

I am a Disciple for you Jesus

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

Mallard Close, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 6BN

Head Teachers: Mrs R A Girling

Autumn Term 2024

Friday 27th September 2024

Newsletter 4

Dear Friends of Holy Souls,

We are delighted to share with you that Acocks Green Village in Bloom have once again received a **GOLD AWARD!** We are blessed to have such willing volunteers in our community and I am sure you would agree they do a super job of keeping our local area clean and green. Thank you to Fran and the team. A special congratulations to Fran who has been awarded the **Heart of England Community Achievement Award**. This is very well deserved and we are very proud of you.



CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) Family Fast Day
We will be celebrating this event on **THURSDAY 3RD**
OCTOBER 2024 - DISCO DAY



This year we will be supporting CAFOD by collecting a donation of £1:00 per family. Children and staff may come to school dressed as BRIGHTLY as you can! We will be having a DISCO - so practice those moves!!!! Thank you in advance for your kind donations. Please click on the link to find out more. <https://youtube.com/wyDaT8TL9L8>

Every donation will make a difference.

God bless, Mrs Girling (who is really enjoying League One football!)

SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER - INSET DAY 2.

We reopen at 8:30am Tuesday 1st October.

To bring good news, to shine for you.

Staff member: Mrs Kielstra

Year 2: Xyrak & Jude

Ajla

Year 1:

Reception: Sophie

Year 3: Daniel & Philomena

Year 4: Bill & Miles

Year 5: Iliana & Sofia

Year 6: Szymon & Ellie Mae

This week in school...

- Year 5 and Year 3 enjoyed celebrating Mass with the Parish.
- Canon Jonathan and Father Marco led our staff meeting on exploring and understanding the Mass.
- We enjoyed our weekly Gospel Assembly.
- We enjoyed Soul Singers, Kick boxing, football and multisport clubs.
- Mrs Girling joined the local Head Teachers for our half termly FAYS (Fox Hollies, Acocks Green, Yardley and Sheldon) Consortium meeting.
- Altar Servers enjoyed a training session with Father Marco.
- Mr Henvey held his termly multiagency meeting regarding pupils with additional needs. This included Pupil and School Support, the Communication and Autism Team and the school Educational Psychologist.
- Mrs Girling and Mrs McGarry (Chair of the St Teresa of Calcutta MAC Board) enjoyed the celebration of Holy Mass with Year 7 and Year 12 Archbishop Ilsley pupils.

Year 6 Progress Meeting and Target Setting

It was great to see our Year 6 parents and Carers in school this week. As your child starts their final year with us we look forward to all it will bring. Thank you for joining us and to Year 6 staff for their preparation.

Parking and Dropping Off

Thank you to all those parents and carers who park at Church, the Social Club or in designated car parks. It helps to keep us all safe.



We are seeing an increase in parking outside of school. Please be aware that we do not have a drop off area - this is increasing at Gate A and Gate C and is highly dangerous as these are zig-zag areas.

“Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, hospitals, or fire, police or ambulance stations indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children.”

Two weeks ago and yesterday Birmingham City Council Parking Enforcement Officers were on Mallard Close. Fines may be issued - please be aware this is not a school matter.

It will be too late when an accident happens.



Please look at the attachments included with this week's newsletter from Mr Henvey. These may be of interest to you.



LEADERS FOR LEARNING

RT	Paul-Frank	4MK	River
ICK	Nela	4WM	Yasmine
2KW	Mylah Rose	5J	Noah
2W	Betsy	5WG	Liliana
3M	Tommy	6SC	Georgie
3T	Brock	6PM	Ethan
		HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
<i>Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs. Girling!</i>			

A Leader for Learning is a role model to us all. They are working hard, trying their best and really engaged with their learning.

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Enzo

KS1 - Aliza

KS2 - Elsa

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



RT	Cleo	4WK	Ella
ICK	Dolcie	4WM	Joshua
2KW	Archie	5J	Sajid
2W	Ava	5WG	Koby
3M	Aron	6SC	Alex
3T	Jaxon	6PM	Maddie

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

2KW	Tomasz	4WM	Jiya
2W	Kain	5J	Johns
3M	Ara	5WG	Aimy
3T	Crisbel	6SC	Anjola
4MK	Ruby-Sue	6PM	Sania Rose

Well done trophy winners!

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Next week we will be revealing our new DOJO weekly celebration winners!

Catholic Life and Mission

A big thank you to those parents from Year 3 and Year 6 who attended their Year Group Briefing and Sacramental Meeting this week. It was great to see you in school. Thank you to Father Marco for joining us. On Tuesday you will receive your Sacramental information letter. Please can this be returned in the envelope provided by Friday 4th October. Thank you.

Year 3

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 21st March 2025 1:45pm in Church.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday 29th June 2025 (Mass 1 10:00am / Mass 2 12:00pm) Feast of St Peter and St Paul. Allocated Mass times will be shared after half term.

All children and families are invited to join our Year 3 and Year 6 Sacramental Candidates at Family Mass on Sunday 6th October 2024 at 10:00am.

This week's Sunday Gospel.....

Liturgical Year B

26TH Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading.....

"Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off." Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

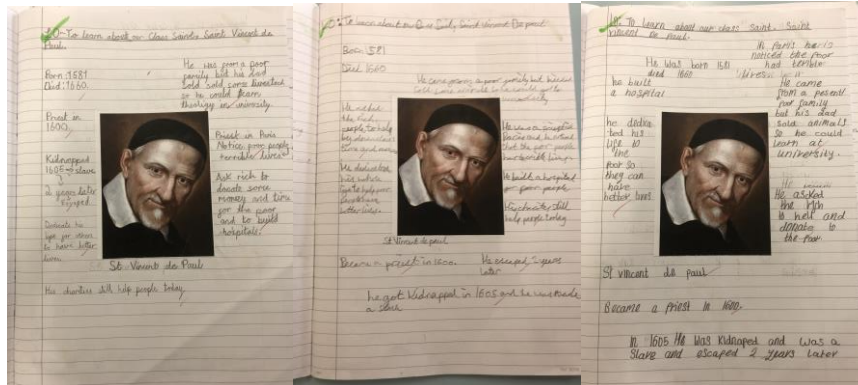
Sunday 29 September - God walks with His people Pope Francis asks all of us to walk TOGETHER, with the most vulnerable, with Jesus.

All people of goodwill are invited to organise initiatives with migrants, refugees, and vulnerable people.

Feast day of Saint Vincent de Paul

Today is feast day of Saint Vincent de Paul. He was a 17th century French Catholic priest who served the poor and marginalized. He is known for his compassion and charity, and is the patron saint of charitable works. Some of his accomplishments include establishing hospitals, founding the Daughters of Charity and establishing the Congregation of Priests of the Mission. Saint Vincent de Paul established the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, also known as the Vincentians.

Saint Vincent De Paul is a very inspirational saint who made such a difference to the lives of the poor. Year 5 have chosen him as their Class Saint and have been learning facts about his life.



We have a little group named after Saint Vincent De Paul called The Mini Vinnies. Our Mini Vinnies are a group that "turn concern into action". The children are part of a group with some children from Archbishop Isley Secondary School. They work alongside the Saint Vincent De Paul (SVP) group at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church. The SVP work incredibly hard to support families in the parish community and our school community. They provide them with food if needed and other support for families. They are always on hand to help and we very much appreciate the support they give to us and our families at school.



If you would like to become a member of the SVP at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church or you need some support for your family please contact Sacred Heart and Holy Souls SVP on 07983160730.

COMING SOON ... MINI VINNIE CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION LAUNCH

Prayer to Saint Vincent de Paul

Noble Saint Vincent de Paul,
beloved servant of the poor,
may we follow your example and do good works
among those whom society has abandoned,
enslaved, or forgotten.

Pray for us to our beloved God
that we may commit ourselves selflessly to doing
the same charitable acts that you did all your life.
Amen.



Season of Creation

We celebrate the Feast of St Francis on Friday 4th October. He is known for his love of animals. We have been thinking about how to be good Stewards of God's Creation. The children are invited to bring a photo of their pet to Family Mass on Sunday 6th October and Father will bless all of the pets. Family Mass is on Sunday 6th October at 10am.



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Click on the link. Take a look. <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



BIRMINGHAM
**Safeguarding
Children**
PARTNERSHIP

<https://lscpbirmingham.org.uk/children-families/parents-and-carers/parent-toolkit>

Parent Toolkit

Our Parent Toolkit is a list of useful websites offering free advice and support on a range of topics, tailored to parents and carers.

Beat: If your child has an eating disorder or who you think might have an eating disorder, Beat can help.

Brook: Struggling to talk to your teenager about sex and relationships? Brook offers free and confidential advice via website, telephone, text and email.

Family Lives: Offers core family support services, working in many different areas and providing tailored support around issues such as bullying, special educational needs, and support for specific communities.

Frank: You probably can't stop your child from coming into some contact with drugs, but by staying as informed as possible, you can help them make the right choices when they do.

Get Safe Online: Advice for parents and carers on how to take a balanced approach to your children's online safety.

Kooth: A digital mental health and wellbeing company working to provide a welcoming space for digital mental health care, available to all.

NSPCC: Support and tips to help you keep your children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child.

Thinkuknow: Thinkuknow aims to help protect children and young people from the threat of online child sexual abuse and exploitation.

YoungMinds: Lots of practical advice and tips on supporting your child - from how to encourage your child to open up about their feelings to dealing with mental health services.

Snack time and lunch boxes

We are a Healthy Eating School. Snack time (during first play) is an opportunity for a piece of fruit. We are part of the Fruit Scheme but this does run out so please do feel free to provide your own fruit snack.



Healthy Lunchboxes - for children who bring in a packed lunch please remember we are a NUT FREE school and we do not encourage chocolate bars or sweets. Thank you.

Our school....

We really enjoy greeting you in the morning and at the end of the day when we open up the gates. A reminder to all that at all times our playground is a place where we are all welcome. We are entitled to feel safe and know that we are looking after each other. If you have any concerns or matters to share please call in at the Office and a member of the Senior Leadership team will be available.

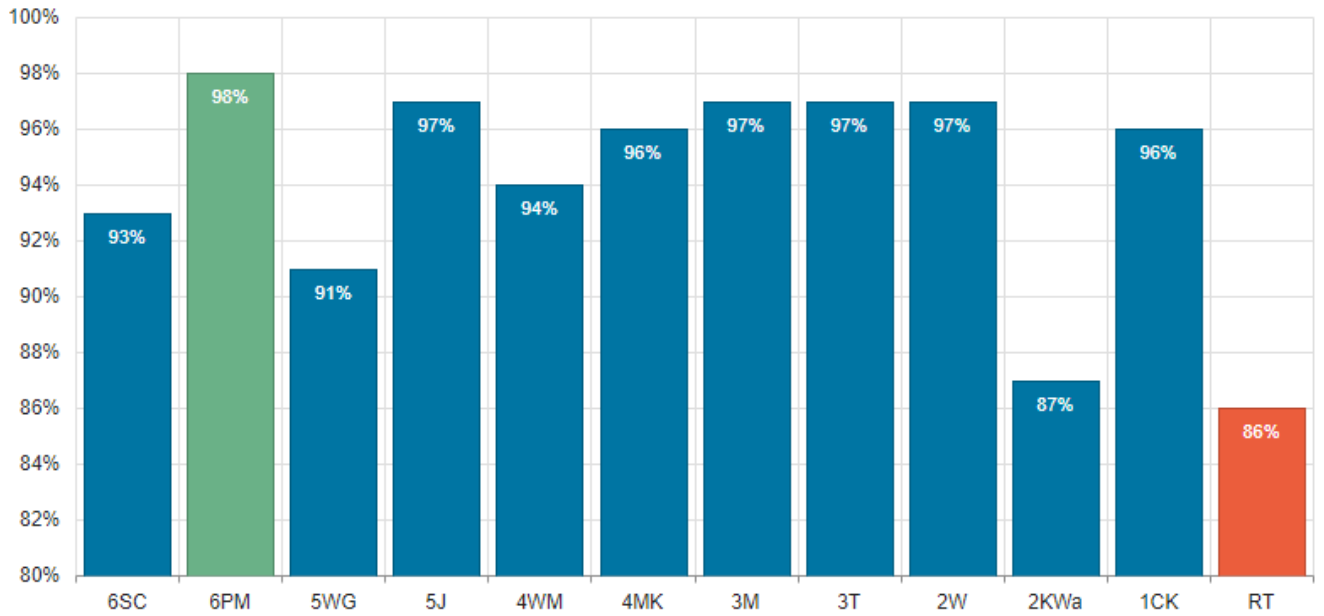
Attendance

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Tutor Group ▾

Attendance ▾ ↗



This week's attendance winners are 6PM ~ Congratulations!

Overall Attendance 94%

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Punctuality

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As you may be aware, the law treats some persistent lateness in the same way as unauthorised absence and parents may be prosecuted or receive a penalty notice from the local authority if late arrival is not resolved. This has been further strengthened in new regulations which came into force in September 2024.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
 - Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

If your child is having any difficulties that you wish to discuss, please contact the school immediately. If you have other concerns about your child or other difficulties you would like support with, please contact the school who may be able to assist in the form of an early help assessment. You can also find help and support here:

[From Birmingham with Love](#)

We understand that there may be rare occasions you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances. On these occasions, please make sure that you contact the school office to inform us when you will arrive. On arrival, please escort your child to the Office and sign them in.