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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you who attended the Family Mass on Sunday to celebrate Christ the King. It was lovely to see so many of you there. We have talked this week about what kind of king Jesus is and how we can join Jesus in glory by following him now and throughout our lives. We are reminded that we are all part of God's global family and when we treat others kindly, we are also treating Jesus with kindness. We have thought about how we can show that we are listening to Jesus throughout our daily lives.

Last Friday, we enjoyed a wonderful assembly, celebrating with other Birmingham Diocesan schools, to return and reflect on the Year of the Jubilee and our theme 'Pilgrims of Hope.' We have been putting our faith into action, raising money for charities, supporting our local food bank and creating our own Jubilee classroom doors. It was lovely to join in this reflection with other schools as we come to the closing of the Year of the Jubilee on the Feast of the Epiphany.

This week the children have taken part in the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe assembly and activity programme. The aim is to empower children and support them in how to stay safe. The children were taught that they all have the right to speak out and be heard, be safe and get help when they need it. Children were shown an analogy of a brick being added to a sack to highlight how worries can make us feel and this teaches children to think about which trusted grown-ups they could talk to if they ever feel worried or sad in order to lighten the load. The children enjoyed this work and could talk about the key messages.

On Wednesday, Y4 and Y6 were visited by Professor McGinty, an amazing time travelling detective! He brought his mobile museum with him and captivated the children with tales and artefacts linking to World War II and Roman Britain. We learnt so much new knowledge and many interesting facts with some jokes and laughs along the way. Please have a chat to your child about how much they learnt.

We shared with you last week how much fun the children had dressing up as rock stars and taking part in the Times Tables Rock Star competition - against 4356 schools. We were absolutely thrilled with the children's efforts in the competition and excited to announce that we came 144th out of 4356 primary schools! How fantastic! Well done to all of the children involved and a special shout out to Y5, who achieved 358th place out of a total of 28,464 classes! Amazing work, everyone! Keep it up.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly today, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been producing excellent pieces of writing using techniques to add suspense and tension and for brilliant recall of geographical and scientific knowledge.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to YR and Y4 for demonstrating kind, safe and responsible behaviour.

Our Lunchtime Award winners are Y1 for excellent manners, kind words and kind hands.

Our Attendance Award went to Y3 with 99%.

Term Dates

Spring Term

Monday 5th January - inset day
Children return on 6th January

Half term break: 16th-20th February

Term ends: 27th March 1:30pm

Summer Term

Summer term starts: Monday 13th April

Half term break: 25th - 29th May

Term ends Friday 17th July 1:30pm

(Monday 20th July is an inset day)



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Notices

- Please see the letter attached from the Mini Vinnies regarding their ideas for putting our faith into action throughout this season of Advent.
- We offer an indoor lunch club for children across Y1-6 and have purchased many exciting resources to support this. There are some resources that are continually used and so we are asking that if you are having a clear out at home and have the following going spare, please could you donate them to school: loom band sets and jewellery making, craft materials, play-doh and tools and comic books. Thank you for your support with this.
- Next week, we will be on Week 2 of the school lunch menu. We are still evolving the menu and as a result, on Thursday next week, it will be hotdogs and veggie hot dogs on offer as the children have requested this.
- If you are applying for a nursery place for your child for September 2026, please remember to bring your forms back to school by 13th February.
- PTA Updates: Thank you for all of your generous donations for the colourful hampers for the fayre! These are really appreciated and will be used to help create wonderful raffle prizes. Here's a little reminder of upcoming donation dates that we would be so grateful of your help with:
 - Thursday 4th December - EYFS sweets and Y1-6 bottles
 - Friday 12th December - EYFS cakes, Y1-6 chocolate
- The PTA fayre will then take place after school on Friday 12th December. Children are welcome to wear non-uniform on this date.

Events

- Wednesday 3rd December 9am YN parents are invited to a workshop (speech and language and how to support at home)
- Friday 5th December - Inset day (school closed to pupils)
- Tuesday 9th December 9:30am and 2:15pm Y2 and Y1 Nativity (tickets to follow)
- Tuesday 9th December YR trip
- Thursday 11th December 9:15am YR Advent Service (parents welcome)
- Thursday 11th December 2pm - Musicians' Concert (parents welcome)
- Friday 12th December - EYFS Disney day (please see class pages)
- Friday 12th December PTA Christmas Fayre (please see flyer)
- Week beginning 15th December EYFS Nativity video will be shared with parents
- Wednesday 17th December - Non/uniform Christmas jumper day
- Thursday 18th December 6:30pm KS2 Carol Service in Church (please see separate letter)
- Friday 19th December 9:15am Mass (all welcome)
- Friday 19th December - Term ends at 1:30pm

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent.

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.

Matthew Chapter 24: "Jesus said to his disciples:

"Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

