



HEADLINES

NOVEMBER	
8 th	Remembrance Mass @ 6pm Y6 receive Confirmation Certificates
10 th	Anti-Bullying Week
11 th	Y1/Y2 Enrichment Day Y5 and Y4 to All Saints Streetly for Remembrance Service
12 th	Special friends 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	Y2 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
21 st	Rise theatre group in school - Catholic Social teaching based
22 nd	Y5/Nursery Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
24 th	Y3/Y4 Enrichment Day Walsall Football Cup Boys
25 th	Y3 Mass @ church arrive @ 8:45am Drop in session for all parents - to see our enriching Computing curriculum. 2pm - 3pm.
26 th	Y5 Mass in school @ 9am Intra School Football 3:30-4:30pm
27 th	Intra School Footbal 3:30-4:30pm Walsall Music Christmas Concert Y6 @ Walsall Arena
28 th	Chocolate MUFTI Day for Christmas Fayre Y5/6 Wow Championships (sporting competition) Sparks Workshop Y4 Vocations afternoon 1:30-3:00pm
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 **Enthusiasm**. If you are what you should be you will set the world ablaze. St Catherine of Siena

Mass at @ 9am on Wednesday 12th November for Year 2 in school hall, all welcome.

Headteacher Message



It seems like that week whizzed past very quickly. What a wonderful start we had to our half term, with the school community coming together to launch our Lives of Lost Loved Ones Boxes. It was wonderful to see so many boxes and it has been a great pleasure to hear the stories of some of the children's relatives. All children will get the chance to talk about their ancestors as we pray for them throughout November. Remember you still have time to make your boxes, bring them in to share with your classmates. We will then take your boxes to church, so that we can pray for your ancestors as a parish community.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Reconciliation Meeting at church on Wednesday evening, it was fantastic to have a room, that was full of parents participating - thank you.

This week's newsletter contains information on our Christmas appeals and explanations as to why we have these appeals especially during Advent and Lent. Looking forward to seeing our Y6 pupils at Mass tomorrow evening to collect Confirmation Certificates.

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Nursery A wonderful first week back into school life at St Anne's. I think this might be the first time we have ever come back from October half term with no tears, which just shows how settled and happy you all are. This week in Maths we have been sorting objects into large and small groups. You were all brilliant at knowing which group had the bigger amount. In RE, we have been talking about how God made us and how we have all changed since we were babies. We have started some work on Traditional Tales and you have really enjoyed the story of The Three Little Pigs. Mrs Lingwood has loved meeting you all properly and she was so impressed with how you have settled into routines. We hope you all have a great weekend. Lots of you said you were going to watch the fireworks - enjoy and stay safe.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception Well done everyone on a wonderful first week back after the half term break. The children have settled back in very quickly and have enjoyed playing with friends again. This week the children have enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and his friends trying to blow up the Houses of Parliament, they've built Big Ben using construction kits and made some colourful firework pictures. They learned how to draw and paint pictures of themselves and then thought about how they can use their God given gifts and talents to help others. There were some very thoughtful and individual ideas. Thank you for being so kind children. Please keep it up!

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1 This week we have had so many children getting their certificates for their 1000 stories. Well done to all of you. I look forward to issuing more certificates very soon! It's been an enjoyable break from numbers in Maths as we have been learning about 3D and 2D shapes. Can your child find any 3D shapes at home or in their community? We have also been reading 'The Badly Behaved Bus'. Ask your child if they remember what the bus was doing wrong? We have now started rehearsing our Nativity songs. Please visit the year 2 Web page to allow your child to listen and practise these songs at home. The lyrics will also be in your child's reading packet today! Thank you to everyone for your 'loved lost ones' memory boxes. We have enjoyed sharing these special memories of our loved ones and will continue to pray for them. Next week there will be no Forest School due to our exciting Enrichment day on Tuesday!

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 Well done for a positive first week back Year 2! We have started our quizzes to show off what we can do in Maths, Reading and Grammar- I know you will keep working hard on this next week. In Science, you enjoyed learning about the different food groups and sorting different types of food. It was brilliant to hear you start to learn our songs for the Nativity- everyone will be so impressed by your lovely voices. Make sure you have a good rest over the weekend, ready for a busy week! Enjoy your weekend.

Miss Regan

Year 3 We have had a great first week back. We made puppets during enrichment day and made them open and close their mouths using air and syringes. We were great designers. We have also started our assessments and are ready to start a new reading book related to Christmas in English. We will go the library on Wednesday. We also have our first spelling quiz on Monday.

Mrs Robinson

Year 4 What a brilliant first week back we have had! On Wednesday we joined with Year Three for our enrichment day which involved making pneumatic puppets for a puppet show. I was really impressed with your final projects and how well your pneumatic systems worked to move the mouth on your puppets. In Science, we enjoyed learning about the digestive system and writing some facts for each stage. Finally, you have been working very hard on your quizzes for assessment week. Well done everyone for showing your determination even when the questions were tricky! Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Jones

Year 5 It was lovely to welcome you all back into class on Monday Year 5 - I hope you had an enjoyable half term break with your families! This week has been very busy - we are working our way to the end of reading 'Viking Boy' in English and Gunnar's story is getting very exciting. In Maths, we have moved on to Multiplication and Division - some of us could do with a little extra work on TTRS to brush up on times table skills. We loved working in our Viking families to decide whether or not to leave our homes in Scandinavia to make the journey to Britain. More fun to follow next week!

Mr Caddick

Year 6 A very busy first week back and Year 6 have risen to the challenge of assessment week, writing moderation and weekly work. We have been studying the Windrush and have written speeches acknowledging the contributions they made and the issues they faced due to the Windrush scandal. I have been so impressed by your thoughtful reasoning and ability to form arguments effectively. On Friday I was so proud of the way in which you represented the school at the Remembrance Memorial at Barr Beacon. Please remember to use our class web pages to learn the songs for the Once upon a Christmas concert as we need to be word free. See you at mass on Saturday for Confirmation Certificates.

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery	Rosie & Poppy B
Reception	Jacob & Reuben
Year 1	Ruby & Anthonia
Year 2	George & Polly
Year 3	Daria & Alfie
Year 4	Finn & Louie
Year 5	Nikodem & Simran
Year 6	Holly & Elliot

Congratulations everyone

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 2	Oscar, Frankie & Cillian
Year 3	
Year 4	

Building The Kingdom

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 the first two weeks of November. We keep the boxes on our prayer foci in school until we take them to the Parish to Mass on the 15th November, where we have an opportunity to come together as a parish community to pray for our loved ones. The boxes remain in church for two weeks, whilst the parish continue to pray for those souls.

Mrs Johnston.

TTRS

Rock Legends

Grace



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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Sportsmanship Award of the week

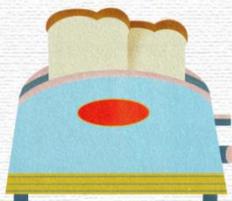
Grace Year 6, who sacrificed her lunch times this week, to take on the role of referee on the MUGA for younger year groups. A true inspiration.

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

BREAK SALES



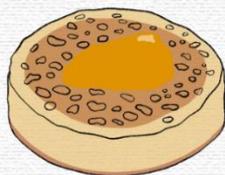
Some children in our school leave home without any breakfast and we're here to change that. As of Monday 3rd February we are going to be selling...



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 Option for the Poor



Putting people most in need first

Preferential option for the poor

Poppy the pōpokotea's story



When Poppy hatched she was all alone and never knew her parents. She remembers having to rely on kind birds caring for her and bringing her worms to eat.

As one of the youngest and most vulnerable, she understands what it was like to have nothing and the need to rely on others.

She is much older now and has started a "Worms-4-U" service for birds in need everywhere.

Poppy's story tells us that we should think first about the needs of people who need help the most.

Sharing fairly

Distributive Justice

DJ the dolphin's story



DJ is part of a large family of dolphins (a pod) His family take turns to catch their food (usually fish).

Some of his older brothers and sisters don't share all that they catch on purpose. DJ, being one of the youngest, is often given a small portion while some of the others take a few each.

DJ is not afraid to tell his family that this is not fair.

Like DJ we should make sure that everyone gets their fair share.

Our Advent Appeals

Mini Vinnies have committed to the following fundraising for Advent. As Catholics we are tasked in Advent to undergo a process of preparation. This is to prepare ourselves for the joy of celebrating the birth of Jesus and also to prepare for his second coming. Hence during Advent one of the things we should engage in is some form of sacrifice. The Mini Vinnies have collectively decided on these initiatives. This fundraising should be something that the children actively participate in, by perhaps donating their pocket money to buy the item or sacrificing a Christmas gift to give to someone less fortunate.

Mini Vinnies would like children to bring in (for homeless people) Fireside Charity B'ham. Hats, scarves, gloves and socks - thermal items would be fantastic. Male and female items. We would like new items, so that these can be gifted to the homeless as a Christmas gift.

Secondly, they would like to collect toiletries for St Chads.

Gift sets, soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shower gels etc.. These items can be for adults (male and female) and children.

Finally, anyone wishing to donate food (for Christmas) to St. Chads we will also take these items. We will be delivering to St. Chads on the 11th December.

These appeals are not the same as our MUFTI days for Chocolate and bottles and Holiday Hampers (coloured themed items). During those MUFTI days we are collecting items for our Christmas Fayre to help ourselves, by funding our new computers. We hope that you can give generously to the charity appeals as they will make a genuine difference to people.

Based on the gospel for Sunday 9 November, Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, John 2:13-22

"Do not make my Father's house a house of trade."

I find the image of Jesus presented here quite shocking - not the gentle, caring Jesus we are used to. Here he makes a whip, drives those selling animals out of the Temple, pours out the money-changers' coins and overturns their tables. What a scene and imagine all the noise! Jesus was angry. The Temple, a place where his Father should be respected and honoured, had become "a house of trade".

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians we read, "God's temple is holy, and you are that temple." Yes, it is important to have special places to honour God, but God is not restricted to churches and places of worship. God is present in all of God's creation.

And how do we react when we see God's creation becoming an object of trade? When people are trafficked, the cheap prices in our shops come at the expense of other people's lives and ecosystems are disrupted because of our demand for more of everything. Are we complacent? Complicit? Shouldn't we be angry and take some action?

We can feel powerless in the face of so much injustice, but we do not need to act alone. Together we can form a community for change, respecting the holy present in all.

