



# I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Year 4: Y4 for being super ambassadors on their trip Year 5: Maisie & Aoife Year 6: Elizabeth & Leyla

Staff member: Mrs Gill Year 2: Freddie & Victor Year 3: Alex & Seraphine Reception: Mollie Year 1: Savannah & Elsie

Dear Parents, carers and children,

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of September. The days are showing signs of autumn and as we celebrate **The Season of Creation** it has been a delight watching our Reception children collecting their autumn leaves and conkers in readiness to explore the wonder and awe of our world.

This continued as Year 4 visited the Botanical gardens as part of their science curriculum. I was delighted to hear a pupil thank Miss K Wood for taking them on "The best trip ever!" I believe we may have a few botanists in the making! The children were praised by the tour guides for their great manners, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour - well done Year 4. We are very proud of you all. Thank you for being such great ambassadors for our school.

## The Artsmark

Did you know that the Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. Artsmark's flexible framework is designed to help you embed arts, culture and creativity across your whole curriculum, celebrating your commitment to cultural education.

We are delighted to share that through the hard work and leadership of Mrs Gill we have been awarded **GOLD!** This is the highest achievement possible and well done children and staff for your wonderful work. A big thank you to our 14 Art Ambassadors who have helped achieve this great award!



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

God bless Mrs Girling

School is closed to all pupils on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October for our third in-service day of the academic year. We reopen on Tuesday at 8:30am. Have a lovely day...



# 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.

## Attendance Matters



OVERALL ATTENDANCE 93%

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RG	91%	4WM	92%
IWK	96%	4F	91%
IJ	92%	5M	86%
2T	93%	5J	91%
2CT	94%	6SC	96%
3M	94%	6PM	94%
3W	99%		

This week's winner is 3W ~ enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan!

## IMPROVING YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE



Mr Mills, our attendance officer, and Mrs Kielstra met with CSAWs this week to look at our whole school attendance. As you are aware, it is essential your child is in school every day. Please be aware that Mr Mills will be sending out letters for meetings and making home visits in the school minibus over the next few weeks.

### Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Kion	4WM	Carina
IWK	Mylah Rose	4F	Ariana
IJ	Eva	5M	Lena
2T	Oliver	5J	Steven
2CT	Elizabeth	6SC	Max
3M	Yasmine	6PM	Sienna
3W	Anna B		
<p>Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs Girling!</p> <p>HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!</p>			

### Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Jonah  
 KSI - Blake 2T  
 KS2 - Hanna 5M



RG	Hanou	4WM	Talulah
IWK	Ariana	4F	Ollie
IJ	Roary	5M	Rohan
2T	Audrey	5J	Elsa
2CT	DJ	6SC	Evie-Mai
3M	Hargun	6PM	Avayah
3W	Iszach-Lee		
<p>Thank you for hearing your child read and completing your child's Reading Record every evening.</p>			

## DON'T BE LATE AND SAVE THE DATES

To celebrate the Season of Creation on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** we look forward to welcoming many furry, scaly and slimy creatures who live in the wonder of God's creation. This is always a fun filled days of learning and we cannot wait to meet the animals and their keeper. I am really hoping they bring my favourite - a honey bear!



## SAVE THE DATE!!! PARENT BRIEFING WORKSHOPS

Year 1 - we look forward to seeing you in school on Tuesday at 2pm, please remember to sign up on ParentMail if you have not already done so.

YEAR GROUP	DATE	TIME
RECEPTION	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	2.00PM
Y1	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	2:00PM
Y2	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	2:00PM
Y3	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	2:00PM
Y4	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	2:00PM
Y5	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	2:00PM

## BOOK FAIR

The annual Book Fair arrives on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

## Archbishop Ilsley Open Evening

It was a pleasure to see so many of our families from Year 5 and 6 at last night's open evening. Mr Clinton, Mr Foley and Mr Morris shared the opportunities the pupils have to become who it is God is calling them to be. With their brilliant on site facilities, excellent provision and high level of pastoral support they look forward to providing this for your child. It was a truly wonderful evening and I must say how delighted I was to see former pupils helping out and was particularly impressed by Derrick and Yumiko who spoke eloquently to the audience regarding their views, opinions and achievements.



# Open Day



Reception Starters 2024



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

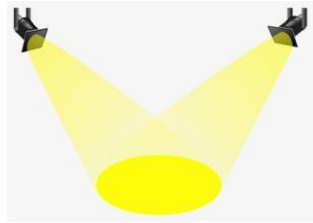
9am – 10:30am

*“The beating heart of the Community”* (Section 48 Inspection)

Come along and visit our friendly and engaging school

Children are provided with opportunities to grow and learn in a warm, safe environment,  
where all children are encouraged to be the best they can be.

Our dedicated staff would love to answer any questions you may have and  
show you how your child can thrive at Holy Souls School.

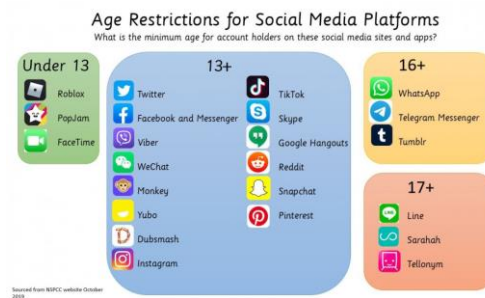


## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

We will continue to share ideas on how to keep safe or sign posting to organisations that may be of help.

### A general safety reminder

Please remember that most social media apps have a minimum age rating of 13. If a social network has set an age limit it means that some of the content may not be suitable for a younger child.



Please also remember that children's behaviour and play can be directly influenced by the programmes that they watch- on television, on YouTube, in films, on APPs- the list is endless.

Please remember to check that the things that your child is watching is age appropriate.



Head Pets! <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Please check your child's hair regularly for both eggs and live head lice. We have had several cases reported to us this week. This is an ongoing battle in school and for you as parents. Thank you for your support.