



HEADLINES

NOVEMBER	
15 th	Family Parish Mass for Lives of Lost Loved Ones all boxes will go to Church
17 th	Assembly Ronald McDonald House Charity
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 6pm PTA AGM and then first Meeting CHANGE
25 th	Y3 Mass @ church arrive @ 8:45am Drop in session for all parents - to see our enriching Computing curriculum. 2pm - 3pm. Intra School Football 3:30-4:30pm
26 th	Y5 Mass in school @ 9am Intra School Football 3:30-4:30pm
27 th	Intra School Football 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
29 th	Y4/Y1 Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
DECEMBER	
1 st	Y5/Y6 Enrichment Day
2 nd	Y5/Y6 Enrichment Day Visit from Stories of Hope - St Chads Sanctuary
3 rd	Y6 Singing at Coffee Morning and supporting
5th	CHRISTMAS FAYRE 3:15PM START
6 th	Y3/Y2 Family Parish Mass 6pm
8 th	Y3/Y4 Dodgeball @ Streetly @ 3:40pm
9 th	KS1 Multiskills 9:15-11am Manor Farm EYFS Nativity @ 11am KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
10 th	Y4 Mass in School @ 9am First Reconciliation @ 1:30pm @ Church Y5/Y6 Sportshall Athletics @ Streetly 3:45pm

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The word is **faithfulness**. Lord thank you for your faithfulness in every season of life. Fill my heart with compassion and thanksgiving.

Tuesday 18th November Y4 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am. Wednesday 19th November Year 3 Mass in school @ 9am.

Headteacher Message



Thank you to everyone who has brought in a memory box commemorating the life of their Lost Loved Ones. These are such an essential part of our teaching in November as we honour those who have died. It is wonderful when the children share their knowledge with others, and we all come together to pray for that person. On Saturday evening we are inviting our whole school community to come together to pray for all their dead relatives. Father will be praying especially for them, during the Mass, so please come along and join us. Many children have started bringing in, colour coordinated items for their Holiday Hampers, the deadline for items is the 1st December - thank you for your generosity, it really will make a genuine difference in helping us to replace our out of date technology. If you still have sponsor money to send in, please do so and we will publish our final total next week - once again thank you for your generosity. On Monday 24th we will be holding our PTA AGM at 6pm followed by a meeting about our Christmas Fayre, everyone is welcome to join us, we'd love your help to make our events truly memorable for all.

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Nursery This week in Nursey we have been enjoying the classic tale of Little Red Riding Hood! The children loved listening to the story and taking on different roles as we acted it out together- we had some very convincing wolves and brave little reds! In phonics we have been learning the 'Mind the Wolf Song'. The children came up with their own actions to match the words, helping us to remember new sounds and vocabulary. It's been a week full of creativity, storytelling and imagination. Well done, Nursery!

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception Another fantastic week Reception! The children are trying their best in everything they're doing - work, play and friendships. It's wonderful to watch the children blossoming each week. The children have loved learning about Remembrance Day this week. They could remember lots of facts, were very respectful during their silence on Tuesday and their poppy wreaths are displayed proudly in class. We've finally got around to sharing all our memory boxes in our prayer times. Thank you to those parents who supported this BTK challenge - there were some imaginative ideas to help the children share about their lost loved one. They will be blessed by Father Gwil on Saturday and stay in church so the parish can also pray for your lost loved ones and returned towards the end of November

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1 It's been a wonderful week for Year 1 this week especially as we completed our sewing on Tuesday! We look forward to sharing their finished products with you in time for Christmas! In English we have worked extremely hard to use conjunctions to write a wanted poster for the Badly Behaved Bus and we were so excited for the thoughts of our No pens/pencils day on Friday. A great opportunity to rehearse the Nativity.

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 This week, Year 2 have been working hard on completing the rest of their quizzes. You all tried your best with some tricky questions- well done everyone. On Tuesday, we carried on practising our sewing skills when making our Christmas baubles and we look forward to adding the finishing touches to these over the next couple of weeks, so they are ready to hang on your Christmas tree! We have now started our new History topic and are excited to learn more about the amazing work of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Don't forget your library cards for our library visit on Tuesday! Have a nice weekend everyone.

Miss Regan

Year 3 Well done year 3 on a busy week. We have started a new story called The Snowman and are enjoying finding out how the Snowman will help the main character. We enjoyed our trip to the library and have also been creating maps in Geography. Next week we will start writing some stories based on the Snowman.

Mrs Robinson

Year 4 This week, we have enjoyed completing the My Mini Maths challenges that have been introduced to us as our maths starters. These activities will help us to recap our prior learning in maths. On Thursday, it was our turn to use the Spheros in computing. We used our programming skills to guide them through an obstacle course in small groups! Well done to both Year 4 and Year 5 for representing us so well on Tuesday at All Saint's Church for our Remembrance Service. You read and sang beautifully. Please see Google Classroom for this week's homework and have a lovely weekend!

Miss Jones

Year 5 Firstly, I want to say a massive WOW for the efforts that you have put in on your Viking topic homework. I have been in Year 5 for a long time and your work impressed me more than any other class I have taught! A big well done as well for all of your efforts during test week - you all tried your hardest in everything that you did. That's all we can ask of you! It's not just been tests this week though! You did us proud at the Remembrance Service at All Saints Church on Tuesday - a special well done to those of you who had a job to perform on the day. You produced some lovely work in Geography, designing bedrooms when learning about scale and we have moved on to learning about solubility in science - you tried to dissolve lots of different substances in water. Have a great weekend - Monday will be here before we know it.

Mr Caddick

Year 6 What a super week we have had Year 6. We finally completed our assessments, and I am so proud of the progress you have all made since the beginning of the school year. You finished writing your speeches acknowledging the contributions of the Windrush Generation and recognising the injustice of the Windrush scandal. You were able to look back at and incorporate all the work we did last half term and have produced persuasive arguments in your speeches. Your singing this week has been awesome- Mr Cash and I have been delighted to hear and see you singing all of the songs in preparation for our Once Upon a Christmas concert at Walsall Arena - Parents, you are in for a real treat! Next week we will start our work on fractions and write our flashback stories about Mr Morrison's Christmas. Have a great weekend!

Miss Keedwell

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	Headteacher Awards
Nursery	Ada & Evelyn
Reception	Vian & Erin
Year 1	Imogen & Elijah
Year 2	Cillian & Daniella
Year 3	Darcie & Theo
Year 4	Matilda & Anderson
Year 5	Alexander & Skyler P
Year 6	Anthony & Jenson

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 1 Connie, Niall, Henry, Eloise, Hudson, Ella L, Sienna, Conan, Delphine, Scarlett & Croia

Year 2

Year 3 Charlie, Archie, Tillie & Ella.

Year 4

Well done everyone.

Building The Kingdom

November - This is the month of the Holy Souls, we started this month with our memory boxes, celebrating the lives of our ancestors and honouring them. We kept the boxes on our prayer foci in school now 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. Please join us for this special Mass as we pray for all of our relatives. The boxes will remain in church for two weeks, whilst the parish continue to pray for those souls.

Mrs Johnston.

TTRS

Rock Legends

Henry



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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Year	Pupil
Y1	Ella received her red belt in karate
Y1	Maisie received her 15m swimming badge
Y1	Imogen received her next belt in karate
Y2	Rory received his next belt in karate
Y2	Lewis received his next belt in karate
Y4	Daisy scored for DMC Lionesses
Y4	Honor scored for Ace Miami.

Sportsmanship Award of the week
Kaylon (Y3) is always the one player who goes out of his way to shake the hands of the opposition when playing on the MUGA regardless of the result.

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

BREAK SALES



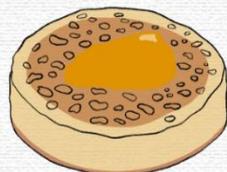
Some children in our school leave home without any breakfast and we're here to change that. As of Monday 3rd February we are going to be selling...



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.

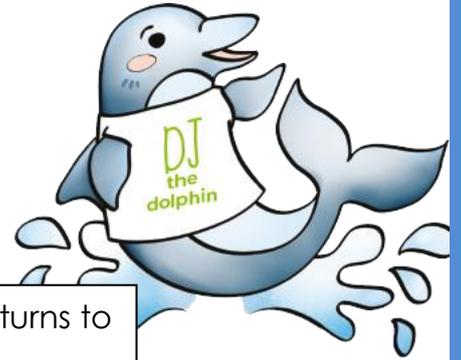
She is much older now and has started a "Worms-4-U" service for birds in need everywhere.

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 16 November, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Luke 21:5-19

'By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

In this passage, I am reminded that faith isn't about having an easy path. Jesus doesn't promise us a life without struggle, but he does promise that if we keep going and if we remain faithful, we will find new life with him.

I often think of our brothers and sisters around the world who show great resilience and courage as they carry heavy burdens today - such as families affected by conflict or those rebuilding after devastating earthquakes. This challenges me to remember that faith is not just about my own journey, but about standing with others who are enduring such difficult circumstances.

When life feels heavy, this passage reminds us to hold on with hope. Jesus shows us that even in difficult times, God is close and gives us the strength to carry on.

Living out this hope means more than waiting for things to change - it means choosing to act with love. It means supporting one another, near and far, and seeking justice and dignity for all people. In doing so, we share in Christ's promise of new life and help to bring his hope into the world today.

Are you wondering what to buy someone for Christmas? CAFOD offer some great choices. Follow the link below and give a gift that could make a real difference in someone life.

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As we continue our Live Simply Journey, promoting these gifts are a real way that we can demonstrate living in solidarity and sustainably with others.

Ask your child about our new Live Simply Pledge Tree, they will help you to understand the importance of Live Simply.

This Week's Idea to Live Simply:

Given to us by the Reception Class

Turn off taps after use - do not waste water.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,
teach us to hold on
with hope and courage
walking with those
who endure hardships
around the world.

Amen

