



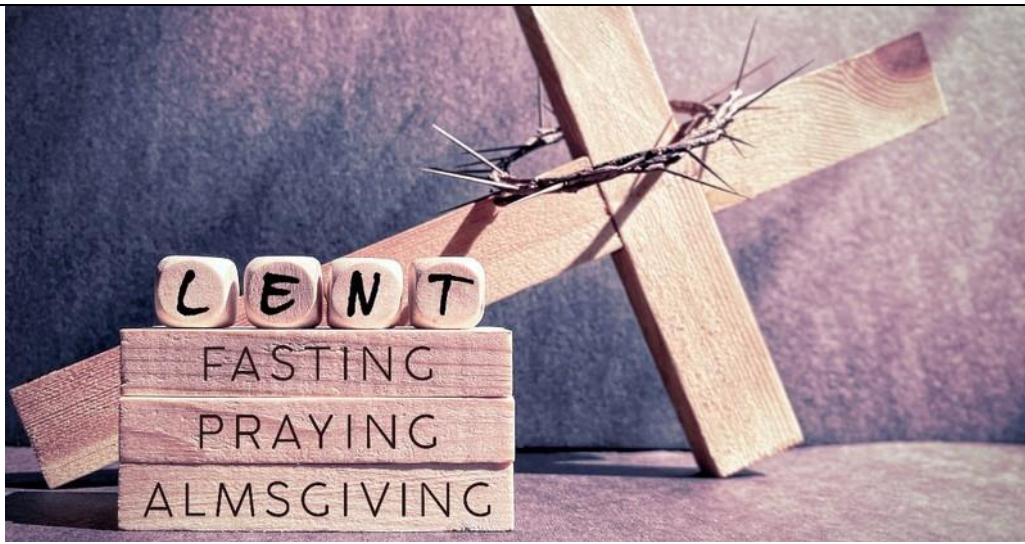
	<h1 style="text-align: center; color: red;">I am a Disciple for you Jesus</h1>	
<div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> <p>Staff member: Miss S Wood Year 2: Oliver & Colin</p> <p>Year 3: Eniola & River</p> <p>Year 1: Jacob & Xyrach</p> <p>Reception: Kai</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Holy Souls Catholic Primary School Mallard Close, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 6BN Head Teacher: Mrs R A Girling Spring Term 2024 Friday 9th February 2024 Newsletter 20 Web-site: www.holysoulbham.school Email - enquiry@holysoulbham.school Twitter -  @SoulsSchool</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 20px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>Dear friends of Holy Souls,</p> <p>Happy half term holidays! It is a big thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm, hard work and perseverance! We have all achieved so much in a very short half term and certainly can enjoy a well-deserved break.</p> <p>We are blessed to have such witnesses of faith in our community. This is seen in the way we care and support each other.</p> <p>The children never fail to bring a smile to our faces and have been blessed to continue their learning with such guidance and support alongside the enjoyment of a wide range of activities and events.</p> <p>This week our Local Governing Body met for our third meeting of the year and were presented with our data, safeguarding, attendance and special educational needs information. This voluntary role is central to school life and we appreciate the time and support given to us.</p> <p>A big thank you to the Wastemanz Limited who kindly removed some old signage. . This is our community at its very best and we really appreciate your help and generosity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">God bless and do enjoy time together next week.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Girling.</p> <p style="color: red;">School is CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2024. We will be at Holy Trinity Secondary School with our 400 MAC Colleagues for our Second Annual Catholic Mission Day.</p> <p style="color: red;">School reopens to ALL PUPILS on Tuesday 20th FEBRUARY at 8:30am.</p> </div>	<div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> <p>Year 4: ALL OF YEAR 4 FOR AMAING TTRS RESULTS</p> <p>Year 5: Lacey & Steven</p> <p>Year 6: Hollie & Taylor</p> </div>
	<h2 style="text-align: center; color: red;">To bring good news, to shine for you.</h2>	

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 week in school

- Father Marco celebrated Class Mass with Year 3
- We held our Local GB Meeting
- Year 6 visited Hampton Court Palace - it sounded like great fun and thank you all for excellent manners, behaviour and attitudes!
- Year 1 joined the Parish for Mass
- We had great fun in the Forest School!
- We launched the Lenten Good Shepherd Appeal. Thank you Margot from Father Hudson's for leading a wonderful assembly.
- We enjoyed all our extra-curricular clubs.
- Father Marco joined Year 2 and Year 6 for their RE lesson.
- Mrs Kielstra and Mrs Girling met with the DSL - Designated Safeguarding Leads across our MAC.
- Mrs Taylor our Science Leader met up with a Science Leader and Support Development Group.
- Mr Taylor our School Improvement Partner met with Miss Wood to explore our Maths Curriculum.
- Mr Mills and Mrs Kielstra met with our external quality assurance provider to look at our Attendance Data.
- Mr Mills held Attendance Meetings with pupils and parents.
- We celebrated this half terms achievements in our Gifts from God Assembly.
- Ms Dixon visited school to observe the teaching students from Newman University.
- Inclusive Attendance visited school on Friday to look at our systems and processes for Attendance.



The season Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which will be Wednesday 14th February - the Feast of Saint Valentine.

This is a wonderful season where we will walk with Jesus for forty days and have the opportunity to draw closer to God. We have many activities planned in school and in our Parish.

Please do try to attend one of the many Masses on Ash Wednesday in our Parish Church.

A message from Canon Jonathan and Father Marco

Dear families,

It is hard to believe that Lent is beginning this coming week. It is a wonderful time of preparation for the great celebration of Easter. On Wednesday we look forward to welcoming you to Ash Wednesday Mass with the blessing and receiving of ashes. Our Masses are 10:00am, 12:30pm and 7:00pm.

Let's all come together and make a great start to Lent.

Canon Jonathan and Father Marco

SAFER INTERNET WEEK

WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



This week we have enjoyed learning more about how to stay safe on line through a series of lessons, workshops and activities throughout the week. My thanks to Mrs Pettigrew for leading on this.

These top tips have been written for parents and carers to help support your child to stay safe and happy online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Our Community

PLEASE READ AND HELP!

Acocks Green Library

We have been made aware that due to Birmingham City Council budget cuts, our local library is at risk of closing.

Local libraries not only provide educational resources for our children and the local community, but also a venue for community groups and meetings to take place. Our children enjoy visiting the library as part of their school curriculum and we know many families use it regularly.

Please support our local library by signing the petition

<https://www.birminghamlibdems.org.uk/our-campaigns/save-acocks-green-library>

IF WE DO NOT USE IT WE RISK LOSING IT!



Our Attendance so far this school year is

92%

Thank you to those parents who have met with Mr Mills to look at ways of supporting their child in school.

We are continuing to work with Attendance Matters to ensure all children have an opportunity to attend school daily.

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Gabriel	4WM 4F	ALL OF YEAR 4 FOR AMAZING TTRS RESULTS
IWK	DJ		
IJ	Archie	5M	Szymon
2T	Ara	5J	Nancy
2CT	DJ	6SC	James
3M	Lily-Mae	6PM	Georgia
3W	Nevaeh	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs. Girling!			

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Thaddeus

KS1 - Elsie

KS2 - Oskar 5J



RG	Jessica	4WM	Whole class
IWK	Savannah	4F	Ava
IJ	Marlo	5M	Roel
2T	Mia	5J	Luke
2CT	Maison	6SC	Niamh
3M	Alexandru	6PM	Oskar
3W	Riley	Reading is fun!	

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

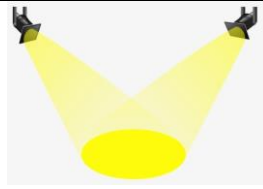


Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots



Most coins collected this week

2TC	Hugo	4F	Mayah
2T	Ara	5J	Anjola
3W	Iszach-Lee	5M	Isabel
3M	Amber	6SC	Niamh
4WM	Johns	6PM	Isabella
Well done trophy winners!			



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

AS ALWAYS IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD'S SAFETY DURING THE HOLIDAY PLEASE CONTACT:

The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) which provides a single point of contact for professionals and members of the public who want to access support or raise concerns about a child.

We want to keep all children and young people in Birmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child please contact CASS who will listen, assess your concerns and can take action if a child is at risk.

Contact details

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm

Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm

Telephone: 0121 303 1888

Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 675 4806

If you think a child is in immediate danger please call the police on 999

In addition to this please be aware of:



If you have any concerns about a child, trust your instincts and contact the NSPCC Helpline.

Their specialist team will listen, advise and take any action needed.

An estimated 1 in 20 children have experienced sexual abuse. And child sexual abuse is under-reported by adults. It's time for that to change.

It's never too soon to talk to them. And what you share could make a life-changing difference to a child.

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline by [calling 0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000), [emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or [completing our report abuse online form](#).

Their voice Helpline is currently available 10am-8pm Monday to Friday. You can still [email help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or [complete their report abuse online form](#) at any time for free. If you think a child is in immediate danger, please [call the police on 999](#) straight away.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>