



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Dear Friends of Holy Souls,

This week we certainly have had four seasons in one week! A week filled with fun and hard work as the children settle in to the term ahead. A thank you to all for continuing to ensure the children are following their reading, spelling and maths home learning. The support is essential to reinforcing the work the children are doing helping them to know and remember more.

We have had many visiting teachers in school over the last two weeks and I am a delighted to share that they have all remarked on the pupil's exemplary behaviour and manners. Well done children, thank you for making our visitors so welcome. Keep it up!

RECEPTION CLASS 2024

This week the places were allocated through the Local Authority for our September Reception Class. We have 30 places and look forward to meeting our 30 new children and families very soon.

SAVE THE DATE

We look forward to seeing you at the celebration of Mass on the fifth Sunday of Easter with our Parish at 10:00am on Sunday 28th April 2024.

God bless,
Mrs Girling



We did win and hopefully we will do the same tomorrow!



Year 4: Sajid & Cobby

Year 5: Elise & Bryan

Year 6: Lucas & Dillon



To bring good news, to shine for you.



Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church - PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN ON THE WEBSITE

MASS TIMES - Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00pm Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.

Another busy week in school

- We enjoyed Dance Club, Alpha Club, Soul Singers, Basketball and Football Club, Lego Club and Kickboxing!
- We enjoyed our Y4 Ukulele lesson.
- We were in great voice at hymn practice.
- We held our Class assemblies.
- Mr Taylor our MAC School Improvement partner led a meeting for staff on developing teaching and learning.
- Mrs Pettigrew met with our Subject Leaders to look at our curriculum and our learning.
- We had our second session of Altar Server training.
- Mr Mills and Ms Whelan from Archbishop Ilsley carried out some home visits.

Handball



Good luck to our Handball Team who are going to Holy Trinity on Wednesday 24th April to take part in a tournament with several other schools.

Save Acocks Green Library!

Our School Councillors have planned a playground march on 22/4/24. Please continue to make your posters at home and send them into school as your child will carry them in our protest. You might want to make a homemade t-shirt for your child to wear like the one in the photo below. There is currently a census taking place in libraries across the city. Please do consider taking out a book from Acocks Green library to help with the campaign.

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL VISIT 2024 - 2025

Thank you to those who joined us on Tuesday for the initial parent meeting. The Residential Trip to Whitemore Lakes will take place from Monday 18th November to Wednesday 20th November. *As shared this trip is FULLY FUNDED by the Saint Teresa of Calcutta MAC and will be a joint experience with the Year 6 pupils from St Chad's, St Joseph's and The Rosary School.* 180 children will be given the opportunity to participate and we know from our Y6 visit this year it is a wonderful experience. We are very lucky and most grateful to our MAC for this opportunity to support the spiritual, social, emotional and academic learning opportunities for our pupils. Thank you to Mrs Pettigrew for her presentation and do look at the Dojo links that have been sent out to find out more!



ROAD SAFETY

Thank you to all those who continue to park safely and use the local car parks for the safety of the children and us all.

This may be of interest to you. Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

Transport for West Midlands - Road Safety Action Plan Survey

During 2024 Transport for West Midlands will be updating the Road Safety Action Plan, setting out the actions they will take to halve road deaths and serious injuries by 2030.

Parents and carers can share their views on how road safety could be improved across the region by completing the [Home Road Safety Action Plan Survey](#) which closes at 5pm on Friday, 10 May 2024.

For any queries regarding the survey, please contact roadsafety@tfwm.org.uk

Holidays in term time

Holiday in term time will not be authorised (except for exceptional circumstances) Unauthorised holidays taken will result in a fixed penalty notice been issued.

Leave of Absence

A request form must be submitted for any absence (other than illness) and a meeting with the Head Teacher arranged to discuss the request.

Measles

Measles Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily, especially in nurseries and schools if children are not vaccinated.

It can be a very unpleasant illness and, in some children, can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation - and in rare cases tragically can cause death. There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell and helps prevent the spread in the community.

The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is one of the routine childhood vaccinations, so most children are already vaccinated against measles. If your child has received both doses of the vaccine, they are unlikely to have the virus. We are calling on all parents and carers to make sure their children are up to date with their 2 MMR doses. To see if your child is up to date with their MMR vaccines, check your child's personal child health record, known as the 'red book', or contact your GP practice.

Children who are unvaccinated and come into contact with a case will need to stay away from school or nursery for up to 21 days. It is never too late to catch up. The MMR vaccine is free, whatever your age. If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness, so to prevent the illness spreading further, anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the GP practice or A&E. Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. Find out more on the NHS website



X (Twitter) If you have not taken a look yet do please view @SoulsSchool - X formerly Twitter for a range of moments capturing school life. If you have a phone please follow us. Thank you

Help and Support

If any family member is ever at the point of crisis, money worries or otherwise, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO US. We will always try to help by signposting to the correct services. Where food provision is a worry please come and access the Foodbank here in school. Our thanks to the SVP for their assistance with this. We will always try to help. We will always aim to help you in a dignified and confidential way. Thank you, Mrs Girling.

Catholic Virtues - ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL

This half term, the children and staff at Holy Souls are growing to be **ELOQUENT** and **TRUTHFUL** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

We are constantly reminding the children about the importance of staying safe in school and we know that you, as parents and carers, always try to keep your children safe at home and in the wider community.

As you are probably aware we have had several incidents recently where police have had to attend the local area to deal with potentially dangerous situations.

Thank you to those parents who, having witnessed anti- social/ dangerous behaviours, have contacted school and the police.

Working together to keep our local area safe is a priority for us all and we really appreciate your vigilance and support.

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Juwaniya	4WM	Freddie
IWK	Ariana	4TW	Hollie
IJ	Zavier	5M	James
2T	Daniel	5J	Liyel
2CK	Freyah	6SC	Aiden W
3M	Jiya	6PM	Divine
3W	Seraphine	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs. Girling!			

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Nela
KSI - Tomasz IWK
KS2 - Ruby 3W

Well done Sports Stars -
Coach Dylan and Coach Dom were very impressed with your skills!



RG	Robin	4WM	Tyler
IWK	Jayden	4TW	Amelia
IJ	Eva	5M	Rohan
2T	Mia	5J	Liam
2CK	Newaeh	6SC	Justin
3M	Reggie	6PM	Alfie
3W	Anna B	Reading is fun!	

Thank you for hearing your child read and completing your child's Reading Record every evening.



Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots



Most coins collected this week

2TC	Cristia	4TW	Koby
2T	Philly	5J	Steven
3W	Seraphine	5M	Liam
3M	Amber	6SC	Niamh
4WM	Igor	6PM	Sama

Well done trophy winners!

Hot Food

Free seed-sowing

Local Honey for sale!

Meet the Beekeeper and her bees

LIVE MUSIC

Face Painting

Lots of bargain Plants!

Enjoy the spring Flowers

SPRINGTIME FESTIVAL!
 Saturday 4th May 11am - 3pm
 around Mallard Close
 opposite Morrisons

LOTS OF STALLS

More info? fran.lee47@yahoo.co.uk tel 0121 706 0076
 All funds raised go to Acocks Green Village in Bloom - improving Acocks Green for everyone