



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

**Newsletter No. 12: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**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.

On Tuesday evening, I had the privilege of being part of the audience at the Arena in Walsall Music Hub to see our choir perform. The evening was such a musical success and our singers were absolutely spectacular! It was a very proud moment for me as I'm sure it was for everyone who came to watch. A huge thank you to our choir for their dedication in learning many wonderful songs and to Mrs Amann and Mrs Lee for leading our choir and helping to organise this beautiful event.

I was also thrilled to watch our Y4 and Y5 Class Showcases this week! Y5 wowed us with all of the gruesome facts from their Crime and Punishment Wider Learning Project and they also sang so beautifully, sharing their key messages from their learning.

Y4 shared their superb learning from history, science and RE and wowed us with their progress in times tables! Such amazing singing and lovely, confident and clear voices.

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.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA who have worked so hard to put together our Christmas fayre this afternoon and a huge thank you to everyone for all of your generous donations. It couldn't go ahead without all of your support. We hope you enjoyed the festive afternoon and look forward to sharing with you how much money was raised soon.

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 art work with underlying messages about climate change and also for children sharing their wonderful mathematical and scientific knowledge!

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y4 and Y5 for their brilliant showcases!

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

Our Attendance Award went to Y2 with 98.6%.

**Term Dates**

**Spring Term**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - inset day

Children return on 7<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - inset day

Half term break: 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February

Term ends: 11<sup>th</sup> April 1:30pm

**Summer Term**

Summer term starts: Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

April

Half term break: 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May

Term ends Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm

(21<sup>st</sup> 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.
- As part of our new handwriting scheme, Kinetic Letters, we have purchased new whiteboards for all pupils. Socks are the best item to rub off the whiteboards after use to prolong their life. If you have any spare, clean odd socks (junior - adult size) please send them into the school office. Thank you.
- We are keeping the momentum of Times Tables Rockstars Day going in school. Learning times tables by heart and ensuring that children can rapidly recall the facts helps support so many other areas of maths. Please encourage your child to utilise this website at home and use any opportunities to ask them to recall times tables facts.
- Next week, we will be on Week 1 of the school lunch menu.
- If you are applying for a nursery place for your child for September 2025, please remember to bring your forms back to school by 14<sup>th</sup> February.

## Events

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 1pm - flu vaccine catch-ups
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Y1 Falconry visitor  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS Disney Day
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December YR school trip
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Professor McGinty - history visitor for Y4 and Y6
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm - Musician's concert (parents welcome)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Y2/Y1 Nativity - 9:30am and 2:15pm (tickets will be sent out)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm - KS2 Carol concert in Church (please see separate letter)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am - Mass in school  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm school closes for Christmas break
- Reconciliation will take place in school for Y4, 5 and 6 before the end of term.
- A letter has been sent to Y3 regarding key dates for First Holy Communion.

## 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.

Luke Chapter 21: "Jesus said to his disciples:

"Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher

