



# I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

Mallard Close, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 6BN

Head Teacher: Mrs R A Girling

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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Year 4: Ava Rose & Amelia

Year 5: Georgie & Nancy

Year 6: Olivia & Georgia

Year 3: River & Iszack

Year 2: Freya & Daniel

Year 1: Olly & Marlo

Reception: Amiyah

Staff member: Mrs Kielstra

Dear Parents, carers and children,

This week in school has been a busy and enjoyable one. I express my sincere thanks to all those who joined us in great numbers on Saturday at 11:00am. It was great to see you all. Canon Jonathan, led a wonderful and poignant service reflecting on those who have gone before us. Our St George's Scout and Beavers (who meet every Tuesday evening in school) looked wonderful in their uniforms. I thank Mr and Mrs Mills and Miss Mills for the wonderful service they give and opportunities they provide for our children and those in the local area.



Another part of our Remembrance services and activities this year included a group of children visiting The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire on Thursday. Mr A Mills drove the minibus, Mr and Mrs Mills and Mrs Kielstra accompanied 8 pupils to explore the many memorials at the site. Their arrival coincided with the last Post being played as that climbed the steps to the main memorial. It was a truly wonderful experience - a time filled with reflection, prayer and learning. The pupils were great ambassadors for our school and one guide commented on the quality of their questions and the range of knowledge and understanding they showed.



We will remember them

God bless, Mrs R A Girling



## 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



The feast of **Christ the King** is Sunday 26<sup>TH</sup> November 2023. This is the official enrolment Mass for our Year 3 children as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Mass is at 10:00am and there will be an opportunity for Year 3 families to gather in the parish meeting room for an activity after Mass. We look forward to seeing our Year 3 children and their families and invite everyone to celebrate this wonderful feast.



Today we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Dipple who is leaving Holy Souls after 26 years of hard work and commitment. We would like to sincerely thank Mrs Dipple for everything she has done for the children and staff here at school. We wish her the very best of luck in her new school and pray for continued health and happiness in the future. God bless you Mrs Dipple.

## Pupil Progress Meetings

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5J face to face appointments in the school hall.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 phone call appointments.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

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Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5J phone call appointments.

Mr Henvey will be available regarding SEND matters.

Mr Mills and Mrs Kielstra will be meeting with parents and carers regarding attendance.

Mrs Brown will be available regarding pastoral and Early Help matters.

Please arrive for face to face meeting via Gate C. Appointments are for parents or carers and will take place in the school hall. Thank you.

## INSET DAY

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 - School Closed to all pupils.

Y6 pupils on the residential will return by coach for pick up at 3:00pm

## BASKETBALL

Mr Mills, Miss Trodden and Miss Finnegan were delighted to take our Basketball Team for their first competition on Tuesday. This was at Holy Trinity School and there were schools who participated. The children played superbly, were impeccable in their manners, behavior and sporting prowess. The new kit arrived and it looked great! Well done children and Coach Dylan we are very proud of you. The club will continue and we look forward to some more competitive matches.



## This week in school...

- We enjoyed our clubs - dodgeball, kick boxing, dance, Young Voices choir, basketball, Y6 football and Year 5 football clubs.
- Year 2 children and parents enjoyed their Maths workshop.
- Mr Mills made 6 home visits.
- Class 4F visited Acocks Green library.
- Year 3 joined the parish for Mass.
- Father Marco, Canon Jonathan and our Year 6 staff held a meeting to plan the new Year 6 Confirmation programme.

Come dressed in RED!!!

WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER is **RED WEDNESDAY**. Please bring in £1:00 which will go towards Mary's Meals, the SVP Red Wednesday. (Further details have been sent out via Class Dojo)

## Attendance Matters



Please be aware that fines have been issued for holidays taken in term time.

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: **92%**

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RG	92%	4WM	96%
IWK	79%	4F	94%

IJ	89%	5M	92%
2T	98%	5J	93%
2CT	93%	6SC	90%
3M	94%	6PM	93%
3W	90%		

*This week's winner is 2T - enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan*

*Gifts from God Celebration Assembly*

RG	Cristos	4WM	Izabella
IWK	Savannah	4F	Ellie-Mae
IJ	Roary	5M	Lacey
2T	Sophie	5J	Sania
2CT	Nevaeh	6SC	Veronica
3M	Muiread	6PM	Moya
3W	Esme	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs. Girling!			

*Sports Stars of the Week*



Reception - Gracie KS1 - Hugo KS2 - Eli

# We love to read!

RG	Gabriel	4WM	Ion
IWK	Tomasz	4F	Callan
IJ	Abram	5M	Orla
2T	Charlie	5J	April
2CT	Codey	6SC	Enya
3M	Enola	6PM	Jordan
3W	Nevaeh	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

Rec	Mollie	4WM	Ion
IWK	Elisa	4F	Aimy
IJ	Kain	5J	Vanessa
2TC	Hugo	5M	Lena
2T	Araoluwa	6SC	Elizabeth
3W	Keeva-Mai	6PM	Sama
3M	Jeffrey		Well done trophy winners!



Each week we are presenting a trophy to our TT Rockstar and Numbots winners. This trophy will sit proudly for the week on their desk and remind them of their wonderful achievement. Each week the trophy will be presented to the class winner.

Well done to all of the children who took part in the TTRS England Rocks Competition!  
The winners will be announced next week.





# Open Day



Reception Starters 2024



Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

9am until 10am

Please contact the school office to book your place

0121 272 1776

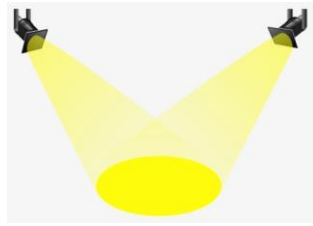
*“The beating heart of the Community” (Section 4-8 Inspection)*

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 are always mindful for the safety of our children near to roads and conscious of how vulnerable they can be.

At this time of year, there is reduced visibility for drivers and pedestrians and as a result, your child can become even more vulnerable near to roads. Please help raise your child's awareness of this issue by discussing the following safety tips with your child to reinforce with them how important it is to be visible when near roads.

The following information emphasises how wearing brightly coloured clothing shows up well in daylight but as it gets dark, reflective clothing and accessories are far more effective in highlighting pedestrians through car headlights or street lamps.



## Relationship and Health Education

This week you will have received a letter by email regarding our RHE programme. This letter contains the log in and further information regarding the lessons taught and resources we use in school.