



Newsletter No. 3: Friday 19th September 2025

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week we have been thinking about our Gospel message in which we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. In the Gospel, we are reminded that God loves us all so much that he was willing to send his only son, Jesus, to be with us here on earth, and die for us. Through listening to the Gospel, we have reflected on how we treat those that we love.

We have also been learning about the importance of being responsible and caring and preserving the earth's resources. This links with our focus Catholic Social Teachings of '**human dignity**' and '**stewardship**.' It also brings us a reminder of the pledges we made and followed to achieve our whole school 'Live Simply' award. It is important that, even though we have the award, we make this good practice part of our daily lifestyles - trying to save paper, recycling, turning off electrical equipment when not in use, etc.

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 are continuing with our handwriting scheme, 'Kinetic Letters.' This 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 also focusing on key skills for spelling and arithmetic, as well as putting an emphasis on reading fluency and comprehension. We know that you will support us with embedding these very important English and maths skills with the children.

they can **nerous**, take some time to speak your child/children about how Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hill

Art Work

As part of our induction to new classes, we have completed some beautiful art work around the theme of our Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope. We have been learning about a character called 'Luce.'

Luce wears a yellow rain jacket, which is coloured in reference to the flag of the Vatican City as well as a symbol for "journeying through life's storms". She carries a pilgrim's staff, which represents "the pilgrimage toward eternity", and wears mud-stained boots to represent "a long and difficult journey". Her eyes have highlights in the shape of a scallop shell, a traditional symbol of Catholic pilgrimage.

Each class has taken Luce on an imaginary pilgrimage to a special place.



Y1 have been finding out about and drawing St Mary of the Angels Church, here in Aldridge. Y2 have been learning about Lourdes, in France.





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Recognising and celebrating the
presence of Christ in one another.

Notices

- We are saddened to inform you that our chef manager, Mrs Jackson, will be leaving us next Friday. We thank her for her amazing contributions to our lunch offer at St Mary's and all of her hard work. We wish her every success in her new role. In the meantime, we are looking to recruit. Please see the advert sent earlier today, or contact the school office if you are interested in the position.
- Class pages are ready for you to have a look at. There is a wealth of information on them. Staff will talk you through how to navigate the page during the welcome meeting.
- 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 celebrations and treats last year and we would love to set up some more treats for the children to enjoy this year.
- A reminder that there are updated guidelines around school attendance as of last year as instructed from the Government. Please see the attachment.
- If your child has a medical appointment during school time, office staff will ask for an appointment card or letter in order to authorise any absence.
- Our attendance policy is on our school website. This has more information. Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to this.



Events

Tuesday 23rd September - Y5 walk to Mass with the Parish

Wednesday 24th September 9am - YR parents invited for a coffee morning

Monday 29th September - Y5 trip

Tuesday 30th September - Y4 walk to Mass with the Parish

Wednesday 1st October 9am - YN parents invited for a coffee morning

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Thursday 9th October

Friday 10th October - children can wear a yellow item for mental health day

We will be having a book fayre in school, week beginning 13th October - more details will follow.

Thursday 16th October 2:15pm - YR parents are invited to a welcome prayer service

Friday 17th October 9:10am Harvest Mass in school for Y1-6 (all welcome)

Parents' evenings will be on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October. More details to follow soon.

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday marks the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Luke's Gospel 16: 1-13, Jesus encourages us to be honest about the small things in life and then honest about the more important things, also. Jesus asks that if we cannot be trusted with something as unimportant as money, how can we be trusted with the most precious treasure of all - the love of God?

Lord, Help us to put others first, being generous, thoughtful and honest in your name. Amen.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

