



HEADLINES

OCTOBER	
25 th	Parish Retreat Day for the whole Family 11am to 4pm 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 cancelled Meeting for Parents applying for a Reception place for September 2026 @ 2:30pm
5 th	Mini Vinnies Support Coffee morning @ Church Y3/Y4 Enrichment Reconciliation Sacramental Meeting @ Church for all Y3 Parents (not children) @ 6pm
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 @ 6pm Y6 receive Confirmation Certificates
10 th	Anti-Bullying Week
11 th	Y5 and Y4 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 Ronald McDonald House Charity 6pm PTA AGM and then first Meeting
18 th	Y4 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
19 th	Y6 & Reception Special Friends Mass in School 9am
20 th	Y5/Y6 Netball 9:15-11am Walsall Campus Book Fair arrives @ school details to follow Parent Teacher Meetings from 1:30pm
DECEMBER	
8 th	Y3/Y4 Dodgeball @ Streetly @ 3:40pm
9 th	KS1 Multiskills 9:15-11am Manor Farm
10 th	Y5/Y6 Sportshall Athletics @ Streetly 3:45pm
12 th	Santa Dash All Year groups wear a dash of RED

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The word is **Humble**. Lord your humility obscured your Kingship, help me to walk in your footsteps, now and always.

Mass at @ 9am on Monday 3rd November all parents welcome. Please remember your memory boxes for the Lives of our Lost Loved Ones, for this Mass.

Headteacher Message



What a fantastic day to end what has been a busy and wonderful half term. Often, the first half term can be the most difficult, settling into new routines, new teachers, new classrooms and meeting new classmates for many. You have all coped really well with this and I am very proud of you all. This week we have the sisters of Our Lady of Walsingham in school, it was really great to hear about their vocations and we look forward to seeing our completed slipper chapel. Remember you can join them at church tomorrow for more music and craft between 11am and 4pm. Our week ended with our annual sponsored walk, how Blessed we were. We all got to be out in a glorious autumnal day enjoying the wonder of creation, spending time chatting together, having fun in the puddles, playing 'longest throw' in Sutton Park and generally having a wonderful time together. Thank you to those who have started to return sponsorship money, there will be a two-week window when we return to collect the remaining sponsorship. Remember this year all of the money is going to purchasing new IPADS.

Have a great week spending time together as a family, try to make time to make your memory boxes ready for Mass on the 3rd November as we start to pray for those in our families who have died. Stay safe and see you all on the 3rd November. God Bless.

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Nursery A huge well done for a fantastic first half term in Nursery. You have all settled brilliantly and are well into Nursery routines. We are so proud of each and everyone of you. Well done for a fantastic last week in school. It has been a very busy week filled with Diwali, more Creation activities in RE and Local Geography Week. You were all brilliant during our Sponsored Walk. I hope you all have a restful and fun half term.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception I can't quite believe we're already at the end of our first half term together. The children are fully settled into the new routines of Reception and are impressing me with their behaviour, efforts, work ethic and most importantly with how they are forming some good friendships. We've had a wonderful Local Geography week learning about hedgehogs topped off with an exciting visit to the secret woods. The children enjoyed our visit from the Sisters this week who were impressed with their energy singing hymns. We finished the week with our toy from home play which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you for your support in helping to settle your child into life in Reception. There will be lots more learning and fun next half term - especially with the run up to Christmas. Have a great family half term break.

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1 What an exciting week we have had this week with, The Sisters of Walsingham, the Turin Shroud and local Geography week! We have loved our visits to Foley woods and the children were incredibly enthusiastic and motivated by their birds' nests to help make our local woodlands environmentally friendly for God's creations. Thank you to everyone for enabling all of your children to enjoy their first library visit. Please check that your child's library card is in their book bag along with their library book. Please can you return this book to the library within the next 4 weeks. Well done to everyone for a fantastic first half term in Year 1. You have been a pleasure to work with and I'm so glad we celebrated our class rewards at Blackwood Park today! Have a wonderful half term.

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 What a lovely first half term in Year 2! You have all done so well with making the jump up from Year 1. Keep up sharing your great ideas on the carpet and being kind to each other- I know you will. In the final week, we have been exploring our local area and the different wildlife that we can help thrive. We loved keeping an eye on the outdoor camera to see animals in their habitats when we're not around! Then, we had a well-deserved treat with a film and some popcorn to end a great half term. Wishing everyone a lovely half term break with your families.

Miss Regan

Year 3 Wow what a busy week we have had. Our local geography week was very active and we enjoyed exploring Blackwood Park and Foley Woods to find signs of British wildlife. We worked hard with Year 1 making nests and hedgehog homes and were very practical when making our structures. We can't wait to see more wildlife visit the wooded area. We have also enjoyed our artwork with the Sisters from Walsingham and completed our Stone Age Boy stories. It has been a very busy half term and I am proud of all of Year 3 for working so hard. I hope you all have a restful half term.

Mrs Robinson

Year 4 What a busy week we've had in Year 4! As part of Local Geography Week, we enjoyed a walk to Foley Woods on Tuesday, where we built some natural hedgehog homes and came up with our own creative ideas to make the woods even better for local wildlife. On Tuesday, we also had a special visit from Sister Catherine and Sister Kate from Walsingham. The children were fascinated to hear about their lives as nuns and asked them some fantastic questions. Finally, on Friday, we took part in a sponsored walk to Sutton Park- what a great way to finish the week together. Well done, Year 4, for all your enthusiasm and hard work this half-term. Have a wonderful half-term!

Miss Jones

Year 5 What an amazing half term we've had, Year 5! You have worked very hard in class and we have covered so much. From investigations in Science to Vikings in History; miracles in RE to maps in Geography; quizzes in Computing to Livin' on a Prayer in Music; swimming and gymnastics in PE to subordinate clauses in English! We've also been on retreat for two nights, celebrated Father's 25th anniversary and finished with a sponsored walk. I think we all deserve a rest. Enjoy spending time with your families over the half term break and I will see you in November!

Mr Caddick

Year 6 What a fantastic first half term Year 6. The celebration of Confirmation was a blessed occasion. The way in which you responded, sang out and how you have already shown the gifts of the Holy Spirit working within you is so special and every member of staff is so proud of you. I have been so impressed with your attitudes towards all aspects of school life and you have all produced some work to be proud of - especially your narrative writing on the fight at the Wallace store. Keep learning the songs for our Christmas Concert at the Walsall Arena and have a lovely holiday.

Miss Keedwell

Half termly Awards

Presented at Celebration assembly 7th Nov @ 9am

Nursery	Joshan & Olivia
Reception	Kasper & Aaron
Year 1	Rose & Dexter
Year 2	Mia & Eadie
Year 3	Quinn & Louis
Year 4	Daisy & Charlotte
Year 5	Andrea & Gene
Year 6	George & Jacob

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

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Values & Virtues Eloquent and Truthful

Nursery	Cainan & Saoirse
Reception	Mila R & Oscar
Year 1	Hudson & Imogen
Year 2	Riley & Julio
Year 3	Harper & Reuben
Year 4	Lyla & Grace
Year 5	Skylar J & Cassius
Year 6	Grace & Kacey

Presented at Celebration Assembly.

Learn Its Movers

Year 2
Year 3
Year 4

TTRS

Rock Legends Sophia & Sienna

Building The Kingdom

October's challenge - Thank you for the wonderful posters that are now proudly on display in the dining hall, reminding us of the important task that we have as stewards of creation.

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	Kasper earned his 5m swimming badge at swimming
Reception	Gabriel got player of the week for Sutton Coldfield Hockey club u8's
Y1	Hudson got his red and white belt in Combat Karate
Y2	George got player of the match for Ace Inter
Y2	Jacob H, Lewis J and Cillian Mc had a successful first away game of the season for the Veseyans Rugby Sunday U7's vs Barker Butts Coventry U7's
Y3	Conor got coaches player of the match for his new team Ace Napoli
Y4	Henry got his blue belt in karate
Y4	Finn got 3 goals for Ace Leverkusen and got player of the match
Y4	George got a goal for Ace Leverkusen and got player of the match
Y4	Freddie got his brown belt in karate
Y4	Louie got two trophies for excellent match play for his teams over the weekend
Y4	Honor got parents player against Burntwood Phoenix for an excellent goal.
Y4	Lyla earned herself the player of the match for her netball team Barr Beacon
Y4	Anderson got player of the day for his team, helping them to win the Walsall league trophy.

Sportsmanship Award of the week
Kaylon, Isla, Anna and Gracie in Y3 for excellent teamwork during their gymnastics routine in PE.







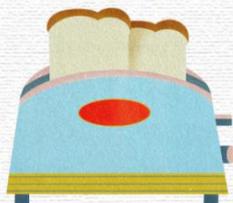
A great sporting week and a wonderful way to finish a very busy half term. Thank you to all of our parents for supporting the children in getting them to and from events. Have a wonderful rest and we do it all again in November.

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

BREAK SALES



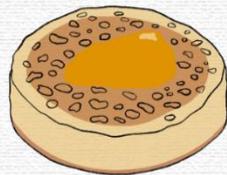
Some children in our school leave home without any breakfast and we're here to change that. As of Monday 3rd February we are going to be selling...



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 26 October, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Luke 18:9-14

"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

In this parable, Jesus contrasts the proud Pharisee with the humble tax collector, reminding us that righteousness is not measured by self-assurance or outward displays of virtue, but by honesty of our hearts before God. In a world that appears to reward conceit, success and self-promotion, the quiet humility of the tax collector stands as a radical act of faith that reminds us that we are all equal before the Lord.

Catholic social teaching invites us to live with humility and solidarity, seeing others not as lesser or greater than ourselves, but as brothers and sisters of the same family.

Like those who quietly dedicate their lives to serving others - teachers who nurture struggling students, carers who tend the elderly with dignity, or volunteers who support the homeless without recognition - we are moved to listen and not judge, to serve rather than seek recognition and to walk with those who suffer injustice or exclusion.

These modern examples remind us that humility is lived in small acts of love and compassion rather than grand gestures. With guidance and faith, we may all begin living humbly.

