



# HEADLINES

FEBRUARY	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Discos EYFS @ 4pm KS1 @ 5pm KS2 @6:15pm pay on the door.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Family Parish Mass @6pm Mini Vinnies/GIFT/Caritas
10 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am Safer Internet Day in School focus on AI
11 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Library visit remember your library card Y3 visit to Mandir Visit to Y4 by Jewish expert
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents invited to stay & pray, then hear about our faith, day of Witness 9-10:00am 1-4pm Y5/6 Basket Ball @ BMET College
13 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly parents invited 9am PTA coffee prior to assembly from 8:30am Y3 Trip to Birmingham Museum
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to school. Y4 Swimming starts please remember swimming kit 2:30pm Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents
24 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am
25 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Mass in school @ 9am
26 <sup>th</sup>	1-3pm Girls Football Tournament Y4 @ Millfield Primary
27 <sup>th</sup>	Vocations Afternoon please volunteer to speak in classes
28 <sup>th</sup>	Family Parish Mass 6pm in Church Reception and Year 6 Mr Cash will play music
MARCH	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Secondary School Offer Day PTA Meeting in school @ 6pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Little Town for Nursery/Reception and Year 1 Y5 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day -wearing recycled/reuse clothes or your PJs
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/N Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Inspire Basketball @ Walsall Academy 3:45- 5pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Cricket Walsall Campus 12:30-2:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 multi Skills @ manor Farm 9.30-11am Year 5/6 Girls Football @ Streetly 4-5.15pm
24 <sup>TH</sup>	Year 5/6 Boys Football @ Streetly 4-5.15pm
26 <sup>TH</sup>	Year 3/4/5/6 Cross Country @ Walsall Arboretum 9.45-11.30am
11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week Y6

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The word is **Goodness**. 'Happy are the young because they have time before them to do good.' **St Philip Neri**.

**Mass Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February @ 9am @ Church Y2 arrive at 8:45am. No Wednesday Mass in school this half term.**

### Headteacher Message



What a strange week it has been, with rain throughout the week, it has made our time in school very different. We are hoping for some sunshine and dry weather soon.

Tonight we have our Valentine's Disco, please come along and join us for a wonderful fun event. The children absolutely love the discos and it is a great way for them to unwind at the end of a week.

Timings are as follows:  
Nursery/Reception 4:00pm - 4:45pm (with adults)  
KS1 5:00pm - 6:00pm (with adults)  
KS2 6:15pm - 7:30pm (supervised by PTA and staff).

You can pay at the door, there will be a shop selling refreshments and glow up items.

During the final week of this half term, we would love our families to join us on Thursday for our Stay & Pray child led sessions - these only last about 10 to 15 minutes - we'd love to see you. After this, we are inviting you to stay on to see our faith work (so far this year) and for us to explain to you how this impacts our lives. Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

## Issue 280 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Nursery** This week in Nursery, we have been busy learning all about the different roles of the staff in our school. The children loved creating special 'thank you' cards to show their appreciation for all the amazing staff who help us every day. They were incredibly creative, painting bright and happy pictures of their teachers — they look fantastic! We ended the week with lots of singing and the children are so excited to sing for you all next Thursday!

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

**Reception** We've had fun in Reception this week. We finished our Chinese New Year unit this week by learning how to use chopsticks to eat, made red lucky money envelopes, counted to 5 in mandarin and finished the week tasting a variety of Chinese foods. WOW! The children were magnificent in picking things up using chopsticks even though they'd never done it before. Perhaps they could eat their dinner at home using chopsticks to show you. We also had a great afternoon trying the 'Sticky Ice' Experiment. The children had to use lots of patience to make sure the string had stuck to the ice. The photographs of their results are on Bluesky. Enjoy the disco tonight.

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

**Year 1.** This week, Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed exploring weather in Art and have produced some beautiful sun catchers. We had an amazing experience at Streetly Library this week and the children and staff were engrossed in the excellent production of Anansi the Spider. We have also been preparing for Safer Internet Day. We have been thinking about how we can use AI safely, especially voice assistants and have thought about some rules we should follow when we are using AI. Can your child remember what AI stands for?

**Mrs McCabe**

**Year 2** This week, Year 2 have been working hard to develop their understanding of 3D shapes, as we have been identifying faces, edges and vertices of a variety of shapes. We greatly enjoyed watching the talented Birmingham Rep performers act out fables of 'Anansi the Spider' at Streetly Library on Wednesday and were able to discuss the hidden messages in the stories back in class. Year 2 will be bringing home a sheet with some helpful tips that can help anyone who wants to have a go at 'AI- Safer Internet Day' competition. Have a nice weekend everyone!

**Miss Regan**

**Year 3** Well done year 3 on another busy week. We have enjoyed measuring items in cms and mms and working out perimeters. Keep practising measuring at home. The spelling app login now works so please use these to revise your year 3 spellings in a fun way. Next week is a busy week with a trip to the Mandir and the museum. Children have been very enthused about their ancient Egypt work so we look forward to learning more from the experts at the museum. Please complete I belong book up to and including Chapter 5 and return to school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

**Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston**

**Year 4** Another great week in Year 4! This week, we have been busy writing our motivational speeches for Boudica in English. We are looking forward to reading these aloud in class. On Tuesday, Mrs Rudge introduced us to our online safety theme about the safe and responsible use of AI. We have been busy using the Chromebooks to create our presentations about using AI safely. These have been saved on the children's Google Classroom accounts if you would like to continue working on them over the weekend. We have also been loving our Thursday bingo games in maths where we test our multiplication knowledge each week. We are very excited for our NSPCC Times Table Rockstars tournament today. Remember, the tournament ends at 7.30pm tonight so keep battling! Have a great weekend.

**Miss Jones**

**Year 5** What a great week Year 5! We have started our new topic in History - the Ancient Maya - and have already made an excellent start learning about the civilization. You have all brought home a topic homework sheet - all work is due in on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. I look forward to seeing what you produce. I was very impressed with your arithmetic test scores on Monday this week - some of you made massive improvements. Keep up the hard work! We have also come to the end of our forces topic in Science and have really enjoyed making parachutes, levers and pulleys as well as investigating gears on a bike and friction created on different surfaces. Have a great weekend and I will see you on Monday!

**Mr Caddick**

**Year 6** I can't believe that we are nearly half way through your last year at St. Anne's Year 6. This week we had the opportunity to visit the Mosque in Sutton Coldfield to complete our work on Islam. You were so respectful and asked some fantastic questions - I am very proud of you. In history we have been learning about Tudor Crime and Punishment and you have started to write your own 'Horrible Histories' style reports - I can't wait to read the finished pieces. Mr Caddick and I met this week to share and discuss your writing and he was so impressed with all of you. Keep up the fantastic work during the last week of half term!

**Miss Keedwell**

# Half Termly Headteacher Awards

Nursery:	Hattie & Evelyn
Reception:	Nelly & Asher
Year 1:	Elijah & Ella M
Year 2:	Luna & Lois
Year 3:	Amelie & Anna
Year 4:	Ted & Finley
Year 5:	Lachlan & Max
Year 6:	Remi & Orla



Rock Hero - Charlotte

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

## Values & Virtues of the Half term Presented at Celebration Assembly

Nursery	George & Peggy
Reception	Sofia & Isaac
Year 1	Arthur & Ella L
Year 2	Charlie & Orla
Year 3	Azzurra & Ben
Year 4	Emilia & Ashton
Year 5	Merryn & Simran
Year 6	Jenson & Erin

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

Year 1:	Hudson, Sienna, Elijah, Anthonia & Rocky
Year 2:	Cillian, Jacob, Aoife, Elowen & Julio
Year 3:	Am'elie, Isla & Nora
Year 4:	



*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 Group	Achievement
Reception	Gabriel earned his 10mtr badge
Y2	Cillian earned his 25 mtrs swimming badge
Y3	Amelie completed her 800mtr swimming badge
Y4	George scored and got player of the match for his team Ace Leverkusen
Y4	Lola B got player of the match for Burntwood Phoenix
Y4	Matilda earned her 200 mtr swimming badge

Louie (y4) - after witnessing someone on the opposite team score a wonder goal on the MUGA, he ran over to him to celebrate and tell him what an amazing goal he had just scored.

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 8 February, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 5:13-16

**"You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world"**

**We made a mistake earlier today, and you received the wrong Weekly Reflection email. Please see below this week's email.**

Salt and light are elements of God's creation that are needed to sustain life on Earth. The image of a lamp on a stand is clear in its meaning, but it is more challenging to grasp the meaning of "salt" in this Gospel.

The value of salt in the ancient world is woven into our language; it is the root of the word 'salary.' Salt preserves food. It was valuable to traders and is vital for the cells of our bodies. Ten years ago, Pope Francis drew on the importance of salt as flavour. In the canonisation of Mother Teresa, Pope Francis expressed that "mercy was the 'salt' which gave flavour to her work, it was the 'light' which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering."

Lord, we thank you for your grace and love, and for being the brightest light that shines before us. Search our hearts and send the Holy Spirit to guide us in serving you and our neighbours with love and mercy. Amen.



### Building the Kingdom

Congratulations to those who produced such incredible Multi-Cultural work, well done everyone and it is wonderful to see us living in solidarity with others in a meaningful way.

Theo Rav, Elijah, Radhe, Azzurra, Jack T, Theo Ril, Amelie, Harper, Olive, Matilda, Monaza, Elisabeth, Skylar P, Jacob, Eadie, Nora, Alfie, Ben, Ella, Rogan, Sienna, Namrita, Peggy & Essie.

After half term we will be making our story crosses - exciting!



**Livesimply**

## **Thank you for your support**

**We have talked a lot this week about the importance of Fair Trade and that farmers and other suppliers should get paid a fair price for their goods and services. Can you spot the fair trade logo when you are shopping? Can you encourage adults to purchase the Fair Trade item?**

Please enter the competition below



# COMPETITION

**EYFS, KS1 & KS2  
SAFER INTERNET DAY**

CREATE AN ONLINE PRESENTATION  
OR VIDEO RAISING AWARENESS  
WITH CHILDREN ABOUT THE SAFE USE OF AI  
**ONE ENTRY PER KEY STAGE PER SCHOOL**

*Email your entries by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
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