

Reception Newsletter – Friday 26th September 2025

Phonics – Level 1

We have continued Level 1 by thinking about words that start with the same sound – sun and sit, bag and bee. You might want to continue this at home.

Our rhyme this week was ‘The Grand Old Duke of York’. There is a video on the Autumn 1 Videos webpage: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/video-clips-autumn-1/>. Ask your child if they can show you the actions they’ve learned to match the rhyme.

Today I have given every child a card with the school login details for the Phonics Play website. You can use these login details to play the games to support your child in learning to read over the next few years. Please only use the level that the children are currently focusing on in school. For the next few weeks please play the games on Level 1 to help your child with their listening skills: www.phonicsplay.co.uk. Once we are into Level 2, I will advise you when to move on.

RE – Celebration Mass & Prayers

On Monday Reception joined the rest of the school as we walked down to church to celebrate Father Gwil’s celebration Mass. The children were amazingly behaved and very respectful. Well done all.

This week our focus has been on joining our hands carefully to say our prayers, use our right hand to make the sign of the cross and put the left hand on our heart and learn to say our morning and evening prayers. The prayers 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. You might want to print them out and display them in your child’s bedroom to say them first thing and last thing at night or make a prayer book to use at home.

Our hymns this week have been ‘Our God is a Great Big God’ & God Made Me – I’m So Glad That God Made Me’. They are available on our Hymns webpage: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/hymns/>. Ask your child if they can remember the actions to match these hymns.

We also learned the difference between a cross and a crucifix. Ask your child if they can tell you the difference. There is a PowerPoint on the class PowerPoint webpage we used in class: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/powerpoints/>.

Nursery & Reception Family Mass

Father Gwil invites all families with children in Reception and Nursery to the Family Mass on Saturday 27th September at 6pm. It would be wonderful to welcome as many families as we can. I’m sure the children would love to see each other outside school and say hello to Father Gwil.

General

Thank you for supporting our MacMillan Coffee Morning. The children really enjoyed eating the cakes this afternoon.

Tuesday 30th September is the first PTA meeting of the year at 7pm. More details to follow.

Friday 3rd October is an INSET Day. School is closed to children.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Turley