



# HEADLINES

NOVEMBER	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5/Nursery Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/Y4 Enrichment Day Walsall Football Cup Boys <b>6pm PTA AGM and then first Meeting</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Mass @ church arrive @ 8:45am Drop in session for all parents - to see our enriching Computing curriculum. 2pm - 3pm. Intra School Football (now during school day) Online safety team in for Reception, Y3 and Y5
26 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Mass in school @ 9am Intra School Football (now during school day)
27 <sup>th</sup>	Intra School Football (now during school day) Walsall Music Christmas Concert Y6 @ Walsall Arena
28 <sup>th</sup>	Chocolate MUFTI Day for Christmas Fayre Y5/6 Wow Championships (sporting competition) Sparks Workshop Y4 Vocations afternoon 1:30-3:00pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Y4/Y1 Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
DECEMBER	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5/Y6 Enrichment Day
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5/Y6 Enrichment Day Visit from Stories of Hope - St Chads Sanctuary
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6 Singing at Coffee Morning and supporting
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CHRISTMAS FAYRE 3:15PM START</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/Y2 Family Parish Mass 6pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/Y4 Dodgeball @ Streetly @ 3:40pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Multiskills 9:15-11am Manor Farm EYFS Nativity @ 10am KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Mass in School @ 9am First Reconciliation @ 1:30pm @ Church Y5/Y6 Sportshall Athletics @ Streetly 3:45pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Dash - wear something red 9:30am KS1 Nativity 11:30am Singing for Forget me Not Group 2:15pm EYFS Nativity
13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Special Bambinelli (Baby Jesus figures) to be blessed at 6pm Mass. This is the Christmas Special friends Mass supported by Mini-Vinnes/Gift and Caritas teams. Please join us.</b>
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 singing at Little Aston Care Home @ 1:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration assembly parents invited @ 9am

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The word is **Mercy**. This week, let us think about how we can show mercy to others.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November Y3 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am. Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November Year 5 Mass in school @ 9am.**

## Headteacher Message



Thank you to everyone who attended parent teacher meetings yesterday, it was wonderful to see the children's proud faces as they left the school hall, after their hard work was shared with you all. My thanks to the teaching team, who spend a very long time preparing for these meetings to ensure that parents are given a full, accurate and rounded picture of their child. We have the book fair for three days next week in school, a separate rota for visits will be sent out on Monday, should anyone wish to purchase items. School will receive commission on the purchased items (in the form of free books to school). So thank you for your support. Our week ended today with a wonderful day with Rise Theatre Company, they helped the children to really understand the 7 principles of Catholic Social teaching, whilst enjoying some songs and dance also. Tomorrow night it is the Nursery and Year 5 Family Parish Mass, please come along and join us for this special Mass and then stay for a drink and cake afterwards. Mass will start at 6pm. Finally, thank you everyone for your generous bottle donations, they are greatly appreciated and will make for a super Bottle Tombola at our Christmas Fayre. Anyone who forgot their bottle you can bring it in on Monday. Only two weeks now to the Fayre - very exciting.

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**Nursery** This week we have been learning all about *The Gingerbread Man*! The children have enjoyed retelling the story, acting out the different characters, and joining in with the repeated phrase "Run, run, as fast as you can!" They especially loved talking about the gingerbread man's journey past the farm animals and discussing why he needed help to cross the river. In science, we explored floating and sinking. Before our experiment, the children made predictions about whether the gingerbread man would float or sink if he tried to cross the river on his own. A big thank you to everyone who has already sent in something for our class Christmas Hamper. If you haven't had the chance yet, we would be grateful if you could bring an item in next week. Have a lovely weekend!

**Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team**

**Reception** What a wonderful end to a wonderful week! The children have loved our Rise Theatre visitors today where the children learned to look for their 'Treasure Within Themselves' and know that even though we are all different, we've all been made special by God. Earlier in the week the children had great fun using 4 of their 5 senses. Next week we will finish by looking at our sense of smell. Thank you to everyone who met with me yesterday. I hope you found it useful in helping your child make progress.

**Mrs Turley and the early years team.**

**Year 1** This week we really enjoyed being programmers. The children were programming Beebots and Bluebots to follow a given path. Well done to Scarlett, Conan, Ella Lucas, Jaxon and Hudson who excelled in this! In Maths, we have now started our addition and subtraction unit and we have been learning how two parts make up a whole number. If anyone would like to have a go at a maths quiz on purplemash, you will find them in your child's 2 dos. There are two available until 8.12.2025 on place value to 10 and shape and space. This will also give you an idea of what your child has been doing in class and what they are expected to know. Thank you for your Baptism photos and candles, please ask your child what are the signs and symbols we have been discussing in class and what can they tell you about our theatre day today?

**Mrs McCabe**

**Year 2** Another busy week has flown by in Year 2! On Wednesday, we had our first class Mass and you all sang the hymns so beautifully and tried hard with your tricky readings. In History, we enjoyed learning about the life of Florence Nightingale and you were excellent listeners during our class discussion. Next week, we will be practising our nativity more- please keep practising your lines at home so that you are confident and taking your time, we are going to be having a go without scripts! A lovely end to the week with our RISE theatre workshop, we all bring something special to God's world. Have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Regan**

**Year 3** We have enjoyed reading more of our Snowman book this week and watching snowman animations to inspire us for our winter themed writing. We are learning to use the thesaurus to build up our vocabulary and add interesting adjectives and verbs to our descriptive writing pieces. We have been focusing on our 3 x tables and corresponding division facts so please use TTRS to practice these. Also, don't forget to hand in your reading journals. Have a great weekend.

**Mrs Robinson**

**Year 4** Well done Year 4 for continuing to work hard this week! We have been reading our new book called Queen of Darkness by Tony Bradman. You all answered your guided reading questions so clearly and thought of some fantastic questions of your own about chapter one. In PE, Mrs Swann was so impressed with your dance routine that she asked me to come and watch it! You were fantastic and your timing was brilliant. Keep it up! On Friday, we were lucky enough to have a super day with the rise theatre group. Well done everyone!

**Miss Jones**

**Year 5** Another busy week comes to an end, Year 5. It was lovely to meet with so many parents on Thursday night - more reading at home was the biggest message from me! We are enjoying reading the book 'Tuesday' in English. Ask us about our police incident reports about the flying toads... In Maths, we can now recite the first 6 square numbers: 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36. Test yourself to see how many you can remember beyond that. It's our Mass in school next Wednesday - we look forward to celebrating with you if you can make it. Have a great weekend.

**Mr Caddick**

**Year 6** Another great week has flown by and I am still so impressed with how hard you are all working Year 6. We have been crafting our writing this week, focusing on sentence structure, show not tell and vocabulary choices - this is making a huge difference in the quality of your writing - just remember that basic punctuation is a non-negotiable. We have been tackling fractions this week - looking at past SATs questions and using the correct method. Well done everyone for using each step - next week we are focusing on division and multiplication of fractions (easy-peasy!). We continued to look at natural disasters, focusing on the structure of VOLCANOES - thank you for the great class contributions. Next week is the concert at Walsall Arena!

**Miss Keedwell**

### Headteacher Awards

Nursery	Hallie & Kellan
Reception	Sofia & Marissa
Year 1	Conan & Ella L
Year 2	Jamie & Arlo
Year 3	Tillie & Isla
Year 4	Lola B & Lola M
Year 5	Keira & Noah
Year 6	Isla & Dylan

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

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### Learn Its Movers

**Year 1** Henry, Hudson, Niall, Jude, Lara, Charlie & Jaxon

**Year 2**

**Year 3** Alfie, Teddy, Nora, Tillie & Amelie

**Year 4** Grace

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. The boxes will remain in church for one more week whilst the parish continue to pray for those souls.

Mrs Johnston.

**TTRS**

**Rock Legends**

**Matilda**



*Roll of Honour*

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
Reception	Jacob was awarded his 10mtr badge during his swimming lesson
Y1	Maisie was awarded her 20mtr badge
Y1	Croia earned her 200mtr swimming badge
Y2	Eadie came 1st in the floor eventually and overall winner for the NBC gymnastics competition.
Y3	Ruby got player of the match in her 1st and 2nd match for Little Sutton Netball Club
Y3	Theo earned his 50mtr swimming badge
Y5	Noah earned his 600mtr swimming badge

**Sportsmanship Award of the week**

Erin Y6 - showed such a mature and caring nature to others on her team during the netball festival on Thursday. An excellent role model for others and an absolute delight to take to an external event, representing your family and St Anne's to the highest level.



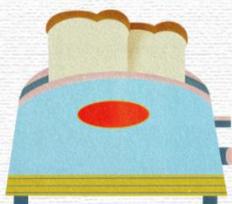
Netball girls had an excellent morning out on Thursday, learning how to play Stingers Netball. They all showed a great thirst for learning the rules and different positions on the court. You should all be very proud of the progress you made during the morning - you were amazing!

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

# BREAK SALES



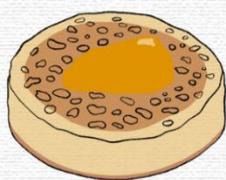
*Some children in our school leave home without any breakfast and we're here to change that. As of Monday 3rd February we are going to be selling...*



TOAST 30P



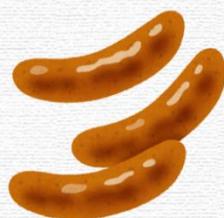
PANCAKE 50P



CRUMPET 50P



BAGEL 50P



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£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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 23 November, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Luke 23:35-43

**"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."**

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Here, we stand at the foot of the cross where Jesus, our King, reigns - not with a golden crown, but with a crown of thorns. Unlike earthly rulers who value power and control, Jesus shows us that true kingship is found in service, mercy and solidarity.

As Jesus hangs on the cross, mocked and humiliated, we see that he is not alone. Jesus is there with those who are broken, poor and forgotten. In this moment, he identifies with everyone who suffers injustice: those who are homeless, oppressed, migrants, those who struggle to make their voices heard. His kingdom is not about privilege but about lifting up those the world casts aside.

One of the criminals beside him sees this and calls out, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus responds with mercy: "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

This is the heart of Christ's kingship: a kingdom where no one is excluded, where dignity is restored, and where love triumphs over violence and fear. To celebrate Christ the King is to celebrate a different kind of kingdom - and to commit ourselves to his mission: to defend those who are poor, challenge injustice, and share hope where there is despair.

## Living in solidarity with our neighbours

It is really important to us as a school community to try to live out our Catholic values in all that we do and say. We try to live lives of authentic Catholics. Of course we get it wrong at times, thankfully God forgives us and we then try to improve and change.

I have again been contacted by neighbours of the school. I know that all schools have issues with parking. We do not have a school carpark, therefore it is a logistical challenge.

I am appealing to all parents and perhaps those relatives and friends who collect, to firstly try to live simply and walk to and from school where possible. I know this isn't a solution for all, so therefore I am asking you all to park with consideration and respect for our neighbours. The majority of our parents (and relatives/friends) already do this - I know. I am very grateful to you all for this. It is sad though to be told that neighbours of our school are being shouted at and worse, when they ask collectors to move their vehicles from blocking drives.

Please also think about emergency vehicle access, should anyone from school or Lowlands Avenue need an ambulance or fire engine, then if cars haven't been parked with due care and consideration, this will be problematic.

I ask that you read this message and act on it with kind hearts that show our true Catholic faith.

Mrs Johnston

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

### Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
you reign not with power but with love.  
Teach us to look for you in the faces  
of those who are poor or forgotten.  
Give us courage to speak for justice,  
compassion to serve others,  
and faith to trust in your kingdom of peace.  
Amen

