



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, we learn how powerful Jesus is through the miracle of turning water into wine. We have thought about the importance of listening to Jesus, following Mary's example.

2025 is a Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church. This morning we joined live online with our Diocesan family of schools for the Launch of the year of 'Pilgrims of Hope' to find out more. Archbishop Bernard explained three key areas of focus for us for the year and he inspired us with his words of hope. Our key areas of focus are: prayer, social action and fundraising. "As pilgrims, we carry the light of Christ; we are Christ's hands and feet on earth, putting our faith into action and supporting the word of hope."

You will have received a one-page mini target report regarding your child's key areas of learning, including R.E., English and mathematics. We hope these will act as a helpful bridge between the information you received during the autumn parent consultations and information that will be shared later this academic year. We are sure that you will find them helpful in supporting your children at home and working in partnership with us.

Thank you to all year six parents who attended the meeting on Wednesday evening. We hope you found it useful and feel well informed about all things year six, including the Sacrament of Confirmation, transition, expectations, SATs and the Alton Castle residential.

Thank you, early years' parents for joining us for the workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday. The notes and resources from the meeting are available on the class pages if you couldn't make it.

Y4 had a fantastic time at Walsall Art Gallery on Tuesday learning about and admiring the art work. We look forward to seeing how their project progresses. We also have a whole school art gallery coming up; please see the attached letter.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have are showing wonderful scientific enquiry skills, thinking carefully about sentence structure and letter formation when writing and for superb behaviour and participation in learning.

Our attendance expectation is a minimum of 96%. We have Reception, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y6 all above that this week - excellent.

Attendance Matters



Jubilee Year



We are Pilgrims of Hope.

May the Holy Spirit guide us on this path of hope.



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Notices

- During the weeks beginning 3rd and 10th February, we will be completing some further work on children's mental health and also online safety. Nicola Rudge, our online safety advisor, will be leading an online safety workshop for parents on Thursday 6th February at 2:15pm. Parents from all year groups are invited to attend this session.
- We work closely with our school nursing service. Parents can also access support from their services, including a text message, email and phone line for advice and support on health issues. Please ask us in school if you require any further information. There are some flyers attached with information about some of the nursing support on offer.
- You will notice a school fund donation option when you go on to the school gateway. All contributions to this are gratefully received and go towards treats and little extras for our children. As part of this fund, each class has many opportunities to earn £5 in our awards assembly - for being kind, safe, responsible, or for winning our lunchtime or attendance trophies. Classes then save these vouchers to spend on wonderful treats! Please help us keep these enjoyable traditions going.
- A reminder that smart watches are not allowed in school. They can cause distraction and safeguarding issues with games, cameras, etc.
- Here are some key assessment dates for this academic year. More details will follow in due course:
Y1 Phonics check: 9th-13th June
Y4 Multiplication check: Between 2nd-13th June
Y6 SATs week: Week beginning 12th May

Events

Tuesday 28th January - Y4 at Mass

Monday 3rd February - mental health day: children can wear pyjamas / onesies (school council initiative)

Thursday 6th February - online safety workshops for children and for parents

Sunday 9th February 9:30am Y3 Commitment Mass

Tuesday 11th February 9:10am Y3 Class Showcase (parents welcome)

Thursday 13th February - Art Gallery (please see separate letter)

Friday 14th February - inset day school closed to pupils

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus was working with the power of the Holy Spirit and he was being praised for his teaching.

Luke, Chapter 1: " He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah.

Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

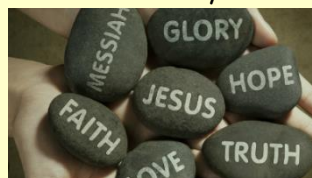
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives

and to the blind new sight,

to set the downtrodden free,

to proclaim the Lord's year of favour."



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
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