



HEADLINES

FEBRUARY	
23 rd	Return to school. Y4 Swimming starts please remember swimming kit 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
26 th	1-3pm Girls Football Tournament Y4 @ Millfield Primary
27 th	Vocations Afternoon please volunteer to speak in classes
28 th	Family Parish Mass 6pm in Church Reception and Year 6 Mr Cash will play music
MARCH	
2 nd	Secondary School Offer Day PTA Meeting in school @ 6pm
3 rd	Little Town for Nursery/Reception and Year 1 Y5 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am
6 th	World Book Day -wearing recycled/reuse clothes or your PJs
7 th	Y5/N Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
12 th	Y4-6 Inspire Basketball @ Walsall Academy 3:45-5pm
13 th	KS1 Cricket Walsall Campus 12:30-2:30pm
14 th	Y3/Y2 Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
17 th	Year 3 & 4 multi Skills @ manor Farm 9.30-11am Year 5/6 Girls Football @ Streetly 4-5.15pm
20 th	Stay & Pray 15 mins at 9am and then Big Lent Walk for CAFOD around the field, parents can join us.
21 st	Y4/Y1 Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
24 TH	Year 5/6 Boys Football @ Streetly 4-5.15pm
26 TH	Year 3/4/5/6 Cross Country @ Walsall Arboretum 9.45-11.30am
11 th May	SATS Week Y6

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The word is **Teacher**. Parents are the first teachers in the faith for their children and school will always support you with this wonderful task.

Mass Tuesday 24th February @ 9am @ Church Y6 arrive at 8:45am.
Wednesday 25th February Y5 Mass in school Hall @ 9am all welcome.

Headteacher Message



Thank you everyone for a wonderful half term of hard work and commitment. Today, we acknowledged some children's achievements during our congratulations assembly, and I know that all the teachers in school are really thrilled with the work and efforts of all their classes these past 6 weeks. So well done everyone. We were delighted to welcome Fr. Gwil back from his well-earned rest in Australia. He was very pleased to see and hear how well everyone supported the Family Parish Masses this half term and he is looking forward to seeing many of you making an extra special effort to support these Masses during Lent. Dates for all the Masses up to the end of Half term are published on the newsletter (opposite). Lent starts on Wednesday 18th February, it would be lovely to see you at Mass to receive your ashes and to start your Lenten journey in prayer.

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Nursery This week in Nursery, we concluded our final week of 'People Who Help Us' by learning all about dentists. The children are now experts at brushing their teeth and have enjoyed talking about which foods are healthy and which are unhealthy for our bodies. It was so lovely to welcome so many adults to our *Stay and Pray* session - thank you for joining us. Our beautiful crosses are now proudly displayed in the classroom. What a wonderful and busy half term we have had! We hope you enjoy a well-earned week off and we can't wait to hear all about your exciting adventures when we return.

Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team

Reception What an excellent week the children have had learning about penguins. They've learned many facts and made penguins in a variety of ways including drawing, arts, crafts and cooking. The children have thoroughly enjoyed watching the Winter Olympics. They all found at least one sport they wanted to try - I wonder if I'll see any of Reception competing in the future? I have been so very proud of the progress in the children's handwriting this half term. They really are beginning to remember all the things they need to do to be 'Ready to Write'. Enjoy your half term break.

Mrs Turley and the early years team.

Year 1. Well done to Year 1 for filling up your marble jar this half term. We will look forward to celebrating your class rewards after half term. This week was a lovely opportunity to have our parents and relatives come into class to witness the faith of your children. Having reflected on our Wednesday Word 'Teacher', we have been thinking carefully about how we can say thank you to our first teachers at home. Please check their reading packets for the love and appreciation that they'd like to give you for Valentine's day! Have a lovely half term!

Mrs McCabe

Year 2 Well done for a great start to 2026 Year 2! You have tried really hard with your writing this term. I can see that your confidence is growing with punctuating your sentences and making sure that your writing is interesting for the reader. I really enjoyed hearing all your ideas before we did our big write and I think your adverts would definitely persuade people to go to Prince Patrick's ball! It was lovely to welcome family members into our liturgy on Thursday morning and reflect upon all the special things that people have taught us in our lives. I hope everyone has a lovely half term break!

Miss Regan

Year 3 Well done year 3 on a fantastic half term. On Wednesday, we went to the Hindu temple and I was so impressed with our class. They were focused, respectful and so interested in everything they were being told. They also shared a lovely prayer service on Thursday which was enjoyed by some of our family members. We will not have the last spelling test on the first Monday back rather the week following. Enjoy your half term rest and see you for the start of Lent on our return.

Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston

Year 4 Well done on another wonderful week Year 4! Tuesday was safer internet day where we learnt about the safe and responsible use of AI. The presentations you produced for our online safety competition were amazing and it was very difficult to narrow down the entries. Well done to everyone. On Wednesday, we were very lucky to receive a visit from Mrs Jacobs who came into school to talk to us about Judaism and to show us some artefacts. Her session was very interesting and we learnt lots of amazing facts about Jewish life. I was so impressed with how respectful you were and the brilliant questions you asked. Have a brilliant half-term!

Miss Jones

Year 5 The end of the half term is upon us and we have come to the mid-point of your Year 5 journey - how time flies! It's been another fantastic half term and I feel like we have achieved so much. Highlights for me have to be some amazing improvements in your arithmetic scores, incredible progression with skipping skills and a fantastic multi-cultural week and trip to the Gurdwara. It was lovely to end the half term by welcoming lots of your parents in to the classroom so that you could share some of your wonderful RE work with them. You did yourselves proud, as always. I hope you have a fantastic half term break with your families and I look forward to welcoming you all back into the classroom on February 23rd! Remember to wear school uniform on the first day back as PE lessons have now switched to Tuesdays.

Mr Caddick

Year 6 Well, we have made it to the half way point of your final year at St. Anne's. I am so proud of you all and how hard you are working. Your Horrible histories work on Medieval and Tudor crime and punishment is amazing and very informative - Wait until you hear about Victorian Crime and Punishment! Arithmetic scores have continued to improve week on week and, apart from the MUPPET MISTAKES, you are all capable of achieving top marks. Keep up the great work on your reading journals and have a great holiday.

Miss Keedwell



Rock Legend - Anderson, Ashton & Jenny

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

Online Safety Winners

Entries were fantastic this year and the winners selected by the Online safety team are:

EYFS: Essie

KS1 : Eadie

KS2: Group entry Noah, Isla, Elliot & Dylan

These entries will now be submitted to Walsall as our school entries - they are fantastic so well done everyone. Let's see what happens at Walsall level.

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

Year 1: Charlie, Scarlett, Henry, Connie & Rory

Year 2:

Year 3: Azzurra

Year 4: Daisy, Ronnie, Olive, Grace, Freddie, Ruairi, Aluna, Lola M, Finn

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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
Y1	Ruby got dancer of the week
Y1	Hudson got awarded his 10 th Kyu certificate in Karate
Y2	Aoife got her 400m swimming badge
Y3	Harper got player of the match in her first game for Aldridge Netball Club

Sportsmanship Award - The reception class for good turn taking in gymnastics!
Congratulations to Year 5 who are current leaders of the skipping challenge!

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Congratulations to our Basketball team who finished runners up in the Catholic Schools Competition - we are very proud of you.



This half term our Catholic Social Teaching is Subsidiarity.

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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.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of this term in our wonderful school.

Be with us as we have fun over the holidays and bring us back safely, ready to learn again.

Amen



Building the Kingdom

Our next project (over Lent) is to create our Salvadorian Crosses, more details will follow after half term on these and parents you will get to see them when you attend Parent/Teacher meetings in March.



Livesimply

Thank you for your support

Suggestion this week is to encourage everyone to walk a little bit more during the holidays and don't be so reliant on cars – save fuel, save money save the planet.

Based on the gospel for Sunday 15 February, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time: Matthew 5:17-37

"But I say to you..."

This Sunday, Jesus invites us into a deeper understanding of justice. It is not enough that we know what is right; we need to live in a way that is right, that transforms who we are.

Jesus acknowledges the 'letter' of the law as something we can follow but takes a step further. He asks us to consider the attitudes that give birth to injustice in the first place. Anger, contempt, lust, dishonesty - human flaws, yes, but these can become social forces. They affect both our relationships and the wider society and can lead to a lack of compassion and our understanding of human dignity.

This gospel challenges us to look honestly at how our inner lives shape the world around us. Anger becomes discrimination and even violence. When people are viewed as objects, then exploitation and prejudice may follow. Jesus reminds us that we are called to justice just as we are called to faith. Right relationship with God is inseparable from right relationship with one another.

This passage also offers hope. If injustice begins in the heart, then transformation can begin there too. By seeking reconciliation, by choosing integrity, by committing to the common good, we participate in building communities rooted in dignity and peace.

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Lachlan's experience of Lord of the Dance in Dublin. It was an incredible time and Lachlan was one of thirty successful auditions out of nearly 1000 worldwide. He was able to spend the day backstage with main cast and Michael Flatley, enjoyed press moments and photo shoots and then performed on stage at the 3arena to nearly 10k people.



