



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



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Dear Friends of Holy Souls,

This Sunday marks the start of the Season of Advent. A time of preparation and prayer as we journey towards the Birth of Our Saviour.

In school we gathered in celebration thinking of the words we sung together

“**Maranatha, Maranatha, Maranatha,
Come Lord Jesus Come.**”

Sometimes we find ourselves getting caught up the hustle and bustle of our preparations these simple words may help us in our **Advent** journey.



We thoroughly enjoyed our special **Advent Days** here at school and school has become a very purple place!

As we light the first purple candle on our **Advent** wreath we pray for the gift of hope to fill our lives and our world.

God bless

Mrs Girling and all at Holy Souls

School is closed on Monday 2nd December 2024 for our third in-service training day. We are looking forward to starting the day with **Advent** prayer and Liturgy led by Miss Trodden followed by Mrs Stephenson and Charanga leading Music training and Miss Wood and Mr Taylor leading a session on Maths in the afternoon. Our Lunchtime Supervisors are completing online training on Playground Behaviour and Medical updates including food allergens.

See you all at 8:30am on Tuesday 3rd December.

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Community member: Millie & Freya-Grace

Year 3: The STOCMAC ICT Team

Year 2: Xyrab & Breah

Year 1: Dolcie

Reception: Anya

Year 4: Alan & Yasmine

Year 5: Liliana & Igor

Year 6: Alex & Nolan



To bring good news, to shine for you.





LEADERS FOR LEARNING

RT	Daisy-Mai	4MK	Ella
ICK	Frankie	4WM	Bartosz
2KW	Roary	5J	Johns
2W	Arlo	5WG	Mayah
3M	Aron	6SC	Kailen
3T	DJ	6PM	Bryan
<i>HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!</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 - Isiomachukwu

KS1 - Dolcie-Amour

KS2 - Iszach-Lee

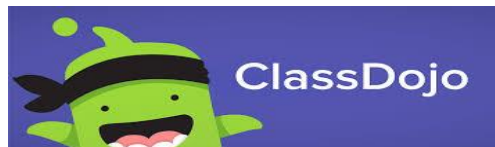
*Well done Sports Stars -
Coach Dylan, Coach Henry and Coach Dom were very impressed with your skills!*



RT	Rayan	4MK	Andrew
1CK	Cristos	4WM	Anthony
2KW	Mylah	5J	Ion
2W	Oscar	5WG	Farai
3M	Evelyn	6SC	Lena
3T	Jaxon	6PM	Darcee

What book are you reading this week?

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



Reception	159	Class 4MK	296
Class 1 CK	132	Class 4WM	393
Class 2KWa	137	Class 5J	135
Class 2W	142	Class 5WG	151
Class 3M	199	Class 6PM	223
Class 3T	173	Class 6SC	140

This week's winners - 4WM

Very well done to all the pupils in 4WM

Catholic Life and Mission

This week we welcome the Season of Advent.

SAVE THE DATE

SACRED HEART AND HOLY SOULS CHURCH

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: To start our Centenary year and the Jubilee Year an outdoor Advent carol service on Sunday 8th December at 4pm followed by festive refreshments. If you have lanterns, please bring them with you.

The First Sunday of Advent

Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Your liberation is near at hand.

We are now in Liturgical Year C

Pray As You Go

Pray As You Go is a prayer app, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc. The sessions consist of music, Bible readings, reflection and time for prayer.

During Advent, Pray As You Go are sharing an online Advent Retreat called Pilgrims of Hope. Each week of Advent, a 20-minute session will be released (via the Pray As You Go app) inviting you to look forward to the birth of Jesus as the source of all hope for our world.

If you like to find out more please visit <https://pray-as-you-go.org/series/70-pilgrimsofhopeadvent2024>
The sessions might be a great way to give yourself some time during Advent to reflect and prepare for the birth of Christ.



Our start of the Advent season has seen the kindness of our community as we have received,

A beautiful Advent Wreath

An Elf and their helper dropped off food donations for our Christmas Hampers

Clothing donations from many different families.

A beautiful Christmas backdrop (wait until you see it!)

Our Elf who will be named on Tuesday. Thank you for your generosity.

We are most grateful for your kindness. Than you, it makes a huge difference.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



Toy Safety

As Christmas approaches many of us will be buying toys for our children and we will all be looking for bargains. However, buying from markets or online marketplaces could mean that the toys do not meet the required safety standards.

Please read the following information from the Child Accident Prevention Trust for more details:

Toy safety

“I would hate for any other child to go through what Becca suffered because of buying dangerous toys via online marketplaces.”

Mum of two-year-old Becca who swallowed magnets from a toy

Toys from reputable brands are made to be safe. But if they've come from an unknown seller on an online marketplace, a market or small discount store, they could be dangerous.

Buying safely

- Buy toys from brand names you know. If you've never heard of the seller or the brand and price is really tempting, it could be dangerous
- Watch out for cheap copies of popular toys. They may not be made to UK safety standards.
- Check if the toy has been removed from sale because it's unsafe. Visit gov.uk and search 'product recalls'
- If you buy something that looks unsafe, trust your instincts and send it back.

Under 3s most at risk

Babies and toddlers are curious and naturally put everything in their mouths. So dangerous toys can pose the biggest risk to small children. Be especially careful when buying for under 3s.

Watch out for missing or contradictory age warnings. If a toy is pictured with a toddler but marketed as unsuitable for young children, pick something else.

Which toys are most dangerous?

- Toys with:
 - accessible button batteries that can burn through your child's food pipe
 - super strong magnets that can rip through your child's belly
 - long cords that can strangle your child
 - small parts that can choke your small child
- Water beads that can block your child's bowel if swallowed
- Electrical toys with exposed wires or chargers that can catch fire.



Checking toys

If you're unsure about the safety of a toy, here are some checks you can do:

- Check battery compartments for accessible button batteries or loose spares in the box
- Check for any loose small magnets
- Give the parts on the toy a quick tug and check for small parts that come off
- Look for long cords or access to stuffing
- Check if there are any age restrictions or safety warnings on the product.

Report dangerous toys

If you spot or buy a toy you're concerned about:

- Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133
- Citizens Advice consumer helpline (Welsh-speaking adviser): 0808 223 1144
- Advice Direct Scotland helpline: 0808 164 6000
- Northern Ireland Consumertine: 0300 123 6262

capt.org.uk

[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust) [@capt_charity](https://www.instagram.com/capt_charity)

child accident
prevention trust

Attendance

Reporting an absence

If your child is ill and they need to remain at home please contact the school office as soon as possible, stating the name of your child, the class they are in and the reason for their absence.

Telephone number: 0121 272 1776 you may also wish to inform us by Parent Mail or

Email: enquiry@holysoulbham.sch.uk

Please do not report absence via Class Dojo. Thank you.

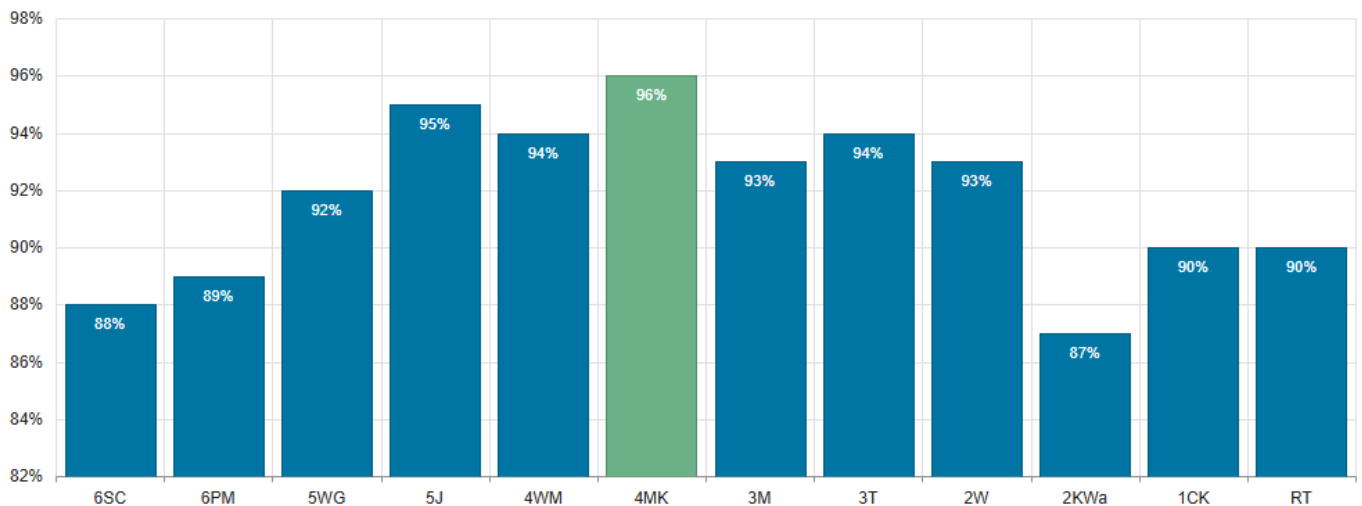
Is my child too ill for school?

The NHS have produced a useful guide to help parents with some common child illnesses which can be found here

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Tutor Group ▾

Attendance ▾ ↗



WE HAVE REACHED 92% THIS WEEK

School lap tops/ chrome books

All school lap tops or chrome books must be returned to school immediately as the licenses have been changed and our technicians need to update the devices.

They will no longer work unless they are updated.

SEND CORNER



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There are **three** items in this week's SEND corner.

Family First - Beacon 360

Mr Henvey and Mrs Brown delivered the first session of twelve of the Family First Programme on Wednesday.

Thank you to the parents that attended.

We plan on meeting again this Wednesday to review how the 'When...Then' strategy worked in our households and to watch the next video together.

School will look at running the programme again on a different day so all parents have the opportunity to attend. This will be after spring half-term.

If you are interested in signing up for the next programme, please email the office to book your place on enquiry@holysoul.bham.sch.uk

SEND Reviews

Thank you to all of the parents that have attended the SEND reviews in the last couple of weeks.

Do not worry if you have not yet met with Mr Henvey, he will be contacting you to arrange a date for a meeting.

School Referrals for Autism and / or ADHD

Important message from NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare:

Leading on from the newsletter before the half-term holidays, school are no longer able to send referrals for autism and / or ADHD if there has not been evidence of Early Help or Graduated Approach to support the child or young person.

Evidence of Early Help or the Graduated Approach **must** have been implemented over a **minimum of two terms** for school to send a referral.

If there is no Early Help or Graduated Approach to support the child or young person in place or the evidence detailed is inadequate the referral will be rejected.



Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots



Most coins collected this week

2KW	Tomasz	4WM	Ella
2W	Elisa	5J	Sajid
3M	Ara	5WG	Mayah
3T	Elizabeth	6SC	Elsa
4MK	Anthony	6PM	Anjola
Well done trophy winners!			

Well done to Bayleigh in Year 4.

Bayleigh came 10th in the Midlands in a huge U8 age group for her Irish dancing.

