



# I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

Mallard Close, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 6BN

Head Teacher: Mrs R A Girling

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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Year 4: Freddie & Kobay

Year 5: Liam & Sania-Rose

Year 6: Adam & Anthony

Year 3: Decent & Amelia

Year 2: Aron & Hugo

Staff member:

Year 1: Carrerra & Sabina

Reception: Leo

Dear Parents, carers and children,

Thank you for your very generous CAFOD - Catholic Agency for Overseas Development donations. This year the theme was "Brighten Up the World" and our collection will support those in need. Please do click the link to find out more information on the wonderful work CAFOD do.

<https://youtube/YuRrQ5wmGdE>

It was a pleasure to host our Reception 2024 Open Morning on Thursday. Thank you to all those who joined us and we look forward to hopefully seeing you next September! I was delighted to hear your comments - "School is so calm." "The children are so well mannered and so happy!" "Your environment and Forest School are excellent." Thank you to our choir and Mrs Keane for performing and our Year 6 pupils for their presentation to our visiting parents.

IWK library enjoyed a visit to Acocks Green library. We were delighted to be told how well mannered, well behaved and what good readers you all are! Thank you children and well done!

I hope the rain stops so we can enjoy the weekend!

God bless Mrs R A Girling

A message from Canon Jonathan and Father Marco

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**It is good to see a growing number of families returning to the practice of Mass at the weekends. The gift of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist makes a difference in our lives and keeps us bound to our faith. Please make every effort to come to Mass with your children. Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm. Sunday Masses at 8.30am, 10am and 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you this weekend.**

**God bless you all Fr Jonathan & Fr Marco**



## 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.

## PARENT BRIEFING WORKSHOPS

Thank you to Year 6 parents for attending their one to one target setting meetings on Thursday. This is a vital step in supporting your child and doing it together with the class teacher and your child shows how united we all are in supporting one another. This final year brings so many opportunities for our Year 6 children and we look forward to what lies ahead.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Helping your child at home with MATHS.

Maths at home helps parents understand more about the different sites we use in school - White Rose, MyMaths and TTRS/Numbots. It helps parents understand how to get the best out of these sites at home and ways in which to help their child with their understanding of Maths.

This year all classes will have the opportunity to come into school and enjoy time with your child working on maths games and activities. These sessions will be led by Miss Myatt our Maths Leader.

#### Workshops will take place on:

Thursday 9th November for Y6

Thursday 16th November for Y2

Thursday 23rd November Y5

Each workshop to begin at 9am until 10:30am with practical activities for child / grown up. Children to arrive and register with parents to enter through Gate C. We look forward to seeing you.



### PARKING

Please remember that the HIGHWAY CODE applies on Mallard Close. Parking on the bend or zig-zags is a hazard. Please keep our children and community safe by using the free car parks - outside Church and the Social Club.

Thank you.

## This week in school...

On Wednesday we joined children in our MAC We joined “**Pray the Rosary, Peace and Unity Day**” Every year on 18 October, ACN organises an initiative with great conviction. It invites one million children pray the Rosary. This comes from the belief that it is so important for children to pray the Rosary. In school we accepted this invitation and on Wednesday the whole school spent time praying the rosary together. It was wonderful to see each class praying so reverently together.



## PEACE MAKERS

I was privileged to attend the final training session for 24 of our Year 5 pupils who have qualified as **PEACE MAKERS** which is our peer mediation programme.

This very important role has involved three days training by Lynn from Peace makers

During their training they have developed their social and communication skills, they have developed skills for responding to conflict which will be used to help students to strengthen and repair relationships.

I was able to see the children recreate scenarios and show how they would support students to resolve minor disagreements that may arise. I was immensely proud of the children's articulation and knowledge.

The Peace Keepers take up their new roles after half term and will be supporting Year 3 pupils during lunchtimes.

### What did the children think?

"I cannot wait to be a Peace Makers as I want to help others."

"I learned so much about how to listen properly and not judge others."

"Sometimes we act without knowing the facts. I will be able to teach others how to listen and help!"

"I am going to show others and teach them how we forgive and forget!"

What did Lynn think?

"The children were very keen and enthusiastic. They have listened and behaved so well. They will be brilliant Peace Makers!"

Thank you to Mr Mills who has organised and led on this brilliant programme!



<https://peacemakers.org.uk/>

Do click on the link to find out more.

## Attendance Matters



During the Parent Briefing and in the slides sent out you will have heard and can see just how important ATTENDANCE each and every day is. Mr Mills is meeting with the Local Authority Attendance Team next week and will consequently be holding meetings after half term with families who have been identified as needing support.

As we said last week,

**Days missed = missed learning and missed opportunities**

Learning opportunities and learning sequences.

If a child is off for more than one day, it becomes harder and harder for them to catch up, which can lead to them not maintaining academic achievements or not knowing subject knowledge, as class learning may progress beyond that which was covered during a child's last attendance.

## OVERALL ATTENDANCE 91%

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RG	88%	4WM	90%
IWK	86%	4F	91%
IJ	90%	5M	94%
2T	97%	5J	97%
2CT	91%	6SC	90%
3M	91%	6PM	91%
3W	88%		

This weeks winners are 2T & 5J ~ enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan

### Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Kai	4WM	Isla-Rai
IWK	Elisa	4F	Farai
IJ	Amla	5M	Georgina
2T	Mia	5J	Riley
2CT	Isabelle	6SC	Aiden
3M	Skodri	6PM	Adela
3W	Kuba	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs Girling!			

### Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Filip  
KSI - Evelyn  
KS2 - Elias



### Numbots and TT Rockstars Launch



Apologies for the confusion about dates!

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Numbots Launch Day Reception, Year 1 and year 2  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October: TT Rockstars Launch day Years 3 and 4  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October: TT Rockstars Launch day Years 5 and 6





RG	Ajla	4WM	Noah
IWK	Evie Mae	4F	Ava
IJ	Harley	5M	Elise
2T	Marnie	5J	Lena
2CT	Leriah	6SC	Szymon
3M	Ella	6PM	Amelia
3W	Rosie		

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

Y6 Secondary school deadline is  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

## ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### OPEN EVENING 2023



**28TH SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**5:30PM - 7:30PM**  
**HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS**  
**5:30PM AND 6:30PM**

### OPEN MORNINGS 2023



**24TH OCTOBER: 9:00AM-10:00AM**  
**25TH OCTOBER: 9:00AM-10:00AM**

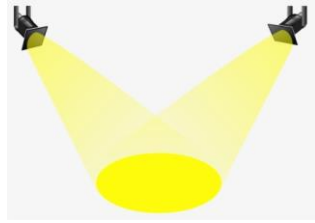
Contact the school on 0121 706 4200 or  
enquiry@ilsley.bham.sch.uk by  
20th October 2023  
Only those who have made an appointment will be  
able to attend

Victoria Road, Acocks Green, B27 7XY



## RECEPTION 2024 APPLICATIONS

Deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024



## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

We are constantly talking to our pupils about how we look after each other in school. Ask them to talk to you about the things we do to keep each other safe. They should be able to tell you:

In school every child has a **Trusted Adult** who they have chosen to be there for them if they wish to share anything.

We use **See it, Hear it, Say it, Stop it** - where all pupils and adults have a responsibility to speak up and speak out.

We also use **THINK...** as a reflection following an incident or upset which allows the children time to tell the **T**ruth, and think if their actions were **H**elpful, **I**nspiring, **N**ecessary and **K**ind. This is part of a restorative approach with forgiveness and reconciliation at the heart of the matter. We talk about the actions we take and the consequences that they have and how we all have a responsibility to respect one another and take care of each other.