



# I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

Mallard Close, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 6BN

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YEAR 2: JACK & LIAM

STAFF MEMBER: MISS REYNOLDS  
YEAR 1: OLLIE & RUBEN

RECEPTION: TOMMY & NEVAEH

YEAR 3: NIAMH & JAYDEN

YEAR 4: LEO & TIGAN  
YEAR 6: ZAIDAN, JOSHUA & RAYAN

YEAR 5: RILEY & JEWEL

Dear Parents and Carers,

A **big thank you** and well done to our children for an excellent half term. They have worked incredibly hard, and enjoyed all aspects of their learning. The behaviour in school has been exemplary and the children have demonstrated that they are true disciples in their actions and deeds. We are all very proud of you.

I would like to thank all of the staff in school for their continued support, hard work and dedication. To our Governing Body, the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Board and our MAC schools, Canon Jonathan, Father Alex and Mr Crehan for their on-going support.

My thanks to you our parents for your continued trust, help and support. In the words of Saint Teresa **"Together we can do great things."** We certainly are doing great things and we look forward to doing even more next half-term.

A very happy feast day on Sunday to our friends at Holy Trinity.

**God our Father,  
You sent your word to bring us truth and your Spirit to  
make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery  
of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three  
persons, by proclaiming and living our faith in you.  
Amen.**

Have a very restful week and hopefully the sun will shine!

God bless, Mrs Girling

**SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8:30am ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**



## TO BRING GOOD NEWS, TO SHINE FOR YOU.



Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church – PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN ON THE WEBSITE

MASS IS AVAILABLE VIA LIVE STREAM ON YOU TUBE

MASS TIMES – Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00pm Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.



This week's we congratulate our **Leaders for Learning** for doing their very best!

RTA	Daniel & Zuzanna	4PC	Jolie & Gleesome
RTH	Ryon & Anna	4W	Kamil & Mia
1KF	Eli & Koby	5F	Julia & Ksawier
1G	Igor & Anshman	5MS	Riona & Tyler
2WM	Cristia & Gracie	6K	Moses & Keira
2B	Charlie & Georgie	6C	Tomi & Liya
3W	Amelia & Alfie	6M	Mya & Archie
3TB	Sienna & Leyla	<b>We look forward to Games and activities in Golden Time!</b>	

**Children please collect your reward from Mrs Girling.**

**WELL DONE CHILDREN!**

## Sports Stars of the Week



Reception – River

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) – Nancy

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) – Riley

### ATTENDANCE /LATES

<b>RTA</b>	90%	1	<b>3TB</b>	89%	<b>0</b>
<b>RTH</b>	97%	1	<b>4PC</b>	95%	<b>0</b>
<b>1KF</b>	88%	<b>0</b>	<b>4W</b>	95%	<b>0</b>
<b>1G</b>	94%	1	<b>5MS</b>	94%	<b>0</b>
<b>2B</b>	92%	<b>3</b>	<b>5F</b>	95%	<b>0</b>
<b>2WM</b>	93%	1	<b>6M</b>	96%	<b>0</b>
<b>3W</b>	87%	<b>0</b>	<b>6C</b>	97%	<b>0</b>
			<b>6K</b>	96%	<b>0</b>

OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 93%    STAR ATTENDERS OF THE WEEK ARE - RTH & 6C

Safe and well home visits continue to take place with Miss Finn during the school day.



**Congratulations to the nine pupils in group 6 from Years 3 and 4 children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this morning at Parish Mass. Our thanks to Father Jonathan for making it so very special and to the staff in Year 4 and 3 for preparing them so well. Your family, friends and staff at school, our parish and St Teresa of Calcutta MAC are all very proud of you.**

**Congratulations to the 36 children who have received this Sacrament during this half term. It has been wonderful To be back in Church with our children, their families and our parish community. Our thanks to Canon Jonathan and Father Alex for their guidance and support and to our staff for preparing the children so well. My thanks to Miss Trodden for overseeing all of the arrangements and for doing a fabulous job! We look forward to continuing our celebrations for Year 3 pupils and their families after half-term.**

### May is the Month of Mary



**On Monday we celebrated the Feast of Mary the Mother of the Church. What is now a tradition at Holy Souls saw the collection of many different types of food and toiletry items donated by our children and families.**

**When Mr Edwards delivered the food our minibuss was full! This is amazing and thank you so very much. Acocks Green Food Bank will be most grateful for your donations and will be sharing them with our community.**

**We had a fabulous day which started in the celebration of Mass with Father Alex, followed by spending time in praying the Holy Rosary in our Prayer Garden and enjoying activities all about Mary.**

## Our Emmanuel Garden

Mrs Felton (Year 1 Class Teacher) enjoys her role as Prayer Garden Leader and with the children ensured it is kept clean and tidy and looking beautiful for us to use every day.  
You may see some pupils wearing these badges



They are awarded to our Prayer Garden Leaders from all classes in school. Well done and thank you to Mrs Felton and our children for taking such good care of our Emmanuel Garden.

### Year 6 - The Sacrament of Confirmation

You have now received the arrangements for Confirmation. We look forward to celebrating this Sacrament on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

A message for our children in Year 6 - I hope you enjoy researching your chosen Saint this half-term. We look forward to seeing your presentations and reading your projects.

### Half Term - From tomorrow (28<sup>th</sup> May 2021) onwards - Track and Trace

Schools will continue to play an important role in contact tracing for pupils and staff over half term. Where pupils or staff attending the school test positive for Covid 19 during the half term holiday, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school (that is after 3pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021) school will not be required to take any action. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions as provided by NHS.

However, where pupils attending the school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (that is before 3pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021), the school is involved as usual in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation.

So please continue to use the confirmed Covid test address at [covid@holysoul.bham.sch.uk](mailto:covid@holysoul.bham.sch.uk) to advise us of tests taken and results received. This is crucial in keeping everyone safe. Thank you.



## ***SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING***

**Each week we will be sharing ideas on how to keep safe or sign posting to organisations that may be of help.**

# Child Friendly Search Engine



Child friendly search engines help us to ensure that children are using the internet in a safe way. Kiddle.co is a visual search engine for children powered by Google which offers a safe web, image and video search. You can access it here: [www.kiddle.co](http://www.kiddle.co)

We need to be aware that those who wish children harm will find their way round the safeguards included in these search engine, so while these search engines may make searching safer for children they are not a replacement for online safety filters. UK Safer Internet Centre provides excellent independent advice on setting up internet filters at home.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>



## Fortnite – an update!

Fortnite appears to remain popular, so we thought we would provide an update for you.

Fortnite is PEGI rated 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for those under 12 years old.

It is important to note that when PEGI rating games PEGI do not take into consideration the communications facilities available. Fortnite has a chat facility which increases risks to children. There are different versions of the games including the free to play Battle Royale game (although there are in-app purchases) where up to 100 players can compete against each other. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be exposed to inappropriate language and/or chatting to strangers. IT IS IMPORTANT YOUR CHILD KNOWS TO REPORT CONCERNS.

Fortnite does include a number of parental controls. To help make it a safer environment you may consider disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy setting. Try not to store any payment details within the game/device or make sure you have set purchase restrictions. All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game which can then be spent in the Fortnite store.

For further information please visit: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parentsultimate-guide-to-fortnite>

## Acocks Green Village in Bloom



*Come along to Mallard Community Orchard -  
Mallard Close (opposite Morrisons).  
Support our local volunteers*

# PLANT SALE *and more!*

**Saturday 5th June  
11am til 3pm**

- Lots of flower and vegetable plants
- Local Honey
- Meet our beekeeper and bees
- Craft stalls
- Pick you own herbs
- Gardening advice and more!

Contact: [fran.lee47@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fran.lee47@yahoo.co.uk) 0121 706 0076

Please do try and support this wonderful community initiative.