



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Year 3: Sajid & Noah

Year 4: Alfie & Gracie

Year 5: Lucas & Anthony

Year 6: Tia & Ethan

Staff member: Mrs Stephenson
Year 2: Keewa-Mai & Bobbie
Year 1: Aron & Daniel

Reception: Kayla & Olly

Dear Parents, carers and children,

I hope you have had a lovely week. We have enjoyed our learning, playtimes and opportunities to gather together in prayer this week at school.

I am always a very proud Head teacher and here are some examples of why!

On Monday, year 4 were visited by Viktor the Viking to start their new History unit. Together they spent an amazing day learning about where the Vikings came from, Loki and Thor the Norse Gods, what Vikings used to eat, rowing and raiding, Viking attacks as well as playing some of the games they might have played.

Viktor said it was 'one of the happiest days he had spent in a school' and that 'the ethos of our school shone through the children.'

Everyone had a wonderful day filled with fun, enjoyment and learning. Thank you Viktor for visiting our school and well done Year 4 for your excellent manners, behaviour and enthusiasm. Your costumes were fab and I really enjoyed watching you at lunchtime as you re-enacted Viking Life!

I was also very proud of the **outstanding contribution our children made at the Young Voices Music Concert on Thursday at Resort World.** A long day and evening was worth it as the children joined 6585 other children and young adults in song and dance. Our 24 children had been prepared by Mrs Stephenson and it was highly evident how gifted and talented you all are. Thank you to Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Barresi who volunteer their time to lead the Soul Singers choir and for enabling the children to experience this amazing event. Thank you to Mrs McLoughlin and our parent helper for giving up your time to join us. Thank you children for inviting me and for being wonderful Ambassadors for our school and the Saint Teresa of Calcutta MAC.

Enjoy your weekend. 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 TIMES - Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00pm Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RTA	Theo & Roary	3W	Mikey & Harley
RM	Kaleia & Krystian	4PM	Ethan & Oscar
IG	Codey & Aisling	4WH	Roel & Hanna
IKJ	Freya & Amber	5F	Jayden & Niamh
2WM	Elias & Anna	5S	Elijah & Taylor
2T	Zuzanna & Ella	6F	Harry & Anabella
3M	Luke & Lacey-Mae	6M	Lisa & Sophia

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

HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!

Sports Stars of the Week



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| Reception | - Eva |
| KS1 | - Isabelle IG |
| KS2 | - Aiden 5F |



RTA	Amla	3W	Callan
RM	Jude	4PM	Sania
IG	Leriah	4WH	Szymon
IKJ	Oliver	5F	Veronica
2WM	Joshua	5S	Amelia
2T	Iszach	6F	Jolie
3M	Mayah	6M	Gleesome

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

Attendance Matters



OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 93%

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RTA	98%	3W	91%
RM	90%	4WH	95%
IG	88%	4PM	93%
IKJ	98%	5F	91%
2T	94%	5S	93%
2WM	96%	6F	96%
3M	93%	6M	91%

This week winners are RTA & IKJ - enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan!

Last week you received your child's attendance report for Autumn Term 2022.

How did it match up to what you thought?

ATTENDANCE MATTERS EACH DAY REALLY COUNTS

At Holy Souls School, you are aware that we place a huge emphasis on the importance of regular and punctual school attendance. We believe through good attendance at school children will achieve higher attainment, have better opportunities and establish good habits that will support them throughout their lives.

If your child misses...	That Equals...	Which is...	Learning opportunities...
1 Day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	100 lessons
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	200 lessons
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	400 lessons
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	600 lessons

How many lessons has your child missed so far this academic year?

Mr Mills and Mrs Kielstra continue to meet with and are contacting those with 92% or below attendance.

RECEPTION APPLICATION FORMS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Admissions to Primary Schools - Reception September 2023 - closing date 15th January The application system opened on 1st November 2022 for September 2023 Reception places. If you/a family member/friend have a child of school age in September 2023, please make sure applications are submitted. The easiest way to apply is online. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023.

This week in school...

- Year 4 were taught by a real Viking!
- We welcomed three trainee teachers who will be working in Reception and Year 2.
- Y2 - Y6 enjoyed watching Aladdin.
- We enjoyed representing our school and MAC at the Young Voices concert at Resort world.
- We had fun at early morning football and basketball clubs. Danced with JDC Dance, learned some new Kick Boxing moves. We enjoyed Soul Singers and Computer Club. We are delighted this term to offer our clubs to Y3 and Y4. We do have waiting lists and will swap the groups over after half term so everyone who wants to attend will have the opportunity.
- Mrs McGarry (Foundation Governor) enjoyed visiting school and met with Mrs Girling.
- Year 4 started the new term enjoying the Ukulele lessons.
- Mrs Girling enjoyed meeting with the other Head Teachers from the St Teresa of Calcutta MAC as we planned our first Catholic Life in-service training day. This will be held on Friday 17th February (school closed to children) at Holy Trinity Secondary School. There will be over 400 staff and visitors attending!
- Mrs Girling attended training on the new Catholic Schools Inspection framework.
- Mrs Kielstra attended session 5 of the Recovery Curriculum Programme.
- We had a great Votes for School assembly and our vote this week was to decide "Our communities more important now than ever before?" The results are in and our school unanimously thought that people are more generous in times of need and, as the cost of living is in the news a lot at the moment, people want to help their local community more.

Catholic Virtues - Eloquent and Truthful

This term the children and staff at Holy Souls and in the Saint Teresa of Calcutta MAC will be growing to be **ELOQUENT** and **TRUTHFUL** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people and the world



High levels of flu, Covid and scarlet fever

Flu and Covid are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in the coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported. Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

"It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved. Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading. Remember that the flu vaccination is the best protection against the virus. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late."

Pupil Progress Meeting

Appointment times went live at 3:00pm today! Thank you for booking your appointment.

Data Contact Sheets

These went out last week if you have not yet returned yours to the office please do so as soon as possible, so that we have up to date emergency contact for your child.

Class Dojo - Clubs

If any of our clubs are cancelled you will be notified at our earliest opportunity via class Dojo, the message box on the website and Twitter.

Money raised

The total amount raised during December through raffle tickets, collection buckets and non-school uniform, was a massive £715.00. Thank you so much to everyone for your support.

YEAR 6 SATs Workshop and YEAR 2 SATs Workshops

We look forward to welcoming all of our

Year 6 parents on Thursday 19th January 8:45am-10:15am

and all of our

Year 2 parents on Thursday 26th January 8:45am-10:15am

for an opportunity to find out more about what SATs are and how you can support your child.

Thank you for joining us.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

A general safety reminder

Please remember that most social media apps have a minimum age rating of 13. If a social network has set an age limit it means that some of the content may not be suitable for a younger child.



Please also remember that children's behaviour and play can be directly influenced by the programmes that they watch- on television, on YouTube, in films, on APPs- the list is endless.

Please remember to check that the things that your child is watching, playing on or interacting with is age appropriate.

Remember to catch up on all of our tweets @soulschool.

You do not need a login to look at our twitter.

Just google @soulschool twitter or click on our twitter from our school website <https://www.holysoul.bham.sch.uk>

