



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Newsletter No. 4: Friday 27th September 2024

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week we have been thinking about our Gospel message in which Jesus tells people that in order to be truly great, we must put others first. We have been thinking about the needs of others and how we can live out our faith by being considerate towards others.

Well done, to Y5 who enjoyed a fantastic day at Woodlands on Tuesday. We were so pleased with them that they were awarded a certificate for their resilience, courage and leadership with all of the activities. We are glad that the weather held out for you!

We hope you found the welcome briefings that have taken place so far useful and informative in finding out more about the curriculum and what is expected in your child's new year group. Teachers will upload any slides or information to class pages if you missed it. Please ask if you have any questions about homework expectations. We will also be sending you some useful information about our new handwriting scheme, 'Kinetic Letters.' This is in its infancy, but is working well and is a very in depth approach, teaching children about the foundations of handwriting - making our bodies stronger and holding the pencil correctly and then building on letter formation and fluency. We are looking forward to seeing some excellent results.

This week it has been wonderful to distribute various monitor and leader roles and responsibilities to the children in year six. We have children who are going to be learning mentors and supporters of the younger children, behaviour mentors and reading buddies. We also have some fantastic monitors who will be in charge of organising resources for assemblies, collecting Dojo points, as well as our 'office angels' and hall and sound technicians. Wow - you will be very busy, children.

Please see the separate letters about a treat lunch next Thursday and also a biscuit fundraiser next Friday.

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Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this afternoon, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been demonstrating our Gospel virtues and values, taking such pride in their handwriting and showing excellent focus and learning behaviour during lessons.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y1 and Y5 for their kind, safe and responsible behaviours and improvements in concentration.

Our Lunchtime Award winners are Y6 for excellent manners and lovely behaviour.

Our Attendance Award was presented to Y3 99%

Open Day

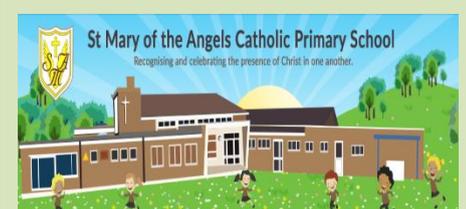
We are holding an open day for any prospective Nursery and Reception parents.

You are welcome to join us to find out more about the school on:

Wednesday 6th November at 9:30am

If you know of any prospective parents, please pass on this message. We look forward to seeing you then.

We have a small number of spaces in this year's Nursery class. This is a rare opportunity, so please contact the office if you would like any more information.





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Notices

- The staff are busy planning lots of exciting curriculum learning for this academic year. We kindly ask that you donate to our school fund via the gateway to help pay for any little extras and treats for the children throughout the year. This is running very low after our school anniversary celebrations and we would love to set up some more treats for the children to enjoy this year.
 - Fr Craig will be returning to Aldridge on Friday 18th October at 6:30pm for Mass at Church. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for him, please do so via the gateway - this has been amended so that you can contribute a total of your choice.
 - PTA - thank you if you attended the PTA meetings this week. They are planning some fantastic events for this academic year, starting with a children's disco - more details to follow. However, we are really short on helpers for events and the events cannot go ahead if we do not have enough help. If you are happy to help with preparing, setting up or running stalls/games at a potential Christmas event on 29th November, please could you email Postbox. Thank you!
 - We have been made aware of a few cases of head lice across school. Please check your child's hair regularly. More information on symptoms and treatment can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>
- Admissions Reminders:**
- If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2025, the deadline for applications is 31st October 2024.
 - If your child is due to start Reception in September 2025, you need to apply between 4th November 2024 and 15th January 2025 through Walsall Council.
 - If your child is due to start Nursery in September 2025, please apply via the school office by 14th February.
 - Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Events

Tuesday 1st October - Y5 walk to Mass with the Parish

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Thursday 3rd October. Children can wear normal uniform rather than PE kit

Friday 4th October YR coffee morning for parents 9am

Friday 4th October - biscuit fundraising day (see separate letter)

Week beginning 7th October, we are celebrating poetry week and have a visitor 'Pep the Poet' for YR-Y6 (separate letter to follow)

Tuesday 8th October - Y4 walk to Mass with the Parish

Thursday 10th October - children are invited to wear one yellow item in honour of mental health day

Friday 11th October YN Stay and Play 9am

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday marks the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches us that when we act in Jesus' name, we are filled with the goodness of God. As followers of Christ, we try to live as Jesus did, with kindness and love for others. Jesus saw this in the man who tried to heal the sick.

*Let us pray that the spirit of God will work through our lives,
So that we can share Christ's love with the world.
Amen.*

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

