRS

Rock Legends

Lola B & Thomas

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

Building The Kingdom

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.

November - This is the month of the Holy Souls, we start this month with our memory boxes, celebrating the lives of our ancestors and honouring them. Please put these together over half term and then at Mass on 3rd November, Father will bless them. We keep the boxes on our prayer foci in school until we take them to the Parish to Mass on the 15th November.
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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Reception	Isaac earned his third stripe in Jiu Jitsu
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Sportsmanship Award of the week

Y4 girl footballers for a fantastic effort in Thursday game, playing with determination and resilience. Finishing off with handshakes all round to congratulate each other on a great game.



The children who attended Footgolf this week, having a wonderful time.

Smiles all round from our benchballers - well done everyone

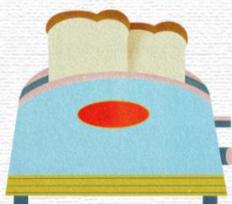


Please ensure that children bring the correct money for the items.

BREAK SALES



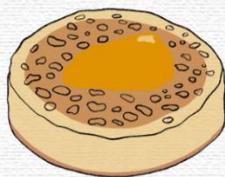
Some children in our school leave home without any breakfast and we're here to change that. As of Monday 3rd February we are going to be selling...



TOAST 30P



PANCAKE 50P



CRUMPET 50P



BAGEL 50P



SAUSAGE SANDWICH
£1
MONDAY ONLY

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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.



They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will they learn how to make war.

ISAIAH 2:4

God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help
for the peoples of the Middle East.
Quiet the clamour of war
and guide us towards peace.
Where there is hatred and division
sow seeds of calm and openness.
Where there is destruction
help us to rebuild.
Where children are crying
bring an end to tears.
Shelter your peoples and protect them
Guide them and keep them from harm.
Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear
and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen



Well done to everyone who entered the Summer Reading Challenge, we were thrilled to pick up our prize from the staff at Streetly Library, who work so hard to encourage a love of reading in all of our pupils.