



I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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STAFF MEMBER: MR EDWARDS
YEAR 1: MILES & JACOB
YEAR 2: AVA-ROSE & PRUE
RECEPTION: CAILAN & MARNIE

YEAR 3: LUKE & GEORGINA
YEAR 4: MILLIE & MARTINA
YEAR 5: FELICITY & GEORGIA
YEAR 6: LENA & RYAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a sunny, fun filled, hardworking week we have had here in school.

Our congratulations to Class 3TW who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation last Saturday. We are very proud of you. Thank you to staff and parents for preparing you so well. Our thanks to Canon Jonathan and Father Alex for their support and guidance. Our parish family were delighted that we joined them in the celebration of Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this very special day!

Class 5SM enjoyed a visit to Baddesley Clinton. This visit allowed them to further develop their skills and knowledge in Religious education, Geography, History and Art!

Their Tour Guide asked us to **“Pass my congratulations on to the pupils because all of the guides said how polite, well behaved and attentive they were!”** Thank you 5SM for being ambassadors for our school. Please see the gallery below. We hope 5F enjoy their visit next week.

Reception enjoyed a walk to the Post Office and posted some very important letters!

We officially opened and blessed our new Pastoral Intervention room – “The Oscar Romero Suite” on his Feast Day 24th March! Please see below.

Year 2 were thanked and praised by our Parish family for their wonderful participation and reverence in parish Mass.

I have received some information from the City Council regarding our enquiry for improving road safety on Mallard Close. I will keep you updated. You will see some new cones have been added for everyone’s safety. Thank you those who are using the free local car parking facilities to keep us all safe.

A message from Canon Jonathan and Father Alex.

Light a Candle for the Ukraine - On Saturday 26th March from 11.30am - 12.30pm, people from Acocks Green will be invited into the church to light a candle for Ukraine. This is a special way of uniting our whole community in prayer and solidarity.

**God Bless and enjoy the sunshine.
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.

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RK	Taban & Isabelle	3TW	Kailen & Ava-Leigh
RT	Amber & Nevaeh	4PC	Adam & Taylor
1G	Emilia & Skodri	4W	Amelie & Oskar
1B	Rubie-May & Anthony	5F	Tyler & Kelsey
2WM	Tommy & Carina	5SM	Allanah & Callum
2K	Eli & Lacie	6F	Nicolas & Harrison
3M	Nikodem & April	6M	Harry & Maribel

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

HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Leriah-Rose

KS1 - Toby

KS2 - Jack



RK	Crisbel	3TW	Elise
RT	Kairo	4PC	Szymon
1G	Lily-Mae	4W	Sienna
1B	Tristan	5F	Rosie
2WM	Izabella	5SM	Lilka
2K	Farai	6F	Yumiko
3M	Oskar	6M	Alexander

Readers of the week - don't forget to collect your Bookmark! Thank you for hearing your child read and completing your child's Reading Record every evening.

ATTENDANCE

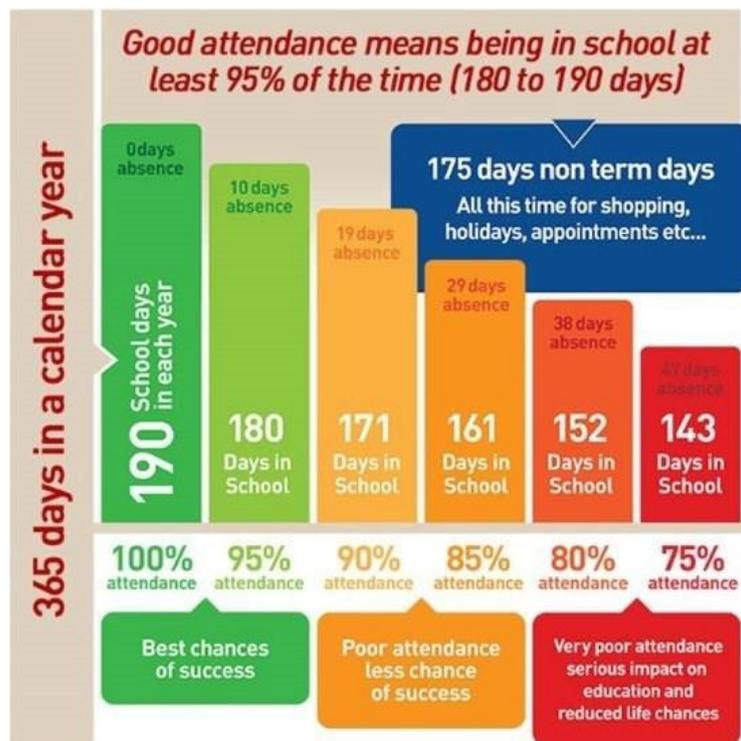
OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 87% - We have had a dip this week with a sickness bug in school.

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RT	87%	3M	83%
RK	86%	4PC	85%
1G	99%	4W	88%
1B	94%	5F	83%
2WM	94%	5SM	98%
2K	87%	6M	92%
3TW	73%	6F	65%

This week's attendance winners are 1G ~ Congratulations!

Enjoy your extra play next week with Coach Dylan.

As you can see this week in school we have seen an increase in sickness, coronavirus and throat infections. We look forward to seeing you all back and raring to go next week.



During the final week of this term you will receive a copy of your child's attendance. This will show you the sessions they have participated in and those they have missed. Please read it with your child and share the importance of getting in on time and in every day!

Mothers hold our hands for a little while...but they hold our hearts forever!

All-loving God,
we give you thanks for mothers
young and old. We pray for all
mothers of every kind. Those
who have loved us and
helped shape us
with motherly care
and compassion.
We remember
mothers,
grandmothers,
and godmothers
who are no longer
with us, but
whose love is in
our memory
forever. Amen



**We thank Class 3M for their beautiful Mother's Day assembly.
Wishing all a very special day on Sunday.**

**YEAR 3M Sacrament of Reconciliation – this has been postponed until Saturday 2nd April.
Thank you for your understanding.**

This week in school..

- Mrs Girling and Mrs Kielstra attended MAC meetings.
- Mrs Kielstra attended safeguarding training from the Local Authority Designated Officer department.
- Miss C Finnegan attended training on the Birmingham Civic History Young Researchers project that we are participating in.
- Reception pupils had their eyes tested!
- Mrs Pettigrew attended training on Computing through the Bishop Challenor hub.
- Coach Colm and Coach Dylan enjoyed their PE sessions and held our early morning football clubs in Y5 and Y6.
- We enjoyed dancing with JDC School of Dance, Kick Boxing, Reading Club, Stem Club, Irish Dancing Club, Multi Sports, Eco club.
- Year 1, 2 and 6 continued to receive after school tuition as part of the National Tutoring Programme.
- Mr McLeish delivered tonnes (yes we mean tonnes) of chip bark and logs for the Forest School. We are very grateful and thank you to the children giving up their lunch times to spread it!

SCIENCE IN SCHOOLS- WE'VE GOT THE POWER

On Monday all the children will have the opportunity to participate in an exciting Science based workshop. This will include lasers, lights, naked flames and lots of experiments! Thank you to Miss S Wood for organising this event. We would ask if possible for a voluntary contribution via Parentmail of £1:00. Thank you.

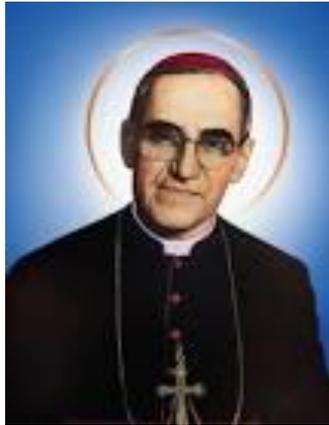
Lent 2022
Pray..Fast..Share

This Lent Tululah has shown how she can share by cutting her hair!



Where have your 15 inches of hair gone? It will be used to make a wig!
Tululah has raised over £465.00 for the Little Princess Trust.
We are all very proud of you.

THE BLESSING OF THE OSCAR ROMERO SUITE



This week we blessed and officially opened our new intervention suite.

Mr Henvey and the Pastoral Team have worked hard to create an environment where children can have quiet time, receive their interventions and relax.

Thank you to Class 3TW who prepared and led a wonderful assembly telling us all about the life of Saint Oscar Romero.

DID YOU KNOW? FACTS FROM 3TW

Saint Óscar the Romero y Galdámez

Born 15th August 1917 and **Died** 24th March 1980)

- Oscar Arnulfo Romero was born into a family of ten in Ciudad Barrios, El Salvador.
- Romero was ordained a priest and returned to El Salvador.
- He became famous for his sermons. He also did a lot of parish work like helping the poor.
- He was a Bishop of the Catholic Church in El Salvador.
- He became the fourth Archbishop of San Salvador.

Who is God calling you to be?

CLASS 5SM AT BADDESLEY CLINTON

On Monday 21st March, 5MS enjoyed a wonderful visit to Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire.



Thank you to our guide, Jim Henry who gave us a fascinating tour of the house. Jim showed us the 'priest holes' where some Catholic priests hid in the 1590s at a time when it was against the law to celebrate mass in England.

During our tour of the house, we learnt about how 12 generations of the Ferrers family lived there over a period of 500 years!



In the beautiful grounds of Baddesley Clinton and inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy, we created our own natural art.



WOW Class 5MS – you certainly did have fun!



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

What Parents Need to Know about Phone Scams

A free online safety guide on phone scams.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/hub/view/guide/phone-scams>

In a three-month period during 2021, no fewer than 45 million people in the UK experienced a suspicious attempt at being contacted via their mobile. Phone scams are a common form of cyber-attack where fraudsters engage directly with their intended victim through their smartphone. As our phones carry so many sensitive (and therefore potentially valuable) details about us, it's vital that trusted adults are alert to the tactics that scammers use to get access to user accounts, personal data and private information for financial gain.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as sim hacking, smishing and impersonation.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SMISHING
SMS phishing, or 'smishing' is one of the most common forms of mobile-based cyber-attack. Smishing is when a scammer texts their target, pretending to be a legitimate person or organisation. They aim to trick the victim into supplying sensitive data such as bank details and personal information, so that they can then access the target's bank accounts and remove money.

IMPERSONATION
Fraudsters often impersonate someone else to trick the victim into actually transferring money directly. They might claim, for example, to be a friend or relative using a different number who urgently needs funds. Other common scams include sending fake texts informing the target that they have a package which requires a fee to be delivered, or that they have an unpaid bill to settle.

NUMBER SPOOFING
Here, the scammer takes impersonation one step further by cloning the phone number of a genuine company. So when the target receives a call or text, their phone recognises the sender's number as legitimately belonging to Amazon, HMRC, the NHS or the DVLA (who have all been impersonated in these cons). This makes the scam far harder to spot and the victim much more inclined to comply.

FAKE TECH SUPPORT
Attackers contact a target, pretending to work for their employer's IT support team, and offer them to download some software to fix a 'technical issue' on their device. In reality, however, the software grants the scammer access to the victim's private data and sensitive information. This can be more common on desktop and laptop devices, but it's still possible to accomplish on mobile.

SIM HIJACKING
SIM hijacking switches control of a phone's account from the victim's SIM card to one in the scammer's possession. Criminals use personal details placed together from social media (birthday, address, pet's name and so on) to pose as you, then instruct your phone network to transfer your number to their SIM - giving them access to all calls and texts meant for you, including one-time login passwords.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO SOME DIGGING
If you've received a call or text asking for specific information, research the caller's number. There are several websites that allow you to enter a phone number and will then display any relevant information about it - this usually includes feedback and comments from other people, so you can easily see if that particular number has been implicated in potential scams.

TRY A CALL BLOCKER
If a suspicious call comes through on your mobile, you can manually block the number if you believe it to be dubious or a nuisance caller. Alternatively, you could consider installing a call blocker service on your phone; they automatically stop calls getting through from numbers which have been reported as suspicious, halting potential scammers in their tracks before they can reach you.

VERIFY THE SOURCE
Never disclose confidential details to an individual or organisation you're unfamiliar with. If the caller claims to represent a company you trust but is still asking for personal information or payment on an outstanding charge, end the conversation. Then find the company's genuine number on a bill or on their website and call them directly to confirm if there really is an issue you need to address.

BREAK OUT THE TECH
Lots of anti-virus software now also protects mobiles. Some anti-virus apps can detect phishing links in text messages and alert you to the risk. Be sure to update and about. Try not to use public WiFi for sensitive transactions. If you are unsure that your home WiFi network is secure, you could consider installing a VPN (Virtual Private Network), which encrypts all data travelling to and from your phone.

REPORT INCIDENTS
If you or a family member does give out confidential information to a caller you aren't sure about, contact the actual company mentioned. Alternatively, you should report it to your organisation, you should report it to a potential scam via the Action Fraud website and (depending on exactly what information was divulged) consider speaking the police.

BE WARY OF LINKS
If you get a message from an unknown number asking you to click on a link, report it as spam and do not open the link. One recent scam involved victims they'd been exposed to the Omicron variant - only to find they had paid their money to scammers. Link can also install malware onto your device, so always treat them with extreme caution.

Meet Our Expert
Formed in 2016, Kryptokloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operations packages including cyber security, monitoring and logging, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.

National Online Safety
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