

I am a Disciple for you Jesus

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

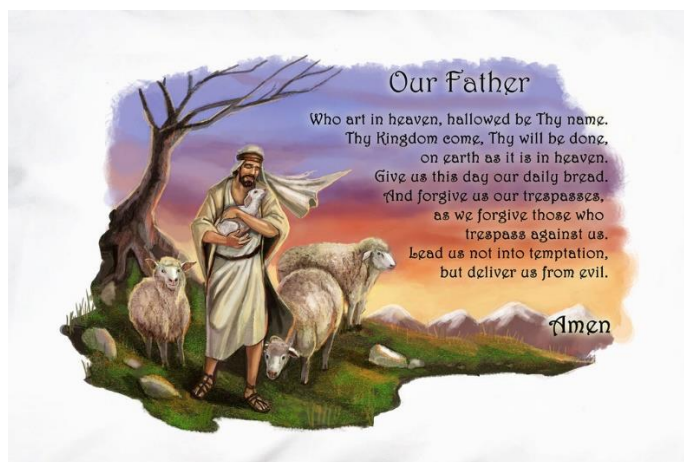
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Dear Friends of Holy Souls,
Last Sunday we celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday. It was an opportunity to pray for vocations and to consider who it is God is calling us to be. This week we have focused on the Good Shepherd in how we lives, hear God's words and follow God's call. Our Altar Server 16 trainees are an example of this as they meet weekly with Mrs Scribant in readiness for serving at Mass. Last week Mrs Scribant shared how pleased she was that they children had made this commitment to serve.



Today in our Gifts from God assembly I have challenged the children to create a picture using the word and meaning of the Our Father prayer. A picture of a certain line or of the whole prayer will be used in school
Thank you children and good luck with your ideas!

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

We look forward to seeing you at the celebration of Mass on Sunday at 10:00am. We look forward to the children in Year 6 who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on July 9th. Please keep them in your prayers.

God bless,
Mrs Girling

 I am keeping very quiet! 

To bring good news, to shine for you.

The Feast of Saint George



We had a great day on Tuesday as we celebrated this feast day. Our school based Beaver and Scout unit are 192nd St George's Own and we were delighted to see them and other units including Brownies, Cubs and Sea Scouts wearing their uniforms with pride.



We are delighted to congratulate **Miss Mills our Reception Learning Mentor** who has been awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service in the Cole Valley South area. What a great achievement and this is showing who it is God is calling you to be. A role model to us all.

Another busy week in school

- Year 3 enjoyed parish Mass.
- Mr Taylor our MAC School Improvement partner led our second meeting for staff on developing teaching and learning.
- We enjoyed Altar Server training.
- Mr Mills and Mrs Sweeney carried out several home visits.
- We enjoyed Dance Club, Alpha Club, Soul Singers, Basketball and Football Club, Lego Club and Kickboxing!

Handball



Our Year 5 Handball Team were ambassadors for our school and community as they participated with great enthusiasm. Sadly we lost out in a penalty shoot-out and well done children for such excellent sporting behaviour. Our thanks to Mr Hawkeswood from Holy Trinity for organising such a fun event.

Scooters and Bikes

There is quite a few scooters and bikes that have been in the bike area unclaimed for a while. If any belong to your child can you please take them home in the next few days.

** Reminder - No nuts are allowed in school **

This includes nuts in chocolate bars .

Save Acocks Green Library!

I hope you could hear our chanting as we marched united in spirit to SAVE ACOCKS GREEN LIBRARY. Homemade t-shirts, banners and posters were a sight to be seen.



Thank you to all of our families for supporting our community. The posters and homemade t-shirts are fabulous!

Our thanks to Professor Ryan for joining us on Tuesday and to Councillor Roger Harmer who met us at Acocks Green Library on Thursday. We were in fine voice as

we marched around the playground and certainly woke the village up with our chants!

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Roger Harmer @rogerbhx · Apr 25
Great to join the fantastic children from @SoulsSchool protesting to save #AcocksGreenLibrary outside the Library this morning, just ahead of the online consultation which starts soon 10am. You can join that via this link [birmingham.gov.uk/info/50306/com...](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50306/com...)



Hot Food

Acocks Green Village in Bloom

Free seed-sowing

SPRINGTIME FESTIVAL!
Saturday 4th May 11am - 3pm
around Mallard Close
opposite Morrisons

Local Honey for sale!

Meet the Beekeeper and her bees

LIVE MUSIC

Enjoy the spring Flowers

Lots of bargain Plants!

Face Painting

LOTS OF STALLS

More info? fran.lee47@yahoo.co.uk tel 0121 706 0076
All funds raised go to Acocks Green Village in Bloom - improving Acocks Green for everyone

Please do come along and join in the fun!

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL VISIT 2024 - 2025

Please can all Year 5 parents return their expression of interest for the residential by Wednesday 1st May. Thank you.



Attendance



Holidays in term time

Holiday in term time will not be authorised (except for exceptional circumstances) Unauthorised holidays taken will result in a fixed penalty notice been issued.

Leave of Absence

A request form must be submitted for any absence (other than illness) and a meeting with the Head Teacher arranged to discuss the request.

Short Break Services Offer - Survey for Parents

Birmingham City Council and Birmingham Children's Trust are reviewing the local short break services offer. This is because the current contractual arrangements will expire soon, so now is a good time to think about opportunities to spend the money that is available for short breaks differently to support better outcomes for children with disabilities and their families. The money that is available for short breaks in Birmingham isn't changing, although we recognise that the demand for short breaks is increasing. This review of short breaks in Birmingham is an opportunity for us to understand how we may make better use of the available budget to ensure that opportunities are available for as many families as possible.

We want to work with local families and gather as many views as possible, so please take the time to respond to our survey by clicking on the following link: <https://forms.gle/91EPrEVAfbLXHNVF7>

Your help will support the development of a new short breaks service offer in Birmingham.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Early Help Offer

Please remember to visit our Early Help Offer on the school webpage where you will find information about the support we can offer as a school. If at any point you need additional support please see Mrs Brown or any member of our pastoral team. <https://www.holysoulbham.sch.uk/earlyhelp.htm>

My Family Coach

There are times when we all need help with parenting. My Family Coach is a free online service with lots of videos and advice on how to support children at each stage of their development. Please take some time to view the resources available to support with the many challenges of parenting. <https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>

Online parenting course

Birmingham Children's Trust have pre-paid for every parent in Birmingham to access a parenting course. Just enter the access code "COMMUNITY" at the top of the page to claim. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents of children from bump to 19. Learn about how your child develops, and get tips to manage their behaviour. Please follow the link below to access the courses. <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/>

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Elena	4WM	Charlie
IWK	Theo	4TW	Tommy
IJ	Ava	5M	Dhruv
2T	Franciszek	5J	Brooke
2CK	Leriah-Rose	6SC	Evie-Mai
3M	Decent	6PM	Aaron
3W	Esme	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	

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

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Cristos
 KSI - Oliver (2T)
 KS2 - Rosie (3W)

Well done Sports Stars -
Coach Dylan and Coach Dom were very impressed with your skills!

We love to read!

RG	Kirpa	4WM	Caitlin
IWK	Jacob	4TW	Liliana
IJ	Brandon	5M	Alfie E
2T	Charlie	5J	Aoife
2CK	Joshua	6SC	Steven
3M	Anthony	6PM	Oskar
3W	Amelia	Reading is fun!	

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



Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots



Most coins collected this week

2TC	Elizabeth	4TW	Callan
2T	Jaxon	5J	Sania-Rose
3W	Elias	5M	Cristia
3M	Hargun	6SC	Oscar
4WM	Johns	6PM	Sama
Well done trophy winners!			