



# I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Year 3: Lacey-Mae & Lacie-Faye Year 4: Dominic & April Year 5: Oscar & Isabella Year 6: Stacey & Jessica

Staff member: Mrs Kingstone  
Year 2: River & Hermione  
Year 1: Frank & Leah  
Reception: Edward & Krystian

Dear Parents, carers and children,

Another busy and eventful week here in school. Thank you for your continued support and trust in all we do

Please keep our Year 3 children and member of our parish in your prayers as they present themselves to our parish family on Sunday at 10:00am Mass. This is an important step in their journey of faith and we welcome all our families to join us for this celebration.

Let us think and pray.....

## A prayer for Turkey and Syria

We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria.

We pray for everyone who is affected by the earthquake, those who have lost loved ones, and all who have lost their homes. May they be comforted by so many people reaching out to offer support.

Lord, bless the efforts of rescuers and medical staff, CAFOD and all the other agencies trying to help.

Move our hearts with compassion. May our sisters and brothers know that they are loved and find their hope restored. 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 TIMES - Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00pm Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.



## Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RTA	Amla & Roary	3W	Noah & Ava
RM	Sabina & Ariana	4PM	Steve & Nancy
IG	Taban & Eunice	4WH	Cristia & Niamh
IKJ	Charlie & Marnie	5F	Jayden & Enya
2WM	Lily-Mae & Daniel	5S	Anthony & Divine
2T	Bartosz & Eniola	6F	Jolie & Sheria
3M	Ava & Logan	6M	Nikodem & Bianca

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

HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!

## Sports Stars of the Week



Reception	-	DJ
KS1	-	Millie
KS2	-	Sienna



RTA	Kayla	3W	Archie
RM	J'Raiyah	4PM	Aoife
IG	Maja	4WH	Archie
IKJ	Mia	5F	Hollie
2WM	Bayleigh	5S	Aaron
2T	Reggie	6F	Cristian
3M	Gabriel	6M	Felicity

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

## Attendance Matters



OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 93%

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RTA	86%	3W	95%
RM	99%	4WH	94%
IG	89%	4PM	87%
IKJ	95%	5F	94%
2T	93%	5S	91%
2WM	91%	6F	99%
3M	93%	6M	92%

This week's winners are RM & 6F ~ enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan!

### PROGRESS UPDATE MEETING

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Year 4, 5, and 6 - THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Thank you for booking your face to face or over the phone appointment. Please arrive through Gate B where Mrs Sweeney will sign you in. We are holding the meetings in the hall so please be aware there is no child care facility and thank you for making alternative arrangements for your child/ren. We look forward to seeing you.

### This week in school...

- Mrs Gill carried out Risk Assessment training.
- Reception and Year 6 were visited by the school nurse for their height and weight checks.
- Mr Henvey continued his SENDCo qualification at Birmingham University.
- Mrs Taylor attended a Witting in Early Years workshop.
- Mrs Gill and Mrs Wade passed their First Aid Training course.
- We enjoyed our Year 4 Maths workshop.
- We raised the roof in hymn practice.
- Mrs Girling enjoyed hot chocolate, biscuits and a dance with our always and forever pupils.

- Year 2 attended parish Mass and afterwards Father Alex taught them all about the Sacrament of the Sick.
- We enjoyed our Gifts from God assembly.
- Extra - Curricular Clubs - we played football, netball and handball. We had fun at dance club and Kick Boxing club.. We sang our hearts out at Soul Singers Club. We applied our skills at Design and technology Club and Computer club.
- Enjoyed our Year 4 ukulele lesson.
- Miss Trodden attended Live Simply training delivered by CAFOD.
- Year 3 and 5 enjoyed Mass with the parish.

## PARENT / CARER WORKSHOPS

Thank you to our Year 4 parents and carers for for joining us for our **Multiplication workshop**. It was great to see you all and what fun the children had making their very hungry maths caterpillars!

We hope you enjoyed it and found it useful. Thank you for you feedback which will help us plan future workshops.

## MATHEMATICS

At Holy Souls we believe Mathematics is essential to everyday life and aim to foster a love of Mathematical learning in every pupil. We teach using White Rose Maths scheme of learning. We explore the curriculum through using a concrete, pictorial and abstract approach.

To look further into White Rose please refer to Maths with Michael <https://whiterosemaths.com/maths-with-michael#watch>

- The children at Holy Souls school have been given logins and passwords for MyMaths and TTRockstars.

Follow the links below

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

<https://trockstars.com/>

Please see our school website for more details about Mathematics.

## SAVE THE DATE

Our next Mathematics Parent / Carer Workshops are on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March for Year 3** and **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March for Year 5**. We look forward to seeing you.

## Handball

Thank you Miss N Finnegan and Miss Myatt for taking ten of our Y6 pupils to their first ever Handball Tournament. Ten schools participated and it was great fun! I was delighted to be invited and was impressed at the level of skill the children showed despite having never played before! Your sporting behaviour and manners were impeccable. I was very proud of you and you were real ambassadors for our school and MAC. We have ordered Handballs and will be including this as a new recreational sport.

## Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7th February

Thank you to Mrs Pettigrew for organising an informative and enjoyable day raising awareness.

Digital drop-in session - Wednesday lunchtime 12:15pm  
12:45pm in the Romero Suite with Mrs Pettigrew where pupils can come and share Online safety issues or worries.

## Children's Mental Health Week Children's Mental Health Week

We have had a fab week thinking about how important our mental Health is.

The children enjoyed our assembly led by Miss S Wood and Miss Maye and we have all enjoyed how to keep calm with "Hot Chocolate Breathing!"

Joining in the campaign we were able to raise awareness and to realise how important it is to get talking and get connected to others in many of different ways

The children told me that....

"I enjoyed finding out that it is okay to share how you feel."

"In our school we always share our feelings good or bad and we get help."

"I connected with my friend by smiling and it made me feel happy."

"A hug is a good way to connect!"

# World Book Day 2023



World Book Day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

This year we will be celebrating this event over the whole of the week. Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We know that this year many families will find themselves in a difficult financial situation and we don't want our celebrations to be an additional burden. *In light of this, we are inviting children to come to school wearing their pyjamas/ loungewear so that we can all relax with a book.* Children are still more than welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they have a costume and would prefer to do so.

We will be taking part in lots of activities and reading lots of 'bedtime stories.' This will include stories around the Forest School campfire with marshmallows and hot chocolate.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation - Mrs Wade.

## **Bring it on again, Brum! For EVERYONE!**

As an extension of our incredibly popular holiday activities and food programme, events in sports centres, youth clubs and community venues across Birmingham, offering 12,000 spaces during February Half Term.

Bring it on Brum activities are aimed at children and young people in Birmingham aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, however these February half term events are open to ALL families to try a taste! This includes families with no recourse to public funds, those struggling with the cost-of-living, and those who are new to Bring it on Brum activities.

The events are running from Saturday 18th to Sunday 26th February. They will feature a HUGE range of activities: including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music, as well as information and advice for the whole family. Programmes will vary depending on the type and location of each local sports venue and club, but every day there will be a nutritious meal served up for FREE!

Find out more at [www.BringItOnBrum.co.uk](http://www.BringItOnBrum.co.uk)

## Have Your Say on the Strategic Visions for Learning Disabilities and Autism

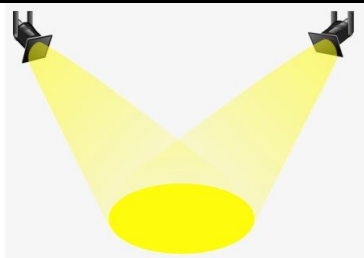
Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System are looking to create a consistent vision, across health and social care, to help focus on ways to collectively support people with learning disabilities and autism, as well as their families and carers.

They would like to hear your views to help finalise the vision which will then help shape delivery plans.

You can find the survey links and supporting downloadable documents on the [Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board website](#), together with options to book onto an engagement event if you would prefer to share your views in person.

**Please note that engagement on the draft visions and proposed priorities started on Monday 16 January 2023 and ends on Monday 6 March 2023.**

If you require any further information please contact: [contactusbsolics@nhs.net](mailto:contactusbsolics@nhs.net)



### *Spotlight on Safeguarding*

If you are worried about a child over the weekend contact Birmingham Children's Information and Advice Service on 0121 303 1888 or directly to the Police. Outside office hours, call the emergency duty team 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on: 0121 675 4806. Neglect or abuse of a child is a criminal offence.

**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**