



HEADLINES

JANUARY	
17 th	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Y5 & Nursery
20 th	Y5 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am 1:30-3:00 school nursing Emotions Workshop NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
21 st	Y6 Library visit remember your library card
22 nd	Rags 2 Riches (if you have a Christmas Clear out save your clothes and bring them in today). Please spread this message amongst neighbours and family members also. Bags can be left on grass outside the library.
23 rd	EYFS Reading sessions parent/child @ 2:30pm children leave with parents (older siblings can leave too)
24 th	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Y3/Y2
26 th	Year Reception Eye Tests
27 th	Y4 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am
28 th	Y5 Library visit remember your library card
29 th	School Nursing delivering Behaviour workshops to all parents 1:30-3:00pm
31 st	Family Parish Mass @6pm Y4/Y1
FEBRUARY	
3 rd	Y3 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am
4 th	Y4 Library visit remember your library card
6 th	Valentines Discos EYFS @ 4pm KS1 @ 5pm KS2 @6:15pm
7 th	Family Parish Mass @6pm Mini Vinnies/GIFT/Caritas
10 th	Y2 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am
11 th	Y3 Library visit remember your library card
13 th	Celebration Assembly parents invited 9am PTA coffee prior to assembly from 8:30am Y3 Trip to Birmingham Museum
23 rd	Return to school. Y4 Swimming starts
Important Dates	
11 th May	SATS Week Y6
18/19 May	Finding Nemo Production @ 6pm

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The word is **Witness**. By our actions we show witness to our faith. Are our actions always those of a Kind heart? Do we Live our Faith with our actions?

Mass Tuesday 20th January @ 9am @ Church Y5 arrive at 8:45am. No Wednesday Mass in school this half term.

Headteacher Message



Bluesky this week has some wonderful photos showing the variety of things that have happened in school. If you haven't downloaded the App yet, please do so it is really worth it. There is an excellent video of the Y6 Bollywood dance on there also.

Next week, we are going to really try to live our jubilee pledge of Living Simply as we support our Rags 2 Riches. All items can be brought to school on Thursday morning. By reusing and recycling unwanted items, it really does make a difference to so many people.

On Saturday we welcome especially our Year 5 and Nursery pupils to Mass at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you all there and thank you to all of those who have volunteered to read etc. Remember all year groups are welcome at every Mass. On behalf of the PTA thank you for your generous support of our MUFTI Day today.

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Nursery This week we have been learning all about how the police help to keep us safe. The children enjoyed making their own police badges and learning how police officers communicate with each other using radios. We absolutely loved our very first Forest School session! The children had lots of fun exploring the environment and using a range of equipment. Please visit our class page to see more photographs from our exciting week.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception The children in Reception have worked exceptionally hard and I'm so very proud of everyone. We've moved to Level 3 in Phonics this week and I think the children are very proud of themselves. If you aren't already doing so, don't forget to play games on the Phonics Play website to help your child's reading skills develop further. We've had a snowy week in Reception even though there is no real snow. Our text was 'The Snowman', the children have designed and made their own snowmen and they've played snowman games. Thank you to those parents who uploaded snowmen pictures to the Padlets from last week - the children enjoyed telling their friends all about them.

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1 Year 1 deserve to have lots of fun this weekend! They have been working exceptionally hard on their Christmas unit in R.E and have celebrated the end of this unit with a thank you prayer. Can they tell you what they gave thanks for? They are beginning to think about how they can be curious and active in school and I hope they make active choices at home too! In dance, I was delighted to see their excellent waltz techniques this week, showing me that they are preparing for Cinderella's ball. Can they show you this at home? In Maths, we have been learning two techniques for subtraction. Can they show how to subtract by crossing out or subtract by using a number line? Year 1 have also been reminiscing about their favourite toys, new & old. They are excited to start their next History unit Toys from the past.

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 Well done for your hard work this week Year 2! We have enjoyed some practical maths, a science experiment to test absorbency/ waterproof materials, reading our new class text, discussing the inspiring work of Sister Dora and more! This half term, we are focusing upon being curious and active.. I wonder who will shine for our Values and Virtues. Next week, we start our new topic of Shape in Maths and start our next Scientific investigation to see which materials change shape. Have a fun weekend!

Miss Regan

Year 3 This week we have been reading our new book The Iron Man and finding out all about powerful verbs. We have enjoyed the first part of the book and are excited to find out what will happen next. In Maths we are learning how to multiply 2 digit numbers and also divide. We have a trip to the museum to look forward to to find out more about Ancient Egypt and a library visit on the 11th February. Please complete the next chapter in the I Belong Boo

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 This week, we have been busy again in Year 4 with lots of different activities. We are doing really well with our times table practise and are loving the new iPads in our classroom! On Wednesday, we handed out our Times Table Rockstars heatmaps so we could see which times tables are our targets for this week. The children will be bringing these home to show you on Friday. In English, we have been very excited to continue our newspaper reports about Boudica and have written lots of interesting facts. Thank you to everyone who attended the Multiplication Check Parents Meeting on Wednesday. I have added the PowerPoint to our class page under 'Meet the Teacher' if you would like to refer back to it.

Miss Jones

Year 5 It's been another hard working week in Year 5. We are really flying through 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' now and will have finished it by the end of next week. I was very impressed with your comprehension and playscripts this week. In Maths, we have now learnt to add two mixed numbers with different denominators. Ask your child to show you how they can add together 3 and a quarter and 2 and three eighths. Science was great on Thursday - check out the photos on Bluesky to see our investigation into parachute design. Next week in RE, we are moving on to the Baptism unit, starting with Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan. Have a great weekend.

Mr Caddick

Year 6 A super and tricky week of work in Year 6. Percentages have proven to be a little difficult and slow-moving but now the method is starting to stick and I am sure that with a bit more practise, you will all be great. You all produced fantastic reports on Crime and Punishment during the Roman era, including many of the very strange and gruesome punishments. Your understanding of and theories about our new nook 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick have been very inciteful - some of you came up with ideas that we have never heard before! Next week we will be continuing to write our Eel's Island descriptions so keep thinking about vocabulary. Have a great weekend.

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery:	Alayna & George
Reception:	Dougie & Angiza
Year 1:	Charlie & Sienna
Year 2:	Francesca & Radhe
Year 3:	Amelie & Daria
Year 4:	Ronnie & Lola M
Year 5:	Rome & Rory
Year 6:	Jude & Reeva

Awards will be given in Monday morning assembly, congratulations all on your hard work.



Rock Hero -

Well done and keep practising I know the new IPADS are making a real difference.

Please use this email postbox@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk to notify of changes in collection arrangements. Teachers will not always see parent's emails during the teaching day, alternatively please telephone the school office.

Thank you

Learn Its - movers Congratulations to those children who have moved this week.

Year 1: Henry, Amber, Eloise & Maisie

Year 2: Francesca

Year 3: Archie, Tillie,

Year 4: Sienna, Olive, Thomas, Ashton, Ted, Jenny, Grace



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 Group	Achievement

Sportsmanship Award goes to Lyla D (Y4) working really hard in dance club and following this up with looking after her teammate on the MUGA during football.

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This half term our Catholic Social Teaching is Subsidiarity.

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Subsidiarity

Sid the sheep's story



Sid enjoys hanging out with his flock in his favourite field. Sometimes their owner, Farmer Dale asks them to move to a new field where the grass is a bit greener but they have come to realise that one field has nicer tasting grass.

One day Farmer Dale tells them they'd be moving fields again, but Sid and his cousins explained that they'd prefer to stay for a few more days until the grass had been eaten. At first Farmer Dale wasn't happy, but then he realised that the sheep were in a better position to make the decision and it actually affected them most. Now Farmer Dale spends more time listening to the sheep.

Sid's story helps us to remember that everyone has important ideas and knows what is best for their families and communities. They need to have a say in decisions which affect them.

Based on the gospel for Sunday 18 January, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: John 1:29-34

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'

Faced with St John's complex theology in this Gospel, it might be more fruitful to allow ourselves to be drawn to some of his simpler words and lines.

John the Baptist is looking. He is perceptive and open - he sees Jesus coming toward him and perceives something in him. What do I see in Jesus? Where and in whom do I notice Jesus coming toward me? In what places and circumstances... in what kinds of people...? What does it really mean to see someone?

John also has a purpose - to give witness to the lamb of Isaiah, the servant of the Lord. When I think of my life, what do I see as my purpose? To whom or to what am I giving witness through the choices I make and by the way I live?

Though John is a witness to Christ, he admits that he does not truly know Jesus - what would I say about my knowledge of him and how am I revealing his truth for others? In my interactions with the world - through my personal behaviour, relationships, my political, social and climate stances - how can I collaborate with Christ's work of redemption?

Finally, John sees himself as less than Christ. Do I see my life as having priority over others or can I pray with the psalmist, "'Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will"?

Prayer:

Lord, on this Peace Sunday, give us grace to recognise Jesus in our world, to see him coming toward us from surprising places and people. May we have the courage to follow him into unexpected situations witnessing to his peaceful presence.

Amen.





Livesimply

Live Simply is a response to Pope Francis's invitation to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us."

This week we can support our Rags 2 Riches initiative as part of our Live Simply journey. By collecting these items and bringing them into school, we will continue to live sustainably, as we reuse and recycle items that we no longer want or need. What a wonderful way we can show our live simply credentials.

Remember, we can ask our neighbours and friends to join in too, we have reached out to Blackwood School and asked them to support this initiative also. Not only will it make a tangible difference to school in terms of raising funds for us, it will also ensure that items that still have a useful life in them, do not end up in landfill sites.

Thank you for your support

How can we live simply this week?

Have a sort out at home and bring in items as part of the Rags 2 Riches collection.