



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Year 5: Cristina & Brooke

Year 6: James & Aayush

Staff member: Miss S Wood

Year 2: Carter & Maisson

Year 1: Kayla & J Raiyah

Reception: Frankie

Dear Parents, carers and children,

We hope you had a lovely half term break. It was great to see the children returning with great enthusiasm and energy. We have a wonderful half term ahead and many excellent learning opportunities and wider curriculum opportunities.

This includes being called to be Stewards for Creation - part of our Catholic Social Teaching. In our assembly this week we looked at the recent news story of the Sycamore Tree. We talked about the duty we have to ensure we care for the world we live in, our local area and our school. We were very impressed by the children's knowledge and understanding. Our Litter Pickers have been an excellent example of this is their daily task of keeping the school grounds clean. Well done children we are very proud of you.



It was an honour to gather as a school family today to pay our respects to all those who have gone before us. The children organised and led our service with great reverence and respect.



You may wish to join our local community at the memorial outside of Acocks Green library on Saturday (tomorrow) at 10:45am. This annual Churches Together service is led by our parish this year.

God bless and have a great weekend.

Mrs R A 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.



Enjoy the celebrations to celebrate this Festival of Light!

Welcome to.....

A very warm welcome to Ms Harkin who will be teaching in school every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This will be as additional teaching support for phonics and reading across school. We are delighted to be working with Ms Harkin and thank the children and staff for making her feel so welcome.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Following on from your child's Report Card (Years 1 to 5) we will be hosting our termly pupil progress meeting.

Thank you for completing the request for your preferred choice of meeting. Meetings will last for ten minutes per child. Appointments are now live can be made via parent mail.

Wednesday 22nd November

Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 face to face appointments in the school hall.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 phone call appointments.

Thursday 23rd November

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 face to face appointments in the school hall.

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Mr Henvey will be available regarding SEND matters.

Mr Mills and Mrs Kielstra will be meeting with parents and carers regarding attendance.

Please arrive for face to face meeting via Gate C. Appointments are for parents or carers and will take place in the school hall. Thank you.

This is a crucial meeting to support your child and their learning. We look forward to seeing or speaking to you!

INSET DAY

Friday 1st December 2023 - School Closed to all pupils.

Y6 pupils on the residential will return by coach for pick up at 3:00pm

Helping your child at home with MATHS.



Thank you to our Year 6 parents and carers who joined us yesterday for a Maths Workshop. It was great to see you and the excitement from the children was brilliant!

Our next workshop is on **Thursday 16th November for Y2**, followed by **Thursday 23rd November for 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.

This week in school...

- We enjoyed Money Week! The children were invited to take part in interactive money lessons led by the HSBC Bank. It was great fun and is supporting them with their handling and understanding money and the cost of living. (Not sure it will help with their list for Father Christmas!)
- We celebrated our Gospel Assembly.
- We held our Armistice Day service.
- Class 3W went to Achbishop Ilsley to assist in training teachers in the swimming. We hope you had great fun! While I was visiting Mr Clinton this week I was delighted to be told by Mr Looney (PE Lead) that "The children were absolutely wonderful. They were a credit to Holy Souls." Thank you children and well done - we are very proud of you.
- Year 6 enjoyed a very interesting presentation by Hannah Moore

explaining all about the Mary's Meals charity programme. Please look out for more information regarding this during Advent.

https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/stop-child-hunger?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIztXXn_m2ggMVhN_tCh2ugw_kEAYASAAEgIUDwD_BwE

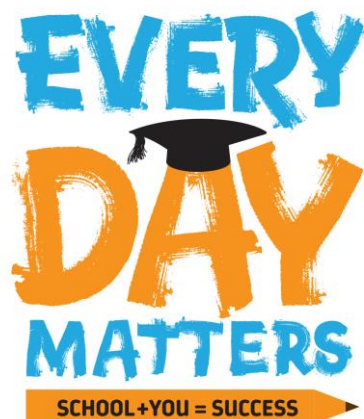
- Mrs Stephenson attended a zoom meeting in preparation for our multi academy Christmas Carol service.
- Mrs Girling and Miss Trodden attended a training day all about Catholic School Inspection.
- Miss Smith attended a training session on Phonics and Reading.
- We enjoyed our clubs - dodgeball, kick boxing, dance, Young Voices choir, basketball, Y6 football and Year 5 football clubs.
- Mrs Burge our CFO for our multi academy met with Mrs Girling and Mr O'Kane our site manager to look at our school building and outdoor environment.
- Year 6 children and parents enjoyed their Maths workshop.
- Mr Mills made 5 home visits.

CONGRATULATIONS



We are delighted to share with you that former pupil Julia recently competed in the British World Championship and was awarded **FOUR gold medals** in Kick Boxing. She also **won the English Title for her age group and was awarded a belt**. This is a wonderful achievement and we are very proud of you. Julia is an inspiration to us all and in particular our weekly Kick Boxing club. Julia is now at Archbishop Ilsley and we wish her continued good luck with her kick boxing. Julia's sister Nela is in our Reception class and I wonder if she will follow in her big sisters footsteps?

Attendance Matters



Please be aware that fines have been issued for holidays taken in term time.

OVERALL ATTENDANCE 94%

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RG	91%	4WM	89%
IWK	88%	4F	93%
IJ	97%	5M	97%
2T	94%	5J	99%
2CT	92%	6SC	91%
3M	97%	6PM	92%
3W	96%		

This week's winner is 5J ~ enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Thaddeus	4WM	Jack N
IWK	Jacob	4F	Alex
IJ	Ava	5M	Roel
2T	Tommy	5J	Luke
2CT	Aisling	6SC	Justin
3M	Tristan	6PM	Anthony
3W	Ryon	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs. Girling!			

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Tiffany
KSI - Marnie
KS2 - Sienna

We love to read!

RG	Filip	4WM	Caragh
IWK	DJ	4F	Eli
IJ	Kaleia	5M	Alfie E
2T	Ara	5J	Jay
2CT	Colin	6SC	Emily
3M	Bartosz	6PM	Saibah
3W	Luca	Reading is fun!	

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

Good Luck to the Basketball Team - off to Holy Trinity Secondary School for a tournament on Tuesday 14th November.

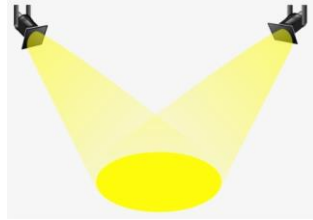
RECEPTION 2024 APPLICATIONS

Deadline is 15th January 2024

If you have a sibling in school and are applying for a place please call into the office to check you have completed the necessary paperwork.

Head Pets

The critters seem to be enjoying their visit to school. Please do visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> if you require any advice.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



Now that the clocks have gone back and the nights and mornings are darker we often feel more tired so it is important that we encourage good sleep routines for our children.

We know that getting a good nights sleep is very important. Studies have shown that children who regularly get an adequate amount of sleep have **improved attention, behaviour, learning, memory, and overall mental and physical health**. Not getting enough sleep can lead to high blood pressure, obesity and even depression

Between academic, social, and extracurricular activities, school-age children often have busy schedules that can make it difficult to get a good night's sleep. Wherever possible, try to follow a consistent schedule and a wind-down period before bed. To strengthen the association between the bedroom and sleep, encourage your child do homework or other activities in another room where possible.

The National Sleep Helpline 03303 530 541

The National Sleep Helpline helps anyone with sleep issues including adults, parents and young people. The helpline is available from 7pm and 9pm, Sunday to Thursday on 03303 530 541.

Poor sleep can affect anyone and it can be a major stress for parents whose own sleep can be impaired by their children's difficulties getting to sleep, staying asleep or staying in their own bed, leading to greater stress.

Having a sleep issue is surprisingly common. At any given time this affects up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis). These problems are typically persistent and do not resolve themselves without intervention.

HOLY SOULS

Merry Christmas Menu

Roast Turkey or Roast Chicken

Honey Roast Quorn

Baked Fish Fillet



Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy.

Stuffing Balls.

Roast & Cream potatoes.

Selection of Festive Vegetables.



Christmas Ice Cream Tubs.

Chocolate Yule Log

Ice Cream Christmas Trees

DATES Key Stage 2 - 19th December

Key Stage 1 - 20th December