



HEADLINES

JANUARY	
24 th	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Y3/Y2
26 th	Year Reception Eye Tests
27 th	Y4 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am Walsall Swimming Gala Y5 trip to Gurdwara
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 Online Safety Sessions all classes see Arbor message
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 Safer Internet Day in School focus on AI
11 th	Y3 Library visit remember your library card Y3 visit to Mandir
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 2:30pm Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents
24 th	Y6 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am
25 th	Y5 Mass in school @ 9am
27 th	Vocations Afternoon
28 th	Family Parish Mass 6pm in Church Reception and Year 6 Mr Cash will play music
MARCH	
2 nd	Secondary School Offer Day
Important Dates	
11 th May	SATS Week Y6
18/19 May	Finding Nemo Production @ 6pm

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The word is **Community**. This week, let us think about how we can be active followers of Jesus in our communities.

Mass Tuesday 27th January @ 9am @ Church Y4 arrive at 8:45am. No Wednesday Mass in school this half term.

Headteacher Message



Thank you to everyone who supported our Rags 2 Riches initiative on Thursday. We collected and recycled an incredible 394kg and raised £93 for school. More importantly these clothes will be reused and will not go to landfill, so thank you for helping us with our Live Simply Journey. The school nursing service delivered their workshop on your child's emotions. It was very well attended and remember if you were unable to attend, please refer to the Arbor message sent by the office, giving detail on how to access online training. On the 29th of January, the nurses will deliver a further session this time on behaviour. Next week, we will start our multi-cultural week, please encourage your child to complete a homework project on a different religion and thank you to those children who have already started bringing in their projects. Family Mass this weekend will be led by Years 2 & 3. Have a great weekend

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Nursery This week in Nursery we have been learning all about doctors. The children explored items you might find in a first aid box and enjoyed creating their own doctor bags. We also had lots of fun singing "Miss Polly Had a Dolly" and acting out the song together. In maths, the children have been learning about repeating patterns, using colours, objects, and actions to spot and continue simple patterns. Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception What a quick week that was! This week in Reception we have been focusing on handwriting. We have learned that we need to be 'ready to write'. Firstly, we need to make sure we are sitting on our chairs correctly, then holding our pencil using 'duck fingers' and finally holding our paper or whiteboard with our spare hand before starting to write. Then we have been learning to form the letters 'c' & 'a' correctly plus the numbers '1' and '2'. We've also started our gymnastics unit in PE. The children were good at their 'presents' showing they are ready to start using their strong muscles. Ask your child to show you their 'presents' at home.

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1. This week year 1 started their new Science topic on plants. They are so proud of the seeds they have planted. Can they tell you what they planted? Ask them about the different parts of a plant? They are enjoying the weather topic in art and they had great fun creating some rain sequences. Can they tell you how they did this? We have now started our place value to 20. Can your child write the numbers up to 20 in sequence and with the correct formation? They have thoroughly impressed me with their letters of apology from Goldilocks. Ask them what they wrote in their letters!

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 Well done for your hard work this week Year 2! It was great to see your enthusiasm to start our Shape topic in Maths and you were keen to identify different 2D and 3D shapes. In English, we started to discuss the purpose of a persuasive advert, and we look forward to working towards writing our own for Prince Patrick in the Princess and the Pea. I was really impressed with your work in History as we finished reflecting upon the amazing work of Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Sister Dora. I will see you at church on Saturday for our family Mass. Have a nice weekend!

Miss Regan

Year 3 Well done year 3 on another busy week. We have enjoyed finding out about the Ancient Egyptians and their beliefs in the afterlife and how they mummified their pharaohs. In Maths, we have been excellent at multiplying large numbers. If you don't know your 3 and 4 times tables yet, remember to keep practising. Next week we will be learning about Hinduism as part of R.E so we look forward to gaining new knowledge. Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 Another great week in Year 4! We've been learning more about multiplication in maths and this week we challenged ourselves to learn the 12 times table. We were able to apply this to some real-life problem solving to work out the cost of a trip to the theatre. We are also enjoying our weekly game of multiplication bingo to help us learn our times tables! In Science, we've been learning to use classification keys to help us identify the names of many different animals. Well done to our prayer leaders this week who worked with Mrs Flower to prepare our class liturgy around the theme of 'community'. You all did a wonderful job. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Jones

Year 5 We have come to the end of a fantastic, hard-working week, Year 5! I have been so impressed with your multiplication in Maths this week - you can all multiply two 2-digit numbers together with increasing confidence and some of you can cope with even bigger numbers too! We have finished our work on 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and many of you are very excited to read other books in the series. Science lessons on forces have been going well - we finished off our parachute investigation this week and began to think about how levers can be used to make a small force have a bigger effect. Have a great weekend - I am looking forward to teaching you all about Sikhism for Multi-cultural week next week.

Mr Caddick

Year 6 A very hard-working week yet again in Year 6. We have been focusing on improving our descriptive writing in class, looking at punctuation, sentence structure and ambitious vocabulary choices and I have been blown-away by the improvement in your written work - you have all made amazing progress since Christmas! This week you played judge and jury with some Saxon crimes and decided which punishments fitted which crimes - super efforts. Keep up the work on reading journals and your weekly English homework.

Miss Keedwell

Headteacher Awards

Nursery:	Daisy & Alayna
Reception:	Kasper & Syun
Year 1:	Hudson & Kingsley
Year 2:	Julio & Luna
Year 3:	Ella & Conor
Year 4:	Sienna & Finn
Year 5:	Jackson & Georgie
Year 6:	Remi & Jude

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: Connie, Maisie, Imogen & Ella L

Year 2: Orla, Radhe, Arlo & Charlie

Year 3: Ella, Ben, Alicia, Conor & Azzurra

Year 4: Gracie, Matilda, Ronnie, Ruairi, Freddie & Anderson



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 Group	Achievement
Nursery	Amelia gained her octopus badge in swimming
Y2	Jacob player of the week at rugby
Y3	Ben played in a futsal tournament against the Aston Villa goalkeeper's (Martinelli) team. What a fantastic experience for him! Well done for winning the tournament Ben.
Y6	Kacey came first in her cheerleading competition with her new team with zero mistakes.

Sportsmanship award James & Isaac Y5 for encouraging all of their classmates to be confident when playing 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 25 January, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 4:12-17

"The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

Darkness cannot extinguish the light of Christ. When Herod imprisons John to silence him, Jesus rises to the challenge. Obedient to his Father's calling, Jesus embraces his life's mission. The message is no longer "The Kingdom is coming," but rather: "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

As Jesus relocates to Capernaum, Matthew recognises this as the moment Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled. The Assyrians had brutally destroyed this area some 700 years earlier, leaving behind a legacy of devastation. By starting his ministry at this "Galilee of the Gentiles," Jesus shows that he is the fulfilment of hope - a light shining for all people.

As we observe the world around us today, there are many places in need of the light of hope. Loneliness, mental health and social conditions cause many to feel like they personally are living in darkness.

As baptised Christians we too have a mission to bring God's love to others, to shine his light and keep hope alive. Some of us may have the gift of preaching, some the gift of being loving companions. Whatever our gift we all have a calling to proclaim, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," by our words or our actions.

In *Dilexi Te* Pope Leo XIV reminds us: "All the members of the people of God have a duty to make their voices heard albeit in different ways...Unjust structures need to be recognised and eradicated by the force of good, by changing mindsets...Both Christian preaching and life, then, are meant to have an impact on society. We are seeking God's Kingdom." (#97)

Prayer:

God of light, Emmanuel, God with us, help us to be obedient to your calling and to embrace our life's mission. May your Kingdom come here on earth as in Heaven. May we make our voices heard in ways that will impact our society. Amen.



January Homework Building the Kingdom

This month sees us focus on different religions in school. The children will learn about a different religion from Year 1 to Year 6.

Year 1 - Islam

Year 2 - Buddhism

Year 3 - Hindu

Year 4 - Judaism

Year 5 - Sikhism

Year 6 - Islam

The project this month is to research any religion and complete a piece of work on it, this can be presented in any format. Teachers will reward those children who have really embraced the learning.



Livesimply

Thank you for your support

How can we live simply this week?

Do we need to have our lights on throughout the day? Turn them off when not needed.