

	<h1>I am a Disciple for you Jesus</h1>	
<div>Staff member: Miss S Wood Year 2: Jaxon &amp; Cailan Year 1: Breah &amp; Harley Reception: Alizza</div> <div>Year 3: Enola &amp; Keeva</div>	<div><p>Holy Souls Catholic Primary School Mallard Close, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 6BN Head Teacher: Mrs R A Girling Autumn Term 2023    Friday 24th November 2023    Newsletter 11 Web-site: <a href="http://www.holysoulbham.school">www.holysoulbham.school</a>    Email - <a href="mailto:enquiry@holysoulbham.school">enquiry@holysoulbham.school</a>    Twitter -  @SoulsSchool</p></div> <div><p>Dear Parents, carers and children,</p><p>It was a warm welcome to those who joined us on Thursday for Open Morning here in school. The Soul Singers prayed with and shared their very talented voices with our visitors. We thoroughly enjoyed our tour including a visit to Forest School. If you are applying for a place in September 2024 do remember that January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 is the closing date.</p><p>We are blessed to have a vibrant and highly supportive parish community here in Acocks Green. This week our parish hosted a meeting with our local parishes to look at ways in which our parishes can work more closely together into the future. This meeting was very well attended and enabled us to reflect upon developing patterns of working together. This is an important initiative within our deanery and we will share the dates for future meetings. Our thanks to Canon Jonathan and Father Marco for hosting this meeting.</p><p>Please keep our Year 6 pupils in your prayers as 30 children and 6 staff head off to Whitemoor Lakes for a residential experience next week. My thanks to the staff who accompanying the children on their visit. We are also hosting an onsite experience for 28 Year 6 pupils and look forward to having hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows by the open fire in the Forest School.</p><p>Please do take time to read the letter that was sent out yesterday regarding parking. Please remain vigilant in ensuring the safety for our community.</p><p>We look forward to the enrolment Mass for our Year 3 children and their families as they prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. This takes place on Sunday at 10:00am - the Feast of Christ the King. The last Sunday of the Churches calendar. Please do join us for this wonderful celebration.</p><p>God bless Mrs Girling</p><p>(We seriously need a win at St Andrew's this weekend!)</p></div>	<div>Year 4: Christopher &amp; Harley</div> <div>Year 5: Szymon &amp; Billy</div> <div>Year 6: Lewis &amp; Saibah</div>
	<h1>To bring good news, to shine for you.</h1>	

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.

### Presentation Sister Order and Nano Nagle

We are blessed in our parish to have two Parish Sisters: Sister Angela and Sister Eleanor. Both are from the Presentation Sister Order and on Tuesday they celebrated their patronal feast day. The order are devoted to God and of the service of the poor and we thank them for all they do in the parish and beyond. Thank you to Year 5 who researched the order and made cards to celebrate this wonderful occasion. The cards will be shared with the Presentation Sisters across the country. Please keep the order in your prayers.

Want to know more about the Presentation Sister Order and Nano Nagle?

Please follow this link

<https://www.pbvmengland.co.uk/>

### Pupil Progress Meetings

Thank you for attending or taking a telephone call regarding your child's progress. It is the opportunity to find out how well your child is achieving academically, how you can continue to support them at home and how well settled they are in school. My thanks to the staff for preparing and hosting these important meetings.

### 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

### This week in school...

- We enjoyed our clubs - dodgeball, kick boxing, dance, Young Voices choir, basketball, Y6 football and Year 5 football clubs.
- Mr Mills made 5 home visits.

- Mr Henvey and Mrs Curran attended Maths training
- Miss Finnegan met with the PE leaders from our MAC to look at how we develop opportunities and our environment for the children
- Mr Mills collected 10 bales of hay! Watch this space!
- The NHS sent in their wonderful nursing team to deliver the flu vaccination

### We all dressed in RED!

WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER was **RED WEDNESDAY**. Thank you for making such a superb effort and for your very kind and generous donations. Thank you to Miss Trodden for organising this great event.

Please see X for more photos of this great day!

### Attendance Matters



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

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: **93%**

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RG	93%	4WM	94%
IWK	93%	4F	89%
IJ	96%	5M	96%
2T	90%	5J	98%
2CT	90%	6SC	92%
3M	93%	6PM	94%
3W	92%		

This week's winner is 5J ~ enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan

### Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Lucy	4WM	Ilaria
IWK	Oscar	4F	Gabriel
IJ	Sabina	5M	Lena
2T	Blake	5J	Liyel
2CT	Maja	6SC	Lucas
3M	Amber	6PM	Aaron
3W	Emilia	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs. Girling!			

### Sports Stars of the Week




Reception - Elena

KS1 - Ariana

KS2 - Archie (4W)

# We love to read!



RG	Maksymilian	4WM	Phoebe
IWK	Dexter	4F	Lacie-Faye
IJ	Eva	5M	Elisa
2T	Iga	5J	Bryan
2CT	Evelyn	6SC	Hollie
3M	Daniel	6PM	Moya
3W	Ruby	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	Hugo	5J	Vanessa
2T	Araoluwa	5M	Lena
3W	Elias	6SC	Elizabeth
3M	Jeffrey	6PM	Sama
4WM	Ion		
4F	David		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.



### SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING PARKING



Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area (free parking at the Church social club and outside Church) and in and around the school. Thank you to the majority of parents who continue to park lawfully and sensibly.

Parking is not allowed in front of the school gates, the yellow lines and zig zags are there to stop people parking there and to protect and keep all of our children safe.

Please never park up on the footpaths in the surrounding roads. You are also asked to please show consideration to local home owners and do not block garages and driveways.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter and for keeping one another safe.

### Holy Souls Library Launch Day- November 2023

Last Wednesday we had a successful 'Library Launch Day'. We took part in a variety of activities throughout the day. We were visited by Angela Marie James, a local poet and author, who led an assembly and delivered workshops to all year groups. The children had the opportunity to listen to some of her poems and stories and then they wrote and performed their own.

In addition to the workshops, all children had a session in our new library. They read stories and explored how our new library works. Our library is now open every dinnertime for the children to borrow books to take home or just sit in a quiet space and read. We have two librarians from each class who will be responsible for keeping the library tidy. We thank all the parents and The Works in Acocks Green for donating books so we are able to offer the children a fantastic library experience on our school grounds.



