

Reception Newsletter – Friday 3rd October 2025

Phonics – Level 1

We have finished our review of Level 1, but will still carry on practicing these skills as we move through Level 2. We begin Level 2 next week.

We carried on focusing on our rhyme 'The Grand Old Duke of York'. This time we have worked on comprehension skills of finding the missing words, answering questions to clarify understanding and being able to sequence pictures to retell a rhyme. Our rhyme next week will be Hey Diddle Diddle.

RE – Prayers & October as the Month of the Rosary

On Wednesday we joined the rest of the school as Miss Keedwell launched October as the Month of the Holy Rosary. We have been given a challenge of being asked to pray the rosary together every day this month. As the children are a little young for this challenge, our challenge is slightly adapted. We will be praying the Hail Mary together every day during morning prayer. Most children don't know this prayer yet, so it would be good if you could help your child learn to say it. There is a video on our hymns called 'Hail Mary by OneLife Music' which we will be sharing together throughout the month:

<https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/hymns/>

The prayers the children need to know by the end of the year can be found on our prayers webpage: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/class-prayers-4/>. It would be good if you would help your child learn to say these prayers by heart. We will be introducing our lunchtime prayers next week.

My Name

Thank you for supporting your child to learn to read and begin to write their names at home. Their confidence is improving when with other names starting with the same letter. This week we made poster of our own name and have been practicing writing our Christian name. I will add a photograph to Bluesky once they are dry and displayed.

PE

The children are enjoying our Thursday formal PE lessons. I am very impressed with their efforts in dressing and undressing – possibly the best class we've had for many years at this stage in the year. Thank you for your support. This week we have introduced trying to turn jumpers, cardigans and trousers in the correct way around as we're taking off our clothes.

Year 6 & Reception's Special Friends Family Mass

Father Gwil invites all families with children in Reception and Year 6 to the Family Mass on Saturday 4th October at 6pm. It would be wonderful to welcome as many families as we can. I'm sure the children would love to see their Special Friends at church. Father Gwil will invite the children to come together on the altar during the Homily. It would also give you the opportunity to meet the Special Friend and their parents.

Class Trip to AshEnd Farm

I have booked a trip for Reception to visit AshEnd Farm on Monday 1st December. The children will help feed and take care of the animals, take part in a nativity in a real stable and get to meet a very special person. Information has been sent via email from the school office.

Building the Kingdom Project – Female Role Models

Thank you to those children who have brought in their female role models project. There have been some wonderful ideas – from royalty to sports stars and even family members. Please carry on sending them in. Mrs Johnston will shortly be choosing the winning entries.

General

Dates for the year from the PTA meeting have been uploaded to Bluesky so you can add them to your diary.

Monday 6th October is our individual photograph day.

Friday 10th October at 2.15pm is our Literacy in Reception & Beyond workshop. I will use this time to share how we teach children to read and write and how you can support your child at home.

See you at Mass Tomorrow.

Mrs Turley