



# 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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Year 3: Alan & Beau

Staff member: Team Y5 and Y6  
Year 2: Audrey & DJ

Year 1: Oscar & Xavier

Reception: Juvanyia

Year 4: Tyler & Colby

Year 5: Cristia & Elsa

Year 6: Eve-Rose & Georgina

Dear friends of Holy Souls,

Despite the cold we have had another great week here in school.

Thank you to Mr Taylor for leading our assembly on Tuesday. This was the launch for the Year of Prayer. Each child in Years 2 to 6 has received Bible that will be theirs whilst they attend our school. A wonderful gift and an opportunity to explore and grow in knowledge of our faith.

Thank you to Professor Ryan who joined our Mini Vinnies as they attended the parish SVP Party on Wednesday.

A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 children and their staff for an excellent presentation of the Nativity. This was an unexpected late Christmas gift as it allowed us to recall this wonderful occasion through superb singing, acting and spoken work.

Thank you to our Kitchen staff who ensured we had a very tasty Christmas dinner this week. The children and staff enjoyed every morsel.

**SAVE THE DATE** - School Mass on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 10:00am**. We would love to see you all there as we witness our Year 6 children enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an important milestone in their journey of faith and follows on from next week's meeting here in school on Thursday at 2:15pm for parents and carers.

God bless, Mrs Girling

(Hoping for another win tomorrow)



## 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.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

All pupils are requested to wear school shoes and not trainers. Earrings - please can pupils not wear hooped earrings as they may be at risk of injury particularly in PE lessons and at recreation times where the earring may be caught and cause an injury. Thank you for following our uniform expectation of studded earrings.

## Cold Weather - Staying safe

Please be aware that at times the ground, playground and surrounding footpaths can be very icy. Please do remind the children to take care coming to and leaving school. Parents and Carers are reminded to keep to the gritted footpaths around the perimeter of the school building at all times. Thank you.

## Emergency Closures

If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather we will send a message via email, Class Dojo, X and on the red box on our school website. Thank you.

## Year 5 Progress meetings

These have been sent out to Class 5M parents and will take place in school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and via telephone on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you for your understanding.



## OUR COMMUNITY

We are lucky to have many active clubs, organisations and facilities in Acocks Green.

## SOCIAL CLUB



## Planning a party?

**BOOKING THE CLUB** - The Social Club is becoming a very popular local venue for many social events. Contact Sarah Aldhouse on 07940 473593 if you would like to make a booking. You can be assured of a warm welcome and concern for all your booking needs from her. Email: [info@holysoulssocialclub.co.uk](mailto:info@holysoulssocialclub.co.uk).

## Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church - PLACE OF WELCOME GROUP

For those with special needs of any kind and none meets on a **Sunday 2.30-4pm** in the Parish Meeting room. All are welcome!

## Road Harm Reduction Strategy

Birmingham City Council has launched a consultation on our [Road Harm Reduction Strategy](#) via Be Heard, the online consultation platform.

The strategy has been developed to complement the [Birmingham Transport Plan](#). It sets out a bold approach to transform Birmingham's roads and streets to make them safer, more inclusive, and more attractive.

The ambition of the strategy is to end death and serious injury for users of Birmingham's roads in line with the Vision Zero concept, which aspires to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries. The previous [Birmingham Road Safety Strategy](#) was adopted in October 2016. Whilst aligned with Vision Zero, its approach did not tackle traffic volume and its significant impact on road safety.

We would be grateful if you could respond to this consultation and also share this information in your networks. The link is: <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/roadharmreduction>. The consultation closes on **5 April 2024**.

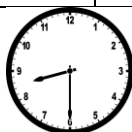
If you have any queries, please email: [connected@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:connected@birmingham.gov.uk)



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

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 90%

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RG	88%	4WM	92%
IWK	82%	4F	91%
IJ	95%	5M	95%
2T	94%	5J	93%
2CT	86%	6SC	86%
3M	95%	6PM	91%
3W	86%	This week's winners are IJ, 3M & 5M~ enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan	



### THROUGH THE GATE AT HALF PAST EIGHT

Next week we will be running the **LATE GATE**. We have a handful of children who are arriving after 8:40am and missing valuable learning time. Please be aware that as with attendance, meetings will be held if your child's lateness is an issue. The gates open at 8:30am with sufficient time for all pupils to arrive and enter safely. Gates are locked at 8:40am.

### Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Kirpa	4WM	Chimamanda
IWK	Kayla	4F	Amelia
IJ	Kaleia	5M	Niamh
2T	Aron	5J	April
2CT	Colin	6SC	Oscar B
3M	Halea	6PM	Moya
3W	Ryon	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	

Sports Stars of the Week



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Reception - Leo

KS1 - Winter

KS2 - Oskar 5J



RG	Tiffany	4WM	John
IWK	Mylah Rose	4F	Mayah
IJ	Elsie	5M	Archie
2T	Marnie	5J	Anjola
2CT	Victor	6SC	Jasmine
3M	Isobel	6PM	Taylor
3W	Paddy	Reading is fun!	

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



## Most coins collected this week

2TC	Cailan	4F	Tendai
2T	Ara	5J	Anjola
3W	Toby	5M	Cristia
3M	Tristan	6SC	Sama
4WM	John	6PM	Niamh
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.

## Tabor Living Volunteer open events

**Saturday 20 January and Wednesday 14 February**

***Interesting in volunteering?***

**Invitation to find out more information about joining the team of fabulous volunteers offering support to homeless individuals at the project in Birmingham.**

**Both events will be held at Tabor Living, St Catherine of Siena on Bristol Road.**

**For more details please visit**

**<https://www.taborliving.co.uk/>**



***SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING***

**Parent/ Carer contact details**



We still have some pupils for whom we only have one contact detail. In case of emergency or the need to contact you about your child during the school day it is imperative that we have **AT LEAST 2 contact numbers for each pupil.**

Also, if both contacts work during the school day, please provide the work phone number details so that you can be contacted in case of emergency.

Thank you.

Information received from Yardley Early Help Hub this week:

**Birmingham Voices for Change: Autism Self Advocacy Programme**



Are you or someone you know living with autism?

Do you have trouble advocating for your own needs?

POhWER is here to empower you!

Our six-week autism self-advocacy program is designed to empower individuals on the autism spectrum to take control of their own lives and speak up for themselves.

Find out more by clicking [here](#)




**Voices for change:  
Autism Self Advocacy programme  
Empower Yourself!**

POhWER, an independent advocacy service, is excited to offer a six-week program designed to empower individuals on the autism spectrum to take control of their own lives and speak up for themselves.


The program includes:

- weekly workshops on understanding your rights, assertive communication, and self-advocacy strategies
- group discussions and activities that provide a safe space for sharing experiences and learning from one another



Don't miss out on this opportunity to gain the skills and confidence you need to effectively advocate for yourself.

Find out more at: [www.pohwer.net/self-advocacy-birmingham](http://www.pohwer.net/self-advocacy-birmingham)  
or Contact POhWER at:  
Email: [selfadvocacybirmingham@pohwer.net](mailto:selfadvocacybirmingham@pohwer.net)  
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<https://www.pohwer.net/birmingham>

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