



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Year 3: Charlie & Jack

Year 4: Cristia & Bryan

Year 5: Adam & Aaron

Year 6: Callum & Lily R

Year 2: Muiread & Keeva

Staff member: Mrs O'Neill
Year 1: Charlie & Isobelle

Reception: Maya & Ariana

Dear Parents, carers and children,

As the sun starts to shine we have enjoyed our learning inside and outside of the classroom this week.

This week we held our Local Governing Body meeting. It was a pleasure to welcome our CSEL Professor Paul Ryan to the meeting. Thank you to all Governors who give so freely of their time in support of the children and all we do here at school.

It was the final meeting for Mrs Frances McGarry who has served the GB for eight years. During this time her help, support, challenge and cheerfulness has been exceptional. I have learned much from Mrs McGarry and thank her for her guidance and support. I am delighted to say we are not losing Mrs McGarry as she continues in her role as Chair of the Board for the St Teresa of Calcutta MAC. Thank you Mrs McGarry for all you have done and continue to do for us, our MAC schools and parish community.



God bless from Mrs Girling and all the staff, children, parents and fellow Governors.



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	Eddie & Amla	3W	Eli & Caitlin
RM	Brandon & Olly	4PM	Jay & Billy
IG	Cailan & Keeva	4WH	Rohan & Edward
IKJ	Tommy & Mia	5F	Max & Elizabeth
2WM	Paddy & Amelia	5S	Georgia & Matina
2T	Nolan & Bobbie	6F	Tia & Zayn
3M	Luke & Talulah	6M	Liam & Devon-Rose

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

HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception	-	Roary
KS1	-	Keeva
KS2	-	Reghan



RTA	Breah	3W	Farai
RM	Sabina	4PM	Artur
IG	Evelyn	4WH	Lena
IKJ	Freddie	5F	Michelle
2WM	Lois	5S	Divine
2T	Bartosz	6F	Tigan
3M	Maddison	6M	Daniel

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

Attendance Matters



OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 94% WOW AND WELL DONE!

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RTA	88%	3W	94%
RM	94%	4WH	97%
IG	88%	4PM	95%
IKJ	89%	5F	94%
2T	97%	5S	92%
2WM	98%	6F	93%
3M	98%	6M	93%

This week's winners are 2WM & 3M ~ enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan!



Congratulations to Ava Rose who has been received into the Church and was Baptised on Sunday 19th March 2023. We will be keeping you in our prayers.



Please do pray for Class 3W who tomorrow join the parish for 10:00am Mass followed by receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. This is a wonderful step in your journey of faith and we will be keeping you in our prayers.

Sports Coaches

This week Year 4 had their dance lesson with Coach Amy. Coach Amy told me she visits lots of school but has never visited a school with 10/10 for excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and participation. It looked like great fun. Well done Year 4 and thank you!

We also had Coach Liam who believe it or not - said the same thing! He loved his early morning Basketball Club and working in Reception and lunchtime clubs.

Sports Clubs - next week we have Dance on Monday and Kick Boxing on Tuesday. All other clubs have finished for this term. Thank you to all our staff and coaches who give freely of their time and enthusiasm.

EASTER BONNET

Please see the letter that is going out on Monday FOR Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as we look forward to this annual event.



Event and visits

Year 5 took a trip to Baddesley Clinton and enjoyed their art, history, religious education and outdoor learning experiences. The weather was great and you were to! Well done children on your excellent manners and behaviour and most importantly your enthusiasm!

Our mixed netball team enjoyed a match at St Catherine's and were narrowly beaten 2-1. You played well and thank to Miss Myatt and Miss Finnegan for taking you. You were recognised for your excellent manners, and sporting attitude! Well done.

Miss Finnegan and Mr Mills also attended the World Badminton Championships. What a great experience and perhaps we have a future player?

Our Lenten Journey

This week Years 4, 5 and 6 have enjoyed celebrating the Sacrament of reconciliation with Father Alex. This has been an important part of our school Lenten journey.

Next week in school we will celebrate our own Holy Week. This is always such a wonderful week in school.

We will celebrate many different opportunities to gather, in prayer and liturgy. This is such a special time in school and the children have worked hard to prepare service to share with one another. In these services we will reflect on our Lenten journey and Walk with Jesus in the final days of his life here on earth.



Next week you will receive a copy of the Holy Week arrangements for our Parish Church and we hope you are able to join our parish family in Church

EASTER BREAK

School closes for Easter break on Friday 31st March

1:00pm close for all pupils.

We reopen from 8:30am on Monday 17th April to all pupils.



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL WAS ASSESSMENT WEEK

I was greeted on Monday at 8:30am by a very excited year 5 pupil who told me "I love assessment week!" as she skipped into school. What a way to start the day and the week! Well done children for completing your assessments and to staff for their time in marking and recording the data. This will now be used to ensure your child has their targets set and is ready for their summer learning.



EASTER RAFFLE

The HSSC - Holy Souls School Council (representatives from every class) would like to share the following information with you.

Dear Parents, carers and children,

We are the HSSC. This Lent we would like to give alms - that means raise funds for others less fortunate than ourselves. This is part of our Lenten journey.

From Monday 27th March until Thursday 30th March we will be selling raffle tickets.

The prizes include....

Easter Eggs

Books and Art and Craft activities and a Fluffy Bunny!



* Raffle tickets are 20 pence each or 5 for £1:00

* Guess the name of the Bunny - 50p

We will be selling them from our new wooden hut every morning and every afternoon during the last week of term. The children will be able to buy them in school as we will visit every class each day. The draw will take place on Friday 31st March 2023.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Thank you for helping others and Good Luck!



Don't forget the clocks go forward on Sunday!



Spotlight on safeguarding

CONTACT NUMBERS

If you change your phone number please inform the Office.

We need two emergency numbers for each child. Thank you.

SAFETY ALERT

Button Batteries - Safety Alert

Are you working with children under the age of 5 or those with a vulnerability? Are you aware of the serious health risks posed by button batteries?

Many toys and gadgets used in homes and educational settings are operated by button batteries. This includes electronic games, remote controls, key fobs and calculators. Children diagnosed with a hearing loss will have these batteries inside their hearing aids or cochlear implant processors too unless they have been fitted with a rechargeable model.

Button batteries are small and lightweight and if not handled with care, these can fast become a serious health hazard to young or vulnerable children who may put them in their mouth.

Parents/carers of children who use hearing aids, are advised to replace the button batteries at home once a week. Occasionally, professionals and staff working with the children may need to replace the batteries in their educational setting too.

If you need to replace a button battery, please check and ensure that:

- You store any spare batteries securely – out of all children's reach
- You replace the batteries carefully in a designated area
- You dispose of the old battery immediately using battery recycling bins where provided – or a bin away from children.

Hearing aids of children under the age of 5, or of those with vulnerability, should have tamper-proof battery locks fitted. Parents/carers will show you how to open these with a special tool if needed.

If you suspect a battery has been swallowed, seek medical help immediately and follow your setting's emergency procedures.

Remember that the symptoms may not be obvious. The child might be coughing, gagging or drooling, or pointing to their throat or tummy.

- *trust your instincts and act fast, even if there are no symptoms*
- *don't let the child eat or drink*
- *don't make the child be sick*

For more information, including safety posters, please visit: www.Child Accident Prevention Trust - button battery safety

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