



HEADLINES

	NOVEMBER
29 th	Y4/Y1 Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
	DECEMBER
1 st	Ash End Farm Reception Class Trip 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
5 th	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 @ 10am KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
10 th	Y4 Mass in School @ 9am First Reconciliation @ 1:30pm @ Church Y5/Y6 Sportshall Athletics @ Streetly 3:45pm
11 th	Santa Dash - wear something red 9:30am KS1 Nativity 11:30am Singing for Forget Me Not Group (Y2) 2:15pm EYFS Nativity
13 th	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.
15 th	Y2 singing at Little Aston Care Home @ 1:30pm
16 th	Celebration assembly parents invited @ 9am
17 th	Whole School Mass @ Church @ 10am Christmas Jumper Day Donation of £1 for St. Chad's Christmas Dinner Day (order by 5 th December) KS2 Concert @ 6pm @ St. Anne's Church
18 th	9:15am I Rock Concert 1:15pm Virtual Santa
19 th	INSET SCHOOL CLOSED
24 th	Family Parish Mass for Christmas @ 4pm
	JANUARY
5 th	Return to School Recycle your Christmas Cards
6 th	Whole School Mass @ 9am Epiphany end of Jubilee year - Pilgrims of Hope - Legacy

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The word is **Advent**. This weekend in the first of Advent a time of spiritual preparation. Please pray for those people we are supporting with our Advent appeals.

No Mass in school this week. No class going to Tuesday Mass this week - due to Nativity rehearsals.

Headteacher Message



Thank you so much to our whole school community for raising an amazing £2,100 from the sponsored walk - this is a wonderful amount of money and will help tremendously as we strive to replace out of date technology. We have now finalised the contribution made by the PTA towards the MUGA - an awesome £18,000 - thank you everyone.

For our EYFS parents and some Y1 parents they will have always known school to have the MUGA, however it must be acknowledged that we are very fortunate to have such a generous parent body - this has enabled us to provide this facility for the children. **THANK YOU.**

Next week, is one of our major fundraising events with our Christmas Fayre. Thank you for your donations for hampers, your bottles and chocolates for the tombolas these are greatly appreciated. The Fayre is a fun event where the children can visit santa, play a range of games and take part in crafts. There will be food and refreshments available. We have talented face painters and you will be entertained by our Y6 singers. Come along have fun and make great memories.

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Nursery This week our story focus was *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.

We explored the language small, middle-sized, and big, using these words to describe the bears, their chairs and of course their porridge!

In phonics we have been learning about the initial sound 'h'. The children had great fun hunting for objects and pictures that began with this sound. Over the weekend try spotting 'h' words together or retelling the story using different voices for each bear!

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception What a busy week we've had in Reception! The children have been exceptionally excited practising for the Nativity Play and have now got a costume too - thank you for helping your child learn their words. It was great to welcome Seanne from Online Street Teams on Tuesday to talk about how young children can stay safe online and the importance of reducing screen time. We've also thought about how people grow and develop from babies up to being elderly. The children were able to sequence pictures of people to make a timeline and will make a timeline of their own next week. Remember our trip to Ash End Farm on Monday.

rs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1 This week, we have been learning about the many different signs and symbols used during a church celebration. We have also been thinking about how we feel when we are at Mass. Ask your child how they feel and why. We have loved our ending to our Transport, History topic. This week we were looking at the first mission to the moon. The children enjoyed watching the astronauts travel in their rockets but what was their favourite part of the mission?

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 This week, we have been busy putting our addition and subtraction skills to the test in Maths and learning different methods that can help us. We enjoyed programming the Beebots and Bluebots in Computing and using our debugging skills to find our way around different obstacles. Thank you to everyone that has been practising their lines for the Nativity- we are coming into our last week of rehearsals so please keep practising with those loud and clear voices, we want everyone to hear how great you are! There has also been lots of lovely contributions to our class hamper- thank you for your support and fingers crossed for a Year 2 winner! Have a nice weekend everyone.

Miss Regan

Year 3 Year 3 have had another busy week. We have started writing our own stories based on the story *The Snowman*. We are learning how to describe settings with lots of interesting adjectives and similes. We hope to have them finished in time for Christmas so that we can publish them. We enjoyed our online safety talk on Tuesday and afterwards we discussed why age restrictions exist on social media sites and games. Year 3 were very knowledgeable. We have handed out the I Belong books so please complete Chapter 1 by Wednesday. Many thanks.

Mrs Robinson

Year 4 Another great week, Year 4! Mrs Swann was very impressed with your dance skills in PE on Monday. You have produced some fantastic routines and showed great teamwork! In English, we've been reading chapter one of *The Queen of Darkness* and the children have loved sharing their predictions. In Maths, we've been learning how to use more efficient methods for subtraction. The children have shown fantastic perseverance and are becoming much more confident with these new strategies. To end the week, we had a fantastic workshop with the Black Country Fire Service on Friday. The children really enjoyed learning all about fire safety and asked lots of thoughtful questions. Have a brilliant weekend!

Miss Jones

Year 5 It's been a great week Year 5! You have created some excellent leaflets and factfiles for the Sacrament of the Sick, Viking Houses and Pilgrimages to Walsingham. Well done to everyone who produced a winning design. We had a very informative session on Online Safety led by Sian from Street Teams Walsall. A huge [congratulations](#) to those of you who have represented the school at football this week - we are very proud of you. Please remember to brush up on those times tables on TTRS and practise your spellings for a test next week. It's Enrichment on Monday and Tuesday, so don't forget your cardboard box and tin foil if you have some spare.

Mr Caddick

Year 6 A terrific week of work yet again Year 6. Thank you for your efforts in crafting and improving your writing about Mr. Morrison's Christmas - you have all tried to improve sentences, use more complex punctuation and used 'show not tell' vocabulary choices. We will type these stories up and put them on our web pages so everyone can read them too! Excellent fraction work - you have all discovered that working with fractions is nothing to be afraid of. Every adult in the school has commented on your singing talents and what a fantastic performance you gave at 'Once upon a Christmas' concert. Well done to our computing whizz kids who demonstrated their skills to parents this week - fab!

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery	Peggy & Sophia
Reception	Joel & Bobby
Year 1	Lara & Jude
Year 2	Theo Ri & Lois
Year 3	Alfie & Alicia
Year 4	Louie & Ted
Year 5	Skyler J & Noah
Year 6	Monaza & James

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 Charlie, Kingsley, Delphine, Ella L, Eloise, Sienna, Jude, James, Henry, Jaxon, Hudson & Maisie

Year 2 Jack

Year 3 Archie, Daria, Reuben, Conor, Kaylon and Ruby

Year 4

Well done everyone.

Building The Kingdom ADVENT

We are asking all pupils to support our Advent appeals, as Catholics this is a crucial part in our preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Helping others less fortunate than ourselves is a central aspect of our faith.

BTK Advent themed weeks

Week 1 - hope

Week 2 - peace

Week 3 - Joy

Week 4 - love

In Week 1 we are giving and spreading hope by donating socks, scarves and gloves for homeless people and toiletries for St. Chads. Please give generously.

TTRS

Rock Legends

Ashton & Olive



Sporting Achievements this year.

Don't forget to tell us about your out of school achievements. Email Mrs Baynham-Hughes on

Sbaynham-hughes@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk

Year	Pupil
Y2	George scored his first hat trick for Ace Inter.
Y4	Ruairi won most improved handicap, most improved golfer, Druids youth cup trophy and gained his level 2 in coaching at the golf awards evening. An amazing achievement.
Y4	Henry Player of the week trophy awarded at football and Golfer of the week medal.

Sportsmanship Award of the week
Archie and Max for playing for Millfield Primary School when they were short of players in a friendly this week. A truly selfless act - well done boys!

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Sporting News

On Wednesday we had an 8-1 win against Millfield Primary school - George scoring 5, Archie (2), Kaelan (1). Lots more fixtures to come against Millfield so please look out on the sports board, sports zone on the website and the newsletter for future fixtures.

Congratulations to the classes who have so far taken part in the Intra-House MUGA tournament. For those classes who haven't yet had their turn, this will continue next week. Results will follow when all the games have been completed.

On Monday afternoon we had some fantastic football played by the group of boys taken to Bescot, scoring some superb team goals and not conceding in the group stages. We unfortunately lost in the final to a very experienced Cooper and Jordan team, the final score, 1-0. We wish them luck in the next stage of the cup.



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On Friday a small group of year 6 children attended the WOW competition against other Birmingham schools. The is an event that tests endurance, agility and speed. We came a very respectable 3rd place with George winning the award for top scoring boy.



Congratulations George a fantastic achievement.

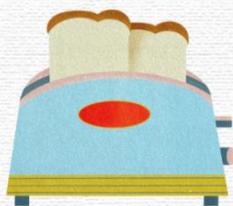


Please bring the correct money for the items.

BREAK SALES



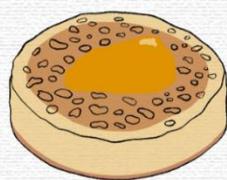
Some children in our school leave home without any breakfast and we're here to change that. As of Monday 3rd February we are going to be selling...



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.

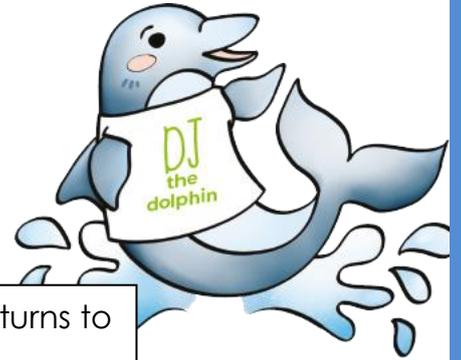
She is much older now and has started a "Worms-4-U" service for birds in need everywhere.

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 30 November, First Sunday of Advent
(Year A): Matthew 24:37-44

"Stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

We might be reaching the end of the calendar year, but Sunday marks the very beginning of the Church's year. As always, we enter the Advent season looking ahead. We prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas, and we wait in hope and expectation for the day when he will come again.

As our gospel this weekend makes clear, we do not know when that might be, and life will largely carry on as normal. People will go about their daily lives, eating and drinking, working and celebrating, because none of us know when the moment will come.

But as Christians this is not a time of passive waiting; we must stay awake and be found ready, whenever the time arrives. We are called in the first and second readings to walk in the light of the Lord. This means changing our behaviour, working for peace, putting aside anger and jealousy.

It is time for us to be good neighbours to one another and to build a better world, one that reflects the vision of God's kingdom as we joyfully await its coming.

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Dear parents

25th November 2025

I am delighted to be able to write to you all to present the Annual Report from the Chair of our PTA, following the AGM on the 24th November. You will see from the report that the PTA has had an incredibly successful year. This is a result of dedicated leadership and wonderful team work, they work tirelessly together to organise some amazing events, that will live long in the children's memories - who will ever forget the Colour Run?

The PTA's work to raise valuable funds for your child, is only possible when you support the events by: attending, bringing family members and for some volunteering an hour or two to help. For this, the school community and I are eternally grateful.

Last year an amazing £18,000 was given to school towards the cost of the MUGA. We are one of the only one form entry primary schools to have such a facility. As a school, we couldn't possibly have purchased the MUGA at a cost of £60,000 (our budget does not allow for this amount of extra expenditure). However, having such a facility enables us to deliver outdoor PE lessons throughout the year, EYFS can be outside in a wonderful safe environment and more importantly the children absolutely love it.

Now, that we have completed the payment on the MUGA our next WISH is to replace out of date IPADS and Chrome books. Parents who attend the drop in session on the 25th November, will see how important this type of technology is, in enhancing the delivery of the computing curriculum. We would like to purchase the first 32 IPADS ASAP. We have made an excellent start with a wonderful response to the sponsored walk raising £2,100 - THANK YOU!!

We hope to raise the remainder of the £7,000 over the Christmas period with our Christmas Fayre, Raffles and Carol Concert. Thank you as always for your ongoing support, it is appreciated and makes a tangible difference to the learning experiences for our children.

Mrs T Johnston

Headteacher

Live Simply

Wanted your old technology. As many people will be receiving new phones, tablets, computers and chrome books for Christmas, we would love to have your old devices (that are good enough to recycle). We will then recycle the devices and all the money raised will go towards replacing our out of date devices. Help us by recycling your devices and live sustainably and simply - much better for our planet.

Devices can be brought into school at any time. Thank you

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 Year 3

Turn off lights when they are not needed - save electricity

Prayer

God of all,
fill us with joy and expectation
in this Advent season,
and move us to share our hope with others,
by being good neighbours,
that we might be found ready,
when you come in glory.

Amen.



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