



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Year 3: Gabriel & Tendai Year 4: Ellie-Mai & Anjola Year 5: Niamb & Olaf Year 6: Veronica & Daniel

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Year 2: Alana & Oska

Staff member: Mrs Keevane and Mrs Stephenson

Reception: Abigail & Ciara

Dear Parents, carers and children,
It has been a hot and sticky week in school and we are so proud of our children (and staff!) who have continued to work hard and keep smiling every day.



This Sunday we are looking forward to celebrating with the rest of the children in Year 3 who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. This is a milestone in your journey of faith and we are very proud of you all.

We have 23 children who will join our Parish family at 10:00am and 12 noon for the celebration of Holy Mass. Children in the rest of school- please do come and join our school choir to help celebrate this wonderful occasion.

Our thanks to the Year 3 staff, Father Jonathan and Father Alex for preparing the children so well. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Have a lovely weekend- rest, relax and enjoy the lovely weather while it lasts

Mrs L J Kielstra (Deputy Head teacher)

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	Mylah-Rose & Break	3W	Mikey & Sofia
RM	Jayden & Kaleia	4PM	Tammie & Gracie
IG	Dominic & Maja	4WH	Archie & Lena
IKJ	Tommy & Charlie	5F	Evie-Mai & Hollie
2WM	Andrew & Ruby	5S	Alex & Isabella
2T	Hermione & Ricco	6F	Georgia & Anton
3M	Izabella & Tommy	6M	Bianca & Lily
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs Girling!			
HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!			

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception
KSI
KS2

- Betsy
- Aisling
- Harry

We love to read!			
RTA	Theo	3W	Caden
RM	Jude	4PM	Steven
IG	Elizabeth	4WH	Lacey
IKJ	Iga	5F	Emily
2WM	River	5S	Leyla
2T	Hargun	6F	Tia
3M	Ilaria	6M	Preston
Thank you for hearing your child read and completing your child's Reading Record every evening.			

Attendance Matters



OVERALL ATTENDANCE 90%

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RTA	90%	3W	90%
RM	89%	4WH	95%
IG	88%	4PM	91%
IKJ	91%	5F	85%
2T	94%	5S	88%
2WM	89%	6F	93%
3M	89%	6M	86%

This week's winners are 4WH ~ enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan!

This week in school.....

- Year 1 enjoyed their trips to the Botanical gardens



- Miss Wood attended and presented at a very successful Science Conference with local schools.
- Mrs Kielstra met with DSLs from the St Teresa of Calcutta MAC to further develop our safeguarding practices.
- Our extra-curricular clubs continued- before and after school. These included football, basketball, Irish Dancing, DT club, Kick boxing, Multi-skills and Soul Singers. As always, huge thanks to our staff who give of their time so freely.

Teacher Industrial Action

As you will have heard in the news some teachers will be taking industrial action on the 5th and 7th July. Any classes affected by this will receive letters today. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Mallard Close Community Garden

We are luck that the 'Acocks Green Village in Bloom' society tend to the lovely garden space next to school.

We have been asked to remind everyone that this garden is not a playground so please remind your children not to run around in there and damage the plants.

There are fruit trees and bushes coming into fruit at the moment which look very tempting! Please remember that all fruit should be washed thoroughly before eating



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Artificial intelligence is probably the hot topic in technology circles right now, with questions being raised worldwide about how AI might conceivably affect the very future of the human race.

In the short term, however - definitely as far as its impact on young people is concerned - the clearest risk is almost certainly the AI-powered 'virtual friends' which are springing up all over the internet.

There's Replika and Kuki, for instance, while Snapchat has recently got in on the act with My AI - and search engines like Bing and Google have developed their own versions.

Are these machine intelligences suitable online companions for young people? What are their limitations and weak spots?

The following guide profiles the emergence of AI 'virtual friends'-

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to have an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, news and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AI VIRTUAL FRIENDS

Artificial Intelligence – particularly in terms of how it generates natural language – has seen significant development over the last six months, with companies releasing new AI-based software or adding an AI element to existing apps (such as Snapchat, for example). One form of AI to become especially popular has been the ‘AI friend’ or chatbot, as children eagerly experiment with these new-found computer-generated companions. There are now numerous apps available with this virtual friend functionality, with this likelihood of being added to other successful platforms soon.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

REDUCED SOCIAL CONTACT

LACK OF SENSITIVITY

CHAT ABOUT CHATBOTS

TAKE CONTROL

UNINTENTIONAL BIAS

COGNITIVE LIMITATIONS

PRIVACY CONCERN

FIND A BALANCE

RECOGNISE THE RISKS

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If you are worried about a child 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