

# 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

Autumn Term 2024

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Newsletter 5

Dear Friends of Holy Souls,

On Monday we had our In-service training Day. This was led by Mr Henvey and the Communication and Autism Team. All the staff received training and additional ideas for supporting our children in the classroom and recreational times. Our afternoon was spent with online training where we updated our knowledge in Cyber Security and Teaching Computing and On Line Safety.

## DISCO DAY

We had great fun and were very impressed by your smooth moves!  
The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and so did the staff too!



Thank you for your generous donations. We will be sending them to CAFOD.

Well done to our Kitchen Team who have been awarded 5 STARS



From the Food Standards Agency.

We are delighted to have received top marks for food hygiene!

You certainly deserve it!

We look forward to seeing you all at the celebration of Mass this Sunday with the Parish at 10:00am. Year 3 and Year 6 will be leading our mass in preparation as part of their Sacramental Commitment.

God bless,  
Mrs Girling 🏈

To bring good news, to shine for you.



Staff member: Mr O'Kane and the Office Team  
Year 3: Crisbel & Aisling  
Year 2: Elsie & Arlo  
Year 1: Mollie  
Reception: Enzo

Year 4: Lucas & Evelyn  
Year 5: Talulah & Colby  
Year 6: Angolan & Maddie



## Progress Meetings

Thank you for booking your Progress Meeting. Where possible these meetings are for parents and carers. We would appreciate it if you are able to make alternative childcare arrangements.

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 3:30pm - 6pm	Pupil Progress Meeting in the school hall for Year Reception / Year 1 and Year 2 Phone Calls for Year 3/ Year 4W/ Year 5	Please arrive from 3:25pm Gate C Please ensure we have your most up to date phone number.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm - 6pm	Pupil Progress Meeting in the school hall for Year 3, Year 4W and Year 5 Phone Calls for Year Reception / Year 1 / Year 2	Please arrive from 3:25pm Gate C Please ensure we have your most up to date phone number.

Please note Class 4MK will receive a separate email on their Progress Meetings due to unforeseen circumstances.

## Year 6 Swimming and PE Lessons at Archbishop Ilsley



This week Year 6 started their weekly Swimming and PE Programme at Archbishop Ilsley. We are so lucky to have access to the pool and thank Mr Clinton, Mrs Hemming's and the PE Department for their assistance. Thank you to our staff and Year 6 parents and carers for collecting your child slightly later at 3:25pm from the Social Club Carpark.

## Acocks Green Library Visits

Over the next few weeks the children will resume their visits to our local library. We look forward to our visits and in readiness can we ask that you check your child has a Library Card. If they do not have a card please visit the Library and sign up. Last year the community and our children petitioned to keep the library open - *If we don't use it we may lose it!*

### **Acocks Green Library Opening hours**

- **Monday:** 11am to 1pm, and 2pm to 7pm
- **Tuesday:** Closed
- **Wednesday:** 9am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm
- **Thursday:** 9am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm
- **Friday:** Closed
- **Saturday:** 9am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm
- **Sunday:** Closed

Thank you to Mrs Wade for coordinating our visits.

## YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

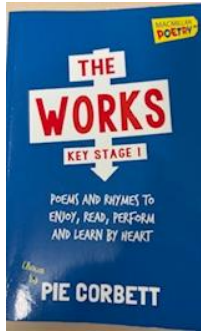
This 3 day residential at Whitemore Lakes takes place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Not long to go!

We are hosting an information meeting on THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER at 2:30pm here in the school hall. (Arrival at Gate C) Please can we ask all Year 6 Parents / carers to attend.

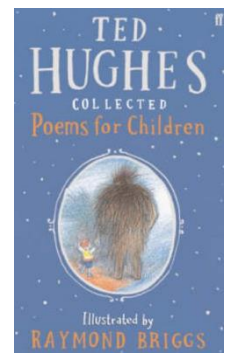
We are very grateful to the St Teresa of Calcutta MAC for providing this opportunity which is fully funded by the MAC for all Year 6 pupils in our Mac (184 pupils ) at a cost of 180:00 per child.



My thanks to Mrs on this

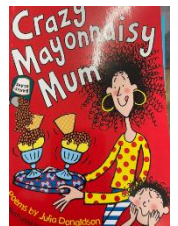


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experience and to Stephenson, Mr Mills, Mrs Corrigan and Mrs McLoughlin who will be joining the children at Whitemore Lakes.

Mrs



On Thursday, our children celebrated National Poetry Day in school. We read poems from our poetry spines and talked about our favourite poems.

Reception read a collection of rhymes. Their favourite rhyme was '10 Fat Sausages.'



Year 1 read a selection of poems from 'Crazy Mayonnaise Mum'. They also enjoyed reading, 'Never Shake a Rattlesnake.'

Year 2 enjoyed reading a range of tongue twisters collated by Pie Corbett. A favourite of theirs was 'Betty Botter.' The children found it very funny when Mrs Wade tried to read them quickly.

Year 3 have been looking at acrostic poems. They looked at an acrostic poem about Roald Dahl. They had a variety of favourite poems including: Revolting rhymes, Oompa-Loompas, Angry Farmers, Lazy Aunts and Dangerous Witches.

Year 4 also read a range of acrostic poems about werewolves, doctors, space and dragons. They had a vote, but they couldn't decide on their favourite. They enjoyed them all!

Year 5 read poems from Juggling with Gerbils. Their favourite poem was 'Mr Dahl Supping Soup' by the poet Brain Patten.

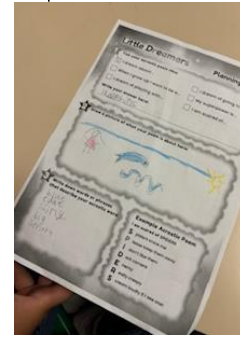
Year 6 read a collection of poems by Ted Hughes. They enjoyed 'The Horrible Song' the most.

In addition to reading poems, children in EYFS, KS1 and Year 3 were given a task to complete. Young Writers are running a poetry competition for 5-7 year olds. The children have been challenged to write an

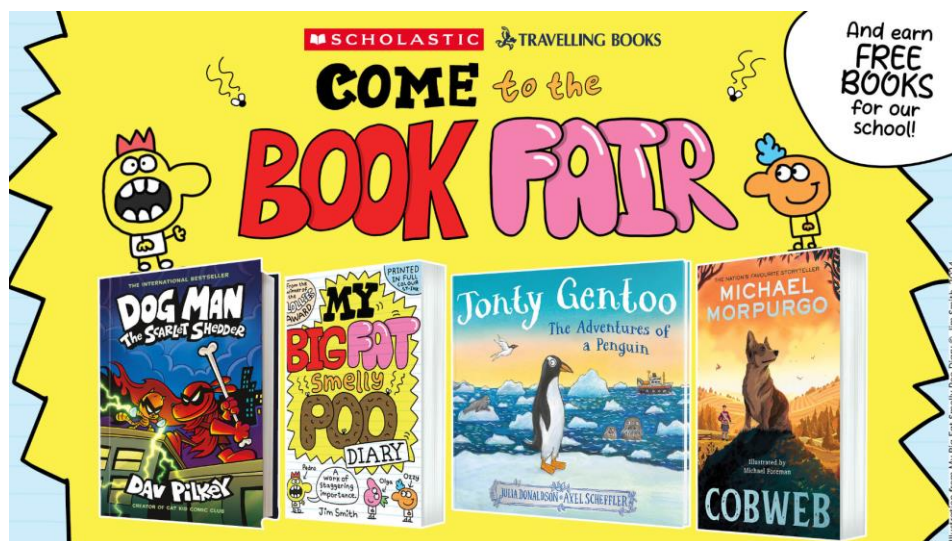


acrostic poem about anything they like! Little Dreamers lets your child unleash their imagination. The acrostic is a fun and easy-to-learn poetic style that will help your child structure their idea and produce an amazing poem! This activity is a super fun introduction to poetry that they'll love! Children have been sent their planning sheet and form home for them to Please can all entries be in by the end of next week so we can post them the closing date. Entries to be given to Mrs Wade.

Young writers will choose their favourite 5 poets. They will each win a goody bag! PLUS every entrant receives a bookmark and sticker for Pupils chosen for publication also receive a certificate. Good luck!



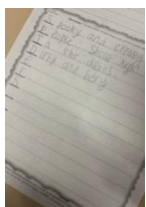
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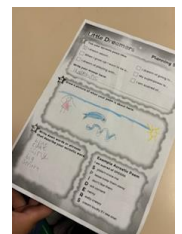
The Book Fair will be in school next week! You are invited to visit after school with your child on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October until Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. The fair will be in the school hall between 3.00-3.25pm. You can pay with cash or by scanning a QR code to pay by card.

Children will also be visiting the fair during the school day. Your child's class teacher will let you know which days these are. On these days, children can bring in money in a named envelope to spend on books or stationery.

### This week in school.....



- Year 3 enjoyed celebrating Mass with our parish family
- We enjoyed showing our moves at the Disco! A big thank you to the Office team and Mr O'Kane (superb DJ!!)
- Father Marco joined us for hymn practice.
- We had great fun at our extra-curricular clubs.
- Canon Jonathan visited school.



- Mrs Girling attended a Senior Meeting with the Head Teachers and Central Team from STOCMAC. (St Teresa of Calcutta MAC)
- Mrs Stephenson enjoyed a training day in readiness for this year's Young Voices event.
- Reception children and their grow-ups enjoyed a visit to Church for a special welcome liturgy.



#### LEADERS FOR LEARNING

RT	Paul Frank	4MK	Sophia
ICK	Robin	4WM	Jiya
2KW	Xynah	5J	Chimamanda
2W	Sabina	5WG	Caitlin
3M	Evelyn	6SC	James
3T	Freddie	6PM	Nolan
		HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs. Girling!			

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 - Jessica

KS1 - Nela

KS2 - Riley Royds

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



RT	Daisy-Mai	4WK	Harry
ICK	Gabriel	4WM	Bayleigh
2KW	Harley	5J	Ava
2W	Faith	5WG	Mayah
3M	Oliver	6SC	Georgie
3T	Elizabeth	6PM	Drum

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	Bill
2W	Jude	5J	Sajid
3M	Hugo	5WG	Aimy
3T	Marnie	6SC	Georgina
4MK	Alan	6PM	James
Well done trophy winners!			



Reception	67	Class 4KM	141
Class 1 CK	217	Class 4MK	68
Class 2W a	124	Class 5J	115
Class 2W	75	Class 5WG	82
Class 3M	67	Class 6PM	151
Class 3T	89	Class 6SC	218

This week's winners are Class 6SC with 218 points.

Very well done to all the pupils in Class 6SC!

## Catholic Life and Mission

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

This week's Sunday Gospel.....

Liturgical Year B

1 John 4:12 "As long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us."

## **This Sunday: Open Event for Volunteers at Tabor Living, Birmingham**

**Sunday 6 October, 2pm to 3.30pm**

The Tabor Living network of volunteers is growing, although we still need to increase our numbers to help ensure the project runs 24/7 for 365 days a year!

Can you help by committing to a few hours each week/fortnightly/or as and when you can?

Volunteers are at the heart of Tabor Living and have helped change the lives of homeless individuals in Birmingham since opening in September 2017.



<https://www.taborliving.co.uk/>

## **This Saturday: Mass for Children and Young People with Additional Needs and Disabilities**

**Saturday 5 October, 11am**

We would like to invite you, your families and friends to this special Mass at **St Thomas More, Sheldon**. All volunteers DBS checked.

Wheelchair access to Church and Church Centre.  
Join us for refreshments after Mass in the Church Centre.  
All Welcome from all parishes.



## October- The Month of Mary



During the month of October, we think about Mary, Jesus' Mother. We think about the Rosary. The children will be learning about The Rosary in their Prayer and Liturgy sessions and leading child-led worship about the Rosary throughout October.

### SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



This week all teaching staff at holy souls have completed their annual training in Teaching Online Safety for Primary Schools.

Here are some tips for ensuring online safety at home:

1. Recognise the signs: Be aware of what your children are doing online and talk to them about their online behaviours.

2. Supervise: Make sure children are online in a communal area of the house rather than in bedrooms on their own. Supervise them when they are online so you know who they are talking to and what is being said.

3. Adjust settings: Change device or online account settings to limit exposure to harmful messages. 4. Educate children: Teach your children not to accept online activity meant to intimidate or harm, and not to delete messages from cyberbullies.

5. Use software and privacy settings: Block people that are making unkind comments and report them to the app.

6. Decide on age appropriateness: Research apps and social media platforms. Are they age appropriate? If not take them off the site for their safety and emotional wellbeing.

7. Speak to school: Inform of any concerns. We can work with families and support children. We can advise families on all the above tips.

For more information please visit:

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/what-parents-need-to-know-about-online-content-10-tips-to-keep-your-children-safe-online>

# ONLINE CONTENT

## 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.

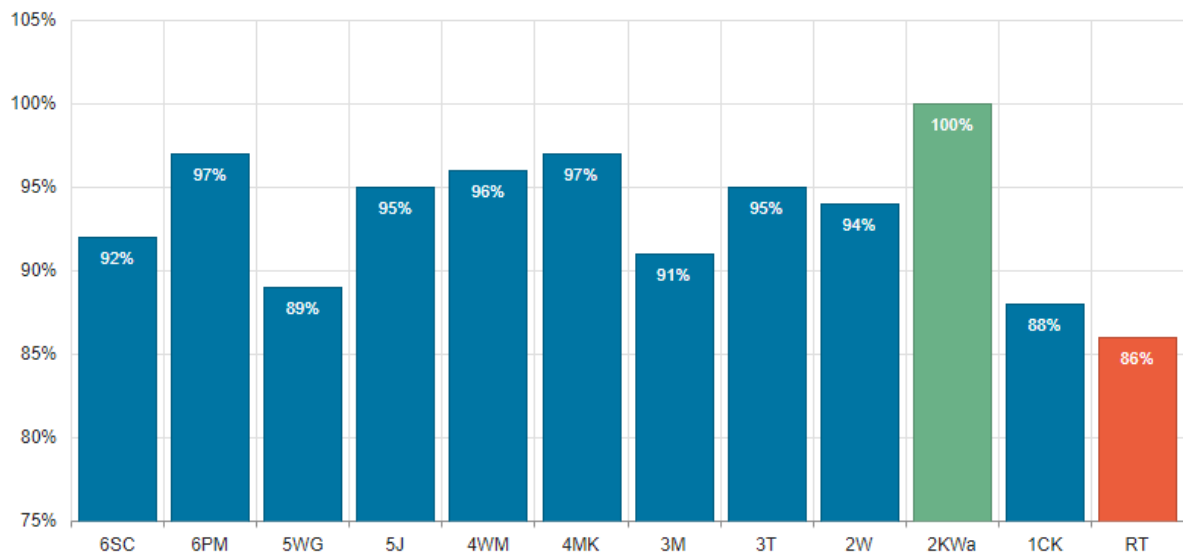
- 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS**  
Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.
- 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT**  
Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.
- 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS**  
Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age limit.
- 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS**  
Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.
- 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP**  
Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.
- 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE**  
Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.
- 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING**  
Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.
- 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK**  
Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.
- 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE**  
If a child sees distressing material online, listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.
- 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT**  
If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

**NOS National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

# Attendance

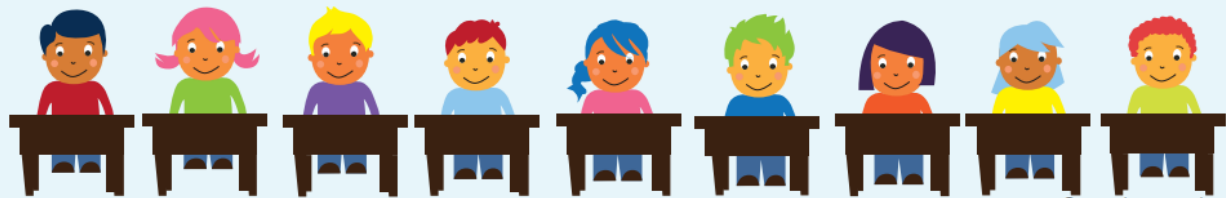
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*This week's attendance winners are 2KWa - Congratulations!*

Overall Attendance 93%



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