



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Newsletter No. 9: Friday 7th November 2025

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week, we have been celebrating and remembering the lives of many Saints - Saints we are already very familiar with and some new Saints. Through this celebration, we are invited to think about how we can follow their example and live our lives as God wants us to. We have been thinking about how we can follow in their footsteps by being caring, gentle, merciful and peaceful.

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week and great to see the winter uniform looking so smart. This sends a clear message to children about expectations in school. P.E Uniforms are generally really good too; however, can I politely remind parents that sports logos on tops and trousers are not part of uniform. It is lovely to see the children's hard-working and focused attitudes during lessons. We had an open day on Wednesday and the children were so focused on learning, they barely noticed our visitors.

Thank you, again, for all of your generosity with our Harvest charity work. We raised a wonderful £100, which the Mini Vinnies have decided to split between Cafod and Mary's Meals. For Cafod, they have purchased a chicken to give eggs, a goat for milk and fertilisation and a Christmas stocking full of winter essentials to keep warm. Mary's Meals will receive money which is equivalent to 250 bowls of porridge! We also donated a grand total of 108.95kg of food, thanks to your kindness in food donations! This will make such a difference to families this autumn.

We have been learning about the theme of Remembrance in school and writing prayers and intentions for those who have died and those who have been part of the armed forces. Thank you to everyone who donated towards our poppy appeal and are wearing their poppy with pride. We are looking forward to the annual Remembrance Parade on Sunday. Children and parents are invited to meet at the Community Centre at 10:15am and parade to the War Memorial for the Remembrance Service at 11am. Next week, you are still welcome to send in envelopes with your child's name on containing donations towards the poppy appeal and the children will receive a poppy to wear.

Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Faith in Action

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project

THANK YOU!

TO: St. Mary of the Angels School
For your generous contribution of
108.95kg of food as a result of your
Harvest collection.

This will make a big difference to many people helped by The Thomas Project. We would not be able to continue our vital work in the community without such valuable support and we thank you so much for helping us to help others in need.

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Anti-Bullying Week



ODD SOCKS DAY

Monday 10th November 2025.





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Notices

- On Monday, the children are invited to wear odd socks. 'Odd socks day' marks the start of Anti-bullying Week. It is designed to be a fun opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. The children will learn more about this next week. More information can be found here: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/odd-socks-day/what-odd-socks-day>
- Please see the letters sent a couple of week's ago regarding our new catering consultancy service - Caterlink - who started this week. We are really excited about this. Please take a look at the picture menus which have been recently sent - the food is delicious, healthy and nutritionally balanced. Caterlink meals are freshly cooked on site using other local produce. The lasagne was a particular favourite this week, as was the fruit medley and the custard! We will be on menu week 2 next week. We are welcoming pupil feedback and would also welcome your feedback regarding your child's thoughts on the new lunches. If your child has had a school lunch this week, please have a chat to them about it and complete the online form with your feedback. This will help us to evolve the menu. Many thanks. <https://forms.office.com/e/CW86yaSKgp>
- Please see the poster attachments with signposting towards a programme called Henry - Health, Exercise, Nutrition and the Really Young. Henry offers practical support around nutrition, emotional wellbeing, parenting and physical activity. The programme is free and inclusive. If you would like more information, please see: <https://www.henry.org.uk/content/animated-explainer-video>

Events

- Sunday 9th November - Aldridge Remembrance Parade (please see separate letter)
- Monday 10th November - Anti-bullying day (children can wear odd socks)
- Tuesday 11th November - Y6 visit St Francis for a prayer service
- Tuesday 11th November Y5 walk to Mass with the Parish
- Wednesday 12th November Y1 eye tests
- Tuesday 18th November 9:10am Y5 Class Showcase - parents welcome
- Tuesday 18th November Y4 walk to Mass with the Parish
- Wednesday 19th November - Times Tables Rock Stars Day for Y1-6 (seen separate letter)
- Wednesday 19th November - flu catch up session
- Thursday 20th November - 9:10 Y4 Class Showcase - parents welcome
- Tuesday 25th November Y3 walk to Mass with the Parish
- Wednesday 26th November - Professor McGinty visit for Y4 and Y6
- Wednesday 26th November 9am YR parents are invited to a workshop
- Wednesday 3rd December 9am YN parents are invited to a workshop
- Friday 5th December - Inset day (school closed to pupils)
- Tuesday 9th December 9:30am and 2:15pm Y2 and Y1 Nativity (more details to follow)
- Thursday 11th December 2pm - Musicians' Concert (parents welcome)
- Wednesday 17th December - Christmas jumper day
- Thursday 18th December 6:30pm KS2 Carol Service in Church
- Friday 19th December 9:15am Mass (all welcome) Term finishes for pupils at 1:30pm

Prayer and Reflection

The month of November is dedicated to praying for those who have died.

During this time of sacred remembrance
We bring before God the names of all our loved ones.

We remember all those who shared their life
and love with us and we pray that they are
eternally blessed in the peace of Christ.

As we share our hope to be reunited with them,
we pray that we may die to our selfish ways
and give our all that your name will be glorified.

Glory be, as Autumn teaches, to the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher