

I am a Disciple for you Jesus

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Dear Families and Friends of Holy Souls,

Another a busy, exciting and HOT week in school! We aren't used to such warmth but everyone has supported each other in trying to keep cool and safe.

Last weekend, we celebrated our 3rd and final Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year during parish Mass.

We need to say a huge thank you to Canon Jonathan and Father Marco for their continuous support, guidance and prayers

We would also like to thank all of the children who came to Mass to support the children in Year 3 by singing in the choir and altar serving.

To our Year 3 staff who prepared the children so well, our dedicated and skilled musicians and all our staff who continually give so freely of their time we thank you so much - as always

Please continue keep the all of the children in Year 3 in your prayers on this wonderful step in their journey of faith.



Have a lovely weekend, Come on England!
Mrs Girling and Mrs Kielstra

SCHOOL IS OPEN ON MONDAY - THERE IS NO INSET DAY



CONFIRMATION MEETING - Monday 1st July 2:30pm (Gate C)
NEW RECEPTION MEETING - Wednesday 3rd July 6:00pm (Gate C)

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.

Staff members: Mrs Corrigan and Coach Dylan
Year 1: Oscar & Jacob
Year 2: Millie & Isabelle
Year 3: Hargun & Andrew
Reception: Maksymilian

Year 4: Lilitiana & Lily

Year 5: Edward & Roisin

Year 6: All of Year 6



Super Scientists in Years 5 and 6

This week Mrs Corrigan had organised a science experience with Archbishop Ilsley science department.

The children had super fun and learned a great deal. I was delighted to receive this email from Mr Brown Head of Science.

Dear Mrs Girling,

Many thanks to your colleagues & your wonderful year 5 & 6 students for working with us in science over the past four days.

The students were an absolute delight to host & impressed all of us with their impeccable manners & boundless enthusiasm.

Teaching such a receptive & respectful group was an absolute delight.

Please let them know how much we enjoyed working with them & thank their teachers for supporting.

We hope to continue this collaboration in the future, if we can be of any assistance to your science programme please do let us know.

Best wishes, Mr Brown. Head of science, Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School

Children what a credit you are to yourselves and to our school community. This is exemplary behaviour and attitude to learning. Well done. We look forward to more opportunities at Archbishop Ilsley and thank Mr Brown, Mrs Gashi and the Science Department.

Professor Ryan really was very grateful that you did not set him alight!



Holy Souls' Olympics

Our events are almost completed and we await the finals next week with bated breath! The children are still having a wonderful time taking part in their heats. Thank you to Mrs Corrigan for organising it and for the Year 6 and Year 5 children leading it. Thank you to Coach Dylan for his wonderful work during the Olympics.

School uniform

Following the hot spell we will now return to FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM unless it is PE day. A reminder please that Converse footwear is not suitable as a trainer for PE lessons. Thank you.



School Photographs are on **THURSDAY 4TH JULY**. Thank you.

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Olivia	4WM	Caitlin
IWK	Dexter	4TW	Gabriel
IJ	Eva	5M	Dominic
2T	Ara	5J	Liam
2CK	Maison	6SC	ALL OF 6SC
3M	Hermione	6PM	ALL OF 6PM
3W	Bayleigh	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs. Girling!			

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Dolcie

KS1 - Miles

KS2 - Chimdimma

Well done Sports Stars -

Coach Dylan and Coach Dom were very impressed with your skills!

A huge thank you to Coach Dylan for his help during the Holy Souls Olympics!



RG	Juwaniya	4WM	Chimamanda
IWK	Faith	4TW	Ariana
IJ	Amla	5M	Alex
2T	Cameron	5J	Gracie
2CK	Freyah	6SC	ALL OF 6SC
3M	Ella	6PM	ALL OF 6PM
3W	River	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

2CK	Crisbel	4TW	Bill
2T	Ara	5J	Anjola
3W	Bill	5M	-
3M	Ella	6SC	Anthony
4WM	Johns	6PM	-
Well done trophy winners!			

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



Tips for helping children stay safe online - IWF / PIER

Recent information received for parents/ carers

'Self-generated' child sexual abuse material (CSAM) has been the subject of research that PIER (Policing Institute for the Eastern Region) have just finished on behalf of the Internet Watch Foundation. 'Self-generated' CSAM are images and videos which are taken by children and then shared either:

willingly, usually with a boyfriend/girlfriend, or
unwillingly, through coercion, or
shared by a third party without their consent.

Some of these images end up being distributed, sometimes sold, on the open and dark web by those with a sexual interest in children.

Just over 300 children took part in the research (including children under 10 years old) and talked about their experiences of growing up in a digital world, where they talk to their friends, game and do their schoolwork online. Many described receiving unwanted sexual images and some commented that it has become normalised and part of their lives. The apps they use, such as Snapchat and Tik Tok are also used by perpetrators to talk to children and groom them into sharing sexual images. This is a serious safeguarding issue, with wide-reaching consequences that we all need to learn more about.

PIER and IWF have written a blog post for parents about how they can better understand their children's online world and its risks. The blog post can be found here: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/news-media/blogs/tips-for-helping-children-stay-safe-online/>

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There is new legislation that comes into force from the 19th of August that will impact how Local Authorities and Schools issue Penalty Notices (fines) for unauthorised absences.

Please note that this is one piece of new legislation and there are several other pieces of legislation and statutory guidance that schools and Local Authorities must follow. Central to the statutory guidance for schools is the premise that schools should identify when a pupil's attendance is becoming a concern and then work alongside parents and pupils to remove any barriers to attendance.

This is called a **"support first model"** At Holy souls school we will notify you if you're a child's attendance is a concern and start a conversation with you to understand the reasons why and if we can offer any support.

"The Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024"

The Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 mean that:

- Schools must consider whether a penalty notice (fine) is appropriate in each individual case where one of their pupils reaches the national threshold of 10 unauthorised absences in a rolling 10 week period.
- Penalty Notices will be issued per parent per child.
- Penalty Notices have increased and there is a new national escalation procedure.

The first penalty notice issued to a parent will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

If the threshold is met a 2nd time in three years and a 2nd Penalty notice is issued to the same parent in relation to the same child – this will a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution

ACOCKS GREEN CARNIVAL



A reminder that this year's Acocks Green Carnival takes place on **Saturday July 6th at Acocks Green Recreation Ground from 11am**. The Lord Mayor will be attending. Then, at 6.30pm on Sunday 7th July, there will be a Civic Service at St Mary's Church.

INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Birmingham City Council - Educational Psychology Traded Services – temporary pause to service delivery

We are writing to let you know that due to exceptional circumstances, all teams will be pausing traded work for the remainder of the academic year. Due to unprecedented demand, and the national shortage of available educational psychologists, we need to ensure that outstanding statutory assessments are completed as soon as possible. The input of Educational Psychologists into these assessments is vital and this short pause in traded work will enable the team to focus on this over the coming weeks.

The teams will continue to provide support for schools in the event of critical incidents or exceptional circumstances and will return to their usual traded work from September.

Thank you in your advance for your understanding of this temporary change in the service's focus to complete assessments.

A message from Mrs Girling – for us as a school this means that some pupils due to be seen by the Educational Psychology Traded Services team will now not be seen. This matter is out of our control and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Mr Henvey will update parents regarding the service in September 2024.



Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, you are also entitled to access FREE holiday clubs during spring, summer and winter holidays?

Bring it on Brum! is a FREE Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education, designed for children and young people across Birmingham to have healthy, active, fun-filled school holidays. Bring it on Brum! believe that everyone deserves a good break and that school holidays are better when children and young people are active, having fun, being entertained and learning new things.

If your child is aged between 4-16 and is eligible for benefits-related free school meals, then they are entitled to access the Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs for free! There are a huge range of activities available including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes vary depending on the type and location of each local club and each holiday club will give your child a nutritious meal too! We hope you will take advantage of these fantastic FREE holiday clubs across Birmingham so your child/children can have a fun-filled and safe holiday!

If your child receives free school meals and you haven't received an email regarding the above please contact the school office.