



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, we have been learning that Jesus leads us to a life plentiful in love because He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We have also been reflecting on the Church's Vocations Sunday. We are recognising that we all have a vocation and have been praying for those living out their vocations. After half term, we will celebrate our own Vocations Week in school! We are still looking for some volunteer parents, grandparents, friends, who could come and talk to us and demonstrate their exciting vocations.

How fitting that today is the feast of St Joseph the Worker. This special day gives us a chance to reflect on the saint, who is known for his humility, dedication and strong work ethic as a carpenter and provider. St Joseph reminds us of the dignity of work and the importance of perseverance in all that we do. Throughout the year, we try to encourage these virtues within our pupils, so that they approach their learning with commitment and care. It also links beautifully with our learning behaviour focus for this half term - **determination!** Please ask your child what they are learning about this word.

Our successful sponsored water challenge during Lent has raised a fabulous £264.50 so far. The children thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and worked together well. They also learnt about the importance of not wasting resources and how some people are not as fortunate as we are with access to clean water every day. This money will go towards charities selected by the children, including Water Aid. Thank you for collecting all of the sponsorships!

Well done to Y1 who have been on an educational visit today to the Black Country Museum. We are sure they have had an exciting day, looking at reconstructed shops, houses, industrial workshops and meeting historical characters who bring history to life. This will really enhance more of their Wider Learning history projects yet to come. We can't wait to hear all about their visit.

Thank you to all Y3 parents who attended our Sacramental meeting yesterday evening. We are sure that you found it informative. The children are very well prepared and we are looking forward to what we are sure will be a wonderful First Holy Communion in a weeks' time.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly today, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been showing determination in improving their spellings, contributing thoughtfully to class discussions and making excellent progress in maths.

We also present two Class of the Week Awards for working collaboratively to be 'kind, safe and responsible'. As well as this, we present a class Attendance Award for brilliant or improved attendance and the Lunchtime Award for excellent behaviour and manners at lunchtime.

Catholic Social Teachings

One of our key teaching focuses this half term is centred around being a peacemaker.

We are learning about how we can be instruments of God's peace by sharing peace, hope and joy with others and through seeking justice.

Daisy the Dove's story reminds us that it is important to keep working to build a more peaceful world.

Loving God,
We believe you want to bring your peace to our homes, our communities and our world.
Help us to be peacemakers,
listening to and loving each other.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer



Being peacemakers
Promoting Peace



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Notices

- Our delicious new summer menus are available on our school website. Please take a look. Next week, we will be on week 1 of the menu.
- The staff are busy planning lots of exciting curriculum learning for this busy summer term. 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 term. This is running low and we would love to set up some more treats for the children to enjoy this year.
- Ofsted have changed how they report on schools since our last full inspection in July 2024. Instead of grading: 'outstanding, good, requires improvement, grading is completed on a new scale for the following areas: safeguarding, inclusion, curriculum and teaching, attendance and behaviour, personal development and wellbeing, leadership and governance and early years. Please see this link for more detail:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-ofsted-report-cards-and-grades>
- Nursery parents - Nursery will be closed to current nursery children on Wednesday 8th July. This is the day that the new Nursery cohort come in for their stay and play to experience the setting.
- PTA News - Please see the attached joining form for the 50/50 Club. We are really keen to add some new members and give you the chance to win!

Events

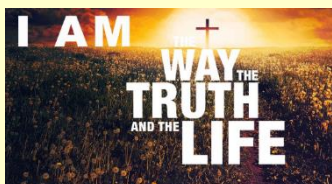
- Monday 4th May - school closed for bank holiday
- Tuesday 5th May - Y3 walking to Mass with the Parish
- Wednesday 6th May - School Council visit
- Saturday 9th May - Y3 First Holy Communion Masses
- Week beginning Monday 11th May - KS2 SATs Week
- Thursday 14th May 2pm Mass in School for the Feast of the Ascension (parents welcome)
- Thursday 14th May - YN educational visit
- Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th May - First aid workshops for children
- Wednesday 20th May - Professor McGinty visitor for Y3 and Y5
- Wednesday 20th May 9:10am Y2 Class Showcase - parents welcome
- Thursday 21st May School Council Pyjama Day £1 donations please
- Friday 22nd May 9:15am Y3 Thanksgiving Mass in school (parents welcome)
- Half term: Monday 25th - Friday 29th May
- Please hold this date for Sports Day (weather permitting)
Tuesday 2nd June
EYFS and KS1 in the morning
KS2 in the afternoon

Reflection and Prayer

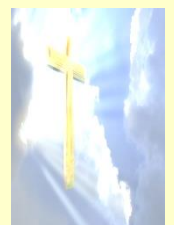
This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

John 14: 1-12

In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples that they already know the way to the place he is going, even though they have never been there before. Jesus explained to them all they needed to know.



Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know and have seen him."



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher