



I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS



YEAR 2: MORGAN & SOPHIA

STAFF MEMBER: MISS MYATT AND MISS BYRNE
YEAR 1: ISZACH-LEE & MICHAEL

RECEPTION: KEEVA

YEAR 3: NOLAN & AVA-LEIGH

YEAR 4: OSCAR & DARCEE
YEAR 6: EYVE & ALEKSANDER

YEAR 5: KELSEY & CHRISTIAN

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome the children back on Monday as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. In our Gospel Assembly we talked about what a saint is and how we are all called to be living saints. We know this is not always easy and we decided that we would always try to be the best that we can be. *Please read on to see our new November Saint of the Week feature!*

On Tuesday we joined the parish at Mass to celebrate the Feast of All Souls. Thank you to a member of the parish who contacted school to tell us how wonderful the children were in Mass. We are very proud of you and it was lovely to hear you read so clearly, see you participate so reverently and actively enjoy celebrating this wonderful sacrament.

I received a delightful letter from Dr D Casserly Head of St Pauls School for Girls congratulating former pupils Maria S who has gained a place at Nottingham University to read Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Maariyah C who is reading Adult Nursing at Coventry University. Congratulations to you both - we are very proud of you and wish you every success.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
God Bless
Mrs R A Girling Head Teacher

This week in school we...

- Enjoyed our extra clubs – dance, kick boxing, football, multi sports, lego, rubix cube and computer club.
- Year 3 and 4 joined Cayleigh in the Forest School for their teaching and learning sessions.
- The new arch to the Forest School was fitted and looks fab!
- Mrs Girling attended a Head Teachers Briefing at the Diocese.
- Miss Myatt and Miss Byrne enjoyed diving deep into our maths lesson and looking at our books and talking to the children and staff about their maths!



TO BRING GOOD NEWS, TO SHINE FOR YOU.



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

MASS IS AVAILABLE IN PERSON OR VIA LIVE STREAM

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

Let's Celebrate!!!

Reception	Riley & Taban	3M	Liyel & Tommy
1G	Lois & Ryon	4PC	Taylor & Sergio
1B	Nevaeh & Oscar	4W	Alex & Adela
2WM	Riley & Ava	5F	Devon & Rosie
2K	Jack & Caitlin	5SM	Sky'e & Ethan
3TW	Edward & Georgie	6F	Corey & Lena
		6M	Ryan & Tylor

Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your special pencil from Mrs Girling!

HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception = Crisbel

KS1 = Joshua

KS2 = Riona



Next week Mrs Wade is launching our new Reader of the Week award in school. Each week your class teacher will **nominate a Reader of the Week** and we will celebrate this by Congratulating you on the weekly newsletter. Look out for your special treat too!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is in school until Tuesday 9th November. We receive a percentage of the books sold to buy books for our classrooms. It makes a huge difference and we thank you for your generosity.



Wishing all of our families and friends a Happy Diwali.

ATTENDANCE AND LATES

OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 94% - We are looking for improved attendance next week.

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RT	87%	3M	95%
RK	99%	4PC	92%
1G	99%	4W	95%
1B	89%	5F	92%
2WM	91%	5SM	96%
2K	98%	6M	89%
3TW	96%	6F	97%

This week's attendance winners are RK & 1G – congratulations.

We hope you enjoy your extra sports coaching session on Wednesday with Coach Dylan.

Attendance has been checked for all pupils since we returned in September. **Those pupils who have attendance that is 90% or less will be receive a letter in the post.** You may be invited in to attend a meeting or are requested to provide further information. Please be aware that this is the start of the Fast Track to Attendance process.

Saint Of the Week

During the month of November we are going to be asking our children, staff and Governors, who their favourite Saint is and why they admire them.

This week Class 3TW – Miss Trodden and Miss K Wood's class sent me an email to tell us all about their Class Saint. Well done 3TW this is very interesting.

Our Class Saint is Saint John the Baptist. We know he was Jesus' cousin. We know his Mum was called Elizabeth and she was Mary's sister. We know Mary travelled to see Elizabeth when she was pregnant to share her good news. Elizabeth was pregnant at the same time as Mary.

Saint John the Baptist ate locusts and wild honey. He wore sandals and animal skins. He was baptising people with water in the River Jordan. Jesus came and asked John to baptise him. John the Baptist told all the people that Jesus would baptise them not with water but with the Holy Spirit.

We are inspired by Saint John the Baptist because he spread the Good News and we try to do this every day.



Dear God, Thank you for sending John the Baptist to teach us how to prepare our hearts for Jesus,

and for sharing the Good News. Amen

Reception Parents Questionnaires

Many thanks to our new parents in Reception for completing the recent questionnaire.

Did you find the Starting School book and meeting with your Child's Teacher prior to starting school, informative and helpful? **YES 100%**

Did you feel you had all the relevant information about your child starting school? **YES 95% NO 5%**

Did having small, focused groups of children on the first day, help your child settle into school? **YES 100%**

Has your child had a positive experience starting school? **YES 100%**

Is the drop off and collection from Reception easy and welcoming? **YES 100%**

Do you feel you can communicate effectively with your Child's Teacher, either via Class Dojo or in person? **YES 100%**

Do you feel it is easy to speak to any member of staff regarding concerns? **YES 100%**

Do you find it easy to access information on the School's Website? **YES 100%**

Does your child feel safe at school? **YES 100%**

Does your child feel happy at school? **YES 100%**

Comments received

"The website had some out dated information on it" Yes - we agree and have updated it and continue to make changes.

Your feedback is very important to us and helps to improve all aspects of our school.

Thank you for your feedback. It has been a pleasure watching the children settle in so well.

My thanks to you for your support and our Reception staff for their dedication and hard work.

Please remember we are always here to help and support you.

The door is always open and the kettle is always on!

COP26

The UK is hosting the world leaders at the UN COP26 climate conference over the next couple of weeks and the eyes of the world will be on us to lead the way in combatting the climate emergency! What is COP26? The UN holds a climate conference (COP) each year in different countries around the world, where world leaders gather to talk about climate change. This is the 26th year of the conference. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have written a special prayer for COP26 to encourage us to pray for and raise awareness of the importance of the outcome of this year's crucial climate talks in Glasgow.

Prayer for the COP26 climate summit

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

Ten Ten has also created a short video for children about the COP26 summit, leading to prayer which you might find helpful: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/the-hub/cop26-public/>



On Saturday 6th November 2021 there is a Global Day of Action as the world's leaders talk about the future of our world. Our children took action and marched with their messages about saving our world.

Visit our twitter page to watch the children's videos www.twitter.com search @soulschool.

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School @SoulsSchool · 1h
As world leaders gather for the COP26 Climate Talks in Glasgow
@AttenboroughSir @CAFOD @HolySoulsAG Year 4 raised their voices
"Climate change is really bad. It is making us feel really sad!"
#GlobalDayofAction



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Holy Souls Catholic Primary School @SoulsSchool · 2h
As world leaders gather for the COP26 Climate Talks in Glasgow
@AttenboroughSir @CAFOD @HolySoulsAG Year 3 raised their voices
"Let's see what we can do. Save the planet for me and you!"
#GlobalDayofAction



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Holy Souls Catholic Primary School @SoulsSchool · 2h
As world leaders gather for the COP26 Climate Talks in Glasgow
@AttenboroughSir @CAFOD @HolySoulsAG Year 2 raised their voices
"Let's go green. Keep the earth clean" #GlobalDayofAction



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Holy Souls Catholic Primary School @SoulsSchool · 2h
As world leaders gather for the COP26 Climate Talks in Glasgow
@AttenboroughSir @CAFOD @HolySoulsAG Year 1 raised their voices
"Let's go green. Keep the earth clean!" #GlobalDayofAction



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As world leaders gather for the COP26 Climate Talks in Glasgow
@AttenboroughSir @CAFOD @HolySoulsAG Reception raised their voices
"Save our world!" #GlobalDayofAction



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As world leaders gather for the COP26 Climate Talks in Glasgow
@AttenboroughSir @CAFOD @HolySoulsAG Year 5 raised their voices
"There is no plan B. It's up to you and me!" #GlobalDayofAction



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As world leaders gather for the COP26 Climate Talks in Glasgow
@AttenboroughSir @CAFOD @HolySoulsAG Year 6 raised their voices
"There is no plan B. It's up to you and me!" #GlobalDayofAction



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