



I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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YEAR 2: LILLIANA & NINA

STAFF MEMBER: MISS TRODDEN
YEAR 1: ELLA & ELIAS

RECEPTION: FREYA & CHARLIE

YEAR 3: VANESSA & LACEY
YEAR 4: OLIVIA & JACK

YEAR 5: ESMIE & VERONICA

YEAR 6: RILEY & ESTHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very enjoyable hardworking week here in school. It was great to welcome everyone back and to see such keenness and enthusiasm!

We celebrated the start of Lent by receiving our blessed ashes at Mass. We thoroughly enjoyed joining the parish and look forward to walking together in this season of **Lent**. We hope you enjoy your Lenten packs that Miss Trodden and the Young Disciples have organised. Canon Jonathan shared reminded us to **pray, fast and share**. As we do this what a great time to think about going back to Church if you have been away due to Covid.

This week Mrs Keast from Birmingham Education Partnership visited school and met the children and staff. She thoroughly enjoyed her visit recognising the "many wonderful things about our happy and vibrant school." We look forward to working with Mrs Keast during the year.

World Book Day was AMAZING! Well done to children and staff for their wonderful costumes and enthusiasm. Thank you for your support and donations. We had a no pens day and enjoyed our learning through spoken word, art, drama and dance.

Our thoughts this week are with those in the Ukraine and their families many of whom are here in the community. We will be working together as a MAC to find ways to offer our support.

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen.

God bless, Mrs Girling



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!

RK	Cailan & Sumanasri	3TW	Alfie & Cristia
RT	Kairo & Maja	4PC	Millie & Dhillon
1G	Ruby & Michael	4W	Saibah & Moya
1B	Amber & Natan	5F	Maddie & Julia
2WM	Ethan & Debora	5SM	Jolie & Anton
2K	Callum & Ellie-Mae	6F	Corey & Keeley
3M	Riley & Lena	6M	Tylor & Lola

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

HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Jaxon

KS1 - Beau

KS2 - Aleksander



RK	Samuel	3TW	Georgina
RT	Taban	4PC	Max
1G	Luca	4W	Olaf
1B	Bobbie	5F	Ethan
2WM	Ollie	5SM	Zayn
2K	Farai	6F	Aiden
3M	Liyel	6M	Michael

ATTENDANCE

OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 95% - We are IMPROVING!!!! .

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RT	96%	3M	94%
RK	89%	4PC	95%
1G	96%	4W	97%
1B	98%	5F	96%
2WM	93%	5SM	97%
2K	98%	6M	95%
3TW	93%	6F	96%

This week's attendance winners are 1B & 2K ~ Congratulations!

Enjoy your extra play next week with Coach Dylan.

Thank you to Miss Finn and Mrs O'Neill for carrying out our safe and well home visits.

This week you may receive a letter in the post regarding attendance. These letters are for pupils with attendance below 90%. We are aware that covid may have impacted on your child's attendance. We look forward to meeting with parents and children to look at how we can support you to ensure your child is in school on time and here every day.

This week in school..

- **Mrs Keast from BEP Birmingham Education Partnership visited school.**
- **We had lots of wonderful book characters in school to celebrate World Book Day.**
 - **We put our pens down on Thursday and used our listening ears and voices to communicate!**
- **We Celebrated St David's Day, Ash Wednesday and held our Celebration Assembly.**
- **Our Year 6 pupils found out where they will be moving to for secondary school.**
 - **Our extra-curricular clubs and after school tutoring programme continued.**
- **Mrs Girling and Canon Jonathan met with Mr R Harmer local MP to discuss parking.**
 - **Teaching staff attended training on Creativity in Religious Education.**
- **We received a wonderful donation of books from a family which have gone into our class libraries. Thank you so much for your generosity.**

Parental Consultations

These will take place on **Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th March by telephone**. Each appointment will be allocated ten minutes. Appointments will go live on the booking system on Monday 7th March at 3:45pm. If you have siblings in school please consider booking appointments over the two days.

Take your family to Church this Lent

Cardinal Vincent has filmed a short video message for children and young people to encourage them to get their families back to Church this Lent.

In his message Cardinal Vincent says

“When you go home, please tell your family that I have spoken with you today. Please tell them what I’ve said. Please ask if it would be possible for you to go together to church, to Mass this Lent, in preparation for Easter. I would love you to do that, because you see, when you go into the presence of the Lord, into the House of God, which we also call the Gate of Heaven, there is so much for you to receive, and then there is so much more for you to give.”

A copy of the text and the video are available here [Cardinal to school pupils: Take your family to Church this Lent - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

Living with Covid

The Government has announced their Covid 19 response “Living with Covid-19” strategy for England. It means that most of the measures in place to prevent the spread of the virus are no longer required. National guidance now urges us all to take personal responsibility so that our actions minimise the risks of transmission.

In school we will continue to:

- Offer frequent and proper handwashing for staff and pupils
- Encourage good respiratory hygiene – this includes continuing to follow “catch it, bin it, kill it”
- Have additional cleaning of major touch points
- Have additional ventilation

If your child feels unwell and has any symptoms associated with the covid virus, I ask you to take NHS advice and get them tested where necessary.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU TAKE A CHILD FOR A PCR TEST THEY MUST NOT ATTEND SCHOOL IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WHILE AWAITING A RESULT, FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHER PUPILS AND STAFF. THANK YOU.

IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR THE COVID 19 VIRUS, YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO ISOLATE FOR AT LEAST 5 DAYS AND ONLY RETURN TO SCHOOL ONCE THE VIRUS AND SYMPTOMS HAVE PASSED.

**Get the basic principles of virus controls done well as part of your behaviour.
The spread of ALL variants will be reduced by:**

- Limiting your mixing
- Keeping your distance
- Good hand, nose and mouth hygiene
- Good ventilation

IF YOU ARE INVITED INTO SCHOOL FOR A MEETING
Please...

- Wear a mask if you can.
- Sanitise hands on arrival.
- Respect social distancing.

Thank you for your help and cooperation with this matter.

Please stay safe and well.

We enjoyed our **St David's** assembly on Tuesday.
We are looking forward to seeing our daffodils bloom!



Not sure who the hero's or villains were!



Thank you Morrison's for the Pancake Competition prize. A worthy winner with a fabulous design!



Catholic Virtues

This half term children and staff at Holy Souls will be learning to be **INTENTIONAL** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience, and **PROPHETIC** in the example they set to others.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

What Parents Need to Know about WhatsApp

A free online safety guide on WhatsApp.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/hub/view/guide/whatsapp-2022>

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as scams, strangers and location sharing.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- SCAMS:** Scammers use WhatsApp to send messages to thousands of people at once. They often use fake profiles and ask for money or personal information.
- POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING:** WhatsApp can be used to bully others. People can send abusive messages, photos, or videos.
- CONTACT FROM STRANGERS:** WhatsApp allows you to be contacted by people you don't know. This can be dangerous.
- LOCATION SHARING:** WhatsApp has a location sharing feature. This can be used to track someone's location without their consent.
- ENABLING FAKE NEWS:** WhatsApp has a feature that allows users to share news articles. This can be used to spread fake news.
- DISAPPEARING MESSAGES:** WhatsApp has a feature that allows users to delete messages. This can be used to delete evidence of cyberbullying or other harmful behavior.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- CREATE A SAFE PROFILE:** Encourage your child to use a profile picture of a friend or family member. Do not use a profile picture of a celebrity or a person you do not know.
- EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING:** Explain to your child that blocking someone on WhatsApp means they cannot contact you. Encourage your child to block anyone who is harassing them.
- REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS:** Encourage your child to report any suspicious messages to WhatsApp. Encourage your child to report any suspicious messages to the police.
- LEAVE A GROUP:** Encourage your child to leave any group chat that is making them uncomfortable or is being used to spread rumors or other harmful behavior.
- THINK ABOUT LOCATION:** Encourage your child to turn off location sharing on WhatsApp. Encourage your child to be careful about sharing their location with anyone.
- DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES:** Encourage your child to delete any messages that they have sent by accident. Encourage your child to delete any messages that they have received that are inappropriate or harmful.
- CHECK THE FACTS:** Encourage your child to check the facts of any news stories that they see on WhatsApp. Encourage your child to be skeptical of any news stories that they see on WhatsApp.

Meet Our Expert

For more advice on mobile phone safety and digital media, visit nationalonlinesafety.com. The new app will be available from 2022. You can also find out more about our free resources and support on our website.

National Online Safety
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Mobile phone reminder

We are aware that many phones. Please ensure that brought into school. If a mobile phone in school confiscated and parents pupil will receive a your support.

of our pupils have mobile these devices are not pupil is found to have a the device will be will be contacted and the sanction. Thank you for