



# I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Year 4: Talulah & Tendai

Year 5: Alfie & Dancee-Rae

Year 6: Liam & Alex

Year 3: Muiread & Luca

Year 2: Sam & Cailan

Year 1: Jude & Ilina

Reception: Cristos



Dear Parents, carers and children,

This week we have continued our Advent journey in song, dance and drama as Year 1 performed 'The Big Little Nativity', Year 2 performed 'A Way in a Manger' and Years 3 and 4 performed 'Angel Express'.

It was a pleasure to welcome our parents and carers and visitors to school to be entertained with such courage and confidence. Children we are all so very proud of you and thank you for making us think about the real meaning and message of Christmas. Thank you to all of the staff for preparing the children so well. Thank you for your kind donations which will be supporting our local charities.

We look forward to our final performance at 6:00pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December in Church with Years 5 and 6.

## The Season of Advent



This Sunday we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Advent**. This is **Gaudete Sunday** and as we light the **pink** candle we celebrate with **joy**. Sometimes called "The Shepherd's Candle" it reminds us of the **joy** the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

Let us pray.... May we bring joy to others in our thoughts, actions and deeds.

God bless Mrs 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.

## THIS WEEKEND IN CHURCH

### A message from Canon Jonathan and Father Marco

#### BLESSING OF BAMBINELLI & CHRISTMAS CRIBS

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the first Christmas Crib being erected by St Francis. On **Sunday 17th December** please bring the figure of the child Jesus or your family crib to be blessed at Mass.

A Christmas Crib should be part of every Catholic home at Christmas. Home is a holy place where Christ dwells.

We really hope to see you at one of our Parish Masses with your Bambinelli.

#### MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.



**Sunday 17th December**

#### This week in school...

On Tuesday we enjoyed visiting the leisure Group in Church and sang traditional carols as they enjoyed their Christmas dinner.

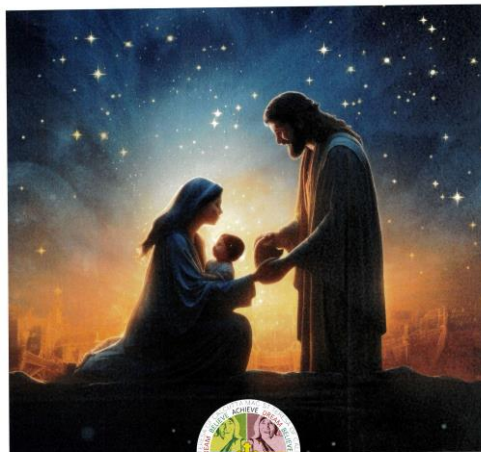
On Wednesday we enjoyed praying with and singing to the Bereavement Group.

On Thursday Miss Finnegan and Mrs O'Neill took a group of Year 4 girls to a football tournament at Archbishop Ilsley Secondary School.

A great time was had by all and the girls arrived back with huge smiles and shiny medals. Thank you for representing our school so superbly!



Also on Thursday Mrs Pettigrew, Mrs Corrigan and Mr Mills took 10 Year 6 children to an IET Lego League Division Conference at Austin Court in Birmingham. The Lego team deliver hands-on STEM experiences for children age 4-16 years across the UK and Ireland. Everyone had a wonderful time and learned a lot about the history of Lego and enjoyed problem solving and model making using Lego!



St Teresa of Calcutta  
Multi Academy  
Catholic Company  
Christmas Carol Service

15th December 2023  
1:30pm  
St Chad's Cathedral



On Friday Mrs Girling, Mrs Stephenson, Miss Wood, Mrs McLoughlin, Mrs Keane and Mr Mills took the Soul Singers to represent school at the St Teresa of Culcutta Multi Academy Carol Concert in St Chad's Cathedral.

It was a truly joyous occasion and a great opportunity to meet our friends and colleagues from other MAC schools. Our thanks to Holy Trinity School who led the service and to Monsignor Menzies and the staff at St Chad's for their wonderful hospitality.

## RAFFLE

Thank you for your generosity with our raffle. We will continue to sell tickets in class and when it has stopped raining we will sell then on the playground at the end of the school day.

20 pence per ticket

£1:00 per strip

The draw will take place on Thursday 21st December.

Good luck everyone!



School closes at 1:00 p.m. on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December for the Christmas holidays

We return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 8:30 a.m.

## Attendance Matters



This week Mr. Mills and Mrs. Kielstra attended the first St Teresa of Calcutta MAC Attendance Conference. Led by Mr. Taylor the schools in our MAC discussed ways we can help each other improve attendance through sharing ideas and resources.

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: **92%**

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RG	97%	4WM	90%
IWK	89%	4F	90%
IJ	98%	5M	97%
2T	87%	5J	90%
2CT	94%	6SC	87%
3M	96%	6PM	85%
3W	91%		

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

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Natalia	4WM	Elsie
IWK	Carenna	4F	Tommy
IJ	Xynrah	5M	Alfie L
2T	Jackson	5J	Tommy
2CT	Isabelle	6SC	Szymon
3M	Rubie-May	6PM	Alfie
3W	Harry	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	

Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs. Gurling!

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Olivia      KSI - Taban  
 KS2 - Ariana, Hollie, Liliana, Lacie-Faye, Carina, Chimamanda, Iaria, Caitlin

RG	Nela	4WM	Archie

IWK	Eddie	4F	Liliana
IJ	Jacob	5M	Archie
2T	Audrey	5J	Megan
2CT	Dominic	6SC	Katie
3M	Skodri	6PM	Maya
3W	Ryon	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	Evelyn	4F	Tendai
2T	Ara	5M	Georgina
3W	Sophia	5J	Anjola
3M	Decent	6PM	Sama
4WM	John	6SC	Oscar
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**

### DREAM TEAM BED FUND

Birmingham City Council (BCC) has partnered with Birmingham Voluntary Service Council (BVSC) supported by Barnardo's to ring-fence some of the Round 4 Household Support Fund money to provide support to families suffering from Bed Poverty. This funding is currently available until 31st March 2024.

Families who are eligible for this referral are described as:

- Parent sleeping on chair, sofa, or floor to give up the bed for their child
- Child(ren) sharing bed with parents or siblings
- Child (ren) sleeping on something other than a bed - floor, chair, sofa, bath, car seat etc.
- Child's bed broken and family have been unable to repair or replace in the last 6-12 months
- Child's bed and/or bedding mouldy or damp
- Child sleeping in a bed which is inappropriate for their age range - such as still sleeping in a cot or toddler bed due to inability to purchase a single bed.

If this applies to you and you feel you could benefit from funding for this, please contact Mrs Brown at the office who can assist you in making this referral.