



# I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS



YEAR 2: AVA ROSE & ALEX

STAFF MEMBER: MRS SWEENEY  
YEAR 1: TOMMY & ROSIE

RECEPTION: MILLIE & MIA

YEAR 3: LITEL & ORLA

YEAR 4: TAYLOR & AIDEN

YEAR 5: FELICITY & ALLANAH

YEAR 6: ZUANNA & HARRY

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Head Teacher: Mrs R A Girling

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Dear Parents and children,

A Happy Easter to all. I hope you enjoyed the break and time with your families.

We returned to school celebrating our Awards Assembly and rejoicing in the Risen Christ. The children were keen to share their knowledge of the Easter story and we celebrated in prayer the hope this brings.

Congratulations to Darcee-Rae and her family who were welcomed into the Church here in our parish on Easter Saturday. It was wonderful to watch and we will be keeping you in our prayers. We thank Canon Jonathan and Father Alex and our parish family for making the Easter celebrations such a wonderful spiritual experience.



**Congratulations** to our 28 Head Teacher Award winners who received their award for many different reasons including a keenness to learn, excellent progress, resilience and outstanding manners and behaviour and for being excellent role models. A bonus award for Maribel in Y6 for her penmanship – I was privileged to read her first novel and she was delighted to receive a fountain pen to keep on writing! **Congratulations** also to Mrs O'Neill for graduating as an ELSA – an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. We are all very proud of you and hope you liked your certificate and badge!

The example you have shown to us all will help us focus on achieving our very best by working hard and attending school every day and arriving on time.

I am delighted to see the children have returned with great enthusiasm and looking so smart in their summer uniforms.

Enjoy the Bank holiday. God bless.

Mrs R A Girling (Head teacher)



## 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

<b>RK</b>	Roman & Philomena	<b>3TW</b>	Archie & Hanna
<b>RT</b>	Freya-Grace & Hugo	<b>4PC</b>	Aiden & Alfie
<b>1G</b>	Keeva & Daniel	<b>4W</b>	Jordan & Elijah
<b>1B</b>	Bobbie & Muiread	<b>5F</b>	Lily & Liam
<b>2WM</b>	Carina & Freddie	<b>5SM</b>	Jayden & Tia
<b>2K</b>	Archie & Ellie-Mae	<b>6F</b>	Ethan & Ksawier
<b>3M</b>	Jay & Brooke	<b>6M</b>	Olaf & Maribel

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

**HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!**

## Sports Stars of the Week



**Reception - Dominic**

**KS1 - Natan**

**KS2 - Logan**



<b>RK</b>	Eunice	<b>3TW</b>	Alfie
<b>RT</b>	Corey	<b>4PC</b>	Sama
<b>1G</b>	Zoya	<b>4W</b>	Isabella
<b>1B</b>	Ricco	<b>5F</b>	Andi
<b>2WM</b>	Ava	<b>5SM</b>	Annabella
<b>2K</b>	Logan	<b>6F</b>	Lean
<b>3M</b>	Luke	<b>6M</b>	Sean

**Thank you for hearing your child read and completing your child's Reading Record every evening.**

## ATTENDANCE

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 95% THIS IS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT. Thank you!**

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RT	88%	3M	93%
RK	90%	4PC	95%
1G	96%	4W	96%
1B	98%	5F	96%
2WM	96%	5SM	98%
2K	98%	6M	95%
3TW	93%	6F	99%

**This week's attendance winners are 6F ~ Congratulations!**

**Enjoy your extra play next week with Coach Dylan.**

**In our assembly on Tuesday we talked about the importance of arriving on time and attending school every day. We decided that any pupil with 99% and above attendance will be added to a draw and one child from each class will enjoy a visit to the Acocks Green Bowling Alley with Mr Henvey.**

### This week in school..

- We welcomed Mrs Orla Sweeney to our Office team. Mrs Sweeney is our new Receptionist and it has been lovely to see our children, staff and parents make her feel so welcome. We are delighted that you have joined our family Mrs Sweeney and hope you enjoy your time here with us.**
- Good luck to our Year 6 children who are now able to walk to and from school alone in preparation for moving to secondary school. Staff safe and wear that school badge in the local community with pride.**
- The Easter Bunny hopped by as we enjoyed our Easter Bonnet parade. Well done Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3. It was a sight to be seen as 223 children paraded their bonnets around the playground!**
- Our staff enjoyed a training day and learned all how to use Bromcom our new information system.**

### Visitors to School

**This week we were visited by a member of staff from the Department for Education and her colleague from the National Federation for Educational Research. Mrs Wade and Class 2W were selected randomly to take part in a spelling and grammar test. Our visitors told me that "Your children are a credit to you. They are outstanding. They want to learn, are very focused and behave superbly." Well done Y2W. We are very proud of you and we hope you enjoyed your reward of extra play with Coach Dylan for working so hard!**

### Playtime snacks

A healthy snack helps the children focus and concentrate throughout the morning. A reminder please that fruit is the only snack to be provided for break. We do receive fruit that is shared in school but we cannot guarantee this daily. Please do not send in crisps, chocolate bars or sweets. Water in a bottle with your child's name on it please.

### SUMMER UNIFORM

As we look forward to the sun shining children may now wish to wear their summer uniform.

- A red and white gingham dress may be worn in summer term (no stripes)
  - White short sleeved shirt for summer with tie (no polo shirts)
  - Grey shorts.

The summer sun is great but has a tendency for jumpers and cardigans to be left on the playground. Please can we ask you label your child's jumper or cardigan. Thank you very much.

### FOREST SCHOOL

My thanks to Mrs Wade, Mrs Gill, Miss Mills and local Scout Leader Mr Mills who this week have attended official Forest School training. This has appointed them official Forest School Leaders and we will in November be fully accredited to offer training to other school staff and other schools. Our Forest School is a wonderful asset and is now a fully integrated part of our daily learning. Congratulations on successfully passing your course and for your wonderful enthusiasm.

The week saw the staff learning how to build fires, fairy houses, dens and hammers!

They are trying very hard to persuade me to have some chickens! Watch this space!



### Playground Zones and positive playtimes.

Having met with the children and discussed their playtimes we have this week introduced our Zones.

We have The Forest School zone, the football zone, the games zone, the quiet zone, the lego and rubic zone and the prayer garden. This allows for the children to have a wide range of activities to enjoy and I must congratulate them on making recreation times a truly happy and enjoyable time.

Our Sports Premium funding has been used to purchase some fixed floor equipment. This will add to the excitement of playtime and help keep us fit! It will be fitted on 12<sup>th</sup> March and it will help keep us all fit and healthy!



# 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.



*Well done to our KS2 Head Teacher Award Winners!*





This week we had an amazing Easter Bonnet Parade. The Easter Bunny came to visit us! We have some very creative and talented families!





Thank you to all of the grown-ups that joined us for our Easter Bonnet Parade. The bonnets were amazing and you put so much effort in.

