




	<h1>I am a Disciple for you Jesus</h1>	
<p> <i>Staff member: Miss Trodden</i> <i>Year 1: Mylah Rose & Kain</i> <i>Reception: Dolcie</i> <i>Year 2: Philomena & Taban</i> <i>Year 3: Haela & Toby</i> </p>	<div data-bbox="188 136 1396 398" style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Holy Souls Catholic Primary School</p> <p>Mallard Close, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 6BN</p> <p>Head Teacher: Mrs R A Girling</p> <p>Spring Term 2024 Friday 1st March 2024 Newsletter 22</p> <p>Web-site: www.holusoulshamschool.uk Email: - enquiries@holusoulshamschool.uk Twitter: - @SoulsSchool</p> </div> <p>Dear Friends of Holy Souls,</p> <p>Wishing you all a very Happy Saint David's Day!</p> <div data-bbox="708 609 895 795" style="text-align: center;">  <p>DYDD GWYL DEWI HAPUS HAPPY ST DAVID'S DAY</p> </div> <p>We were delighted to welcome Mr David Harris from the Diocesan Education Service who enjoyed a tour of school, met the children and discussed the progress we are making in Religious Education, Catholic Life and Prayer and Liturgy in our school.</p> <p>There has been great excitement in school this week with the arrival of five eggs who have been very well cared for by our Reception children! The love and care they have provided has resulted in the hatching of three ducklings!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> Have a lovely weekend. God bless Mrs Girling </p>	<p> <i>Year 4: Phoebe & Riley</i> <i>Year 5: Georgina & Tommy</i> <i>Year 6: Jasmine & Darcie</i> </p>
	<h2>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.

Another busy week in school

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

This week we have continued our Lenten journey walking with Jesus as we continue to pray, share and fast. On Wednesday 13th March we will be hosting our very first St Teresa of Calcutta MAC Roadshow. This will see our Chaplaincy Team visiting the other schools in our MAC and delivering an assembly on Refugees. It finishes with an assembly here in school. A very exciting day out in the minibus to help us on our Lenten journey. Please do have a bit of fun learning the hymn we will all be sharing by following this link: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=B7a7LdgRh-k&cbrd=1>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

This week Year 5 and Year 6 were treated to a workshop from the National Grid and Now Press Play on how to reduce our carbon footprint. This was a brilliant way to discover how we can all care for our God's Creation and sustainability. The children were able to engage in an interactive journey and then had question and answer time with members of the National Grid. It looked and sounded very excited!

THE ALPHA PROGRAMME

There was great excitement at this week's session as Father Marco brought along his crocodile! Do not panic- it wasn't real! The Year 6 children had a fun time exploring everyday issues.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair has been a great success this week due to your generosity and such keen readers! Thank you all so very much and to Mrs Wade and Mrs Sweeney for organising it.

YEAR 1 PHONIC WORKSHOP

A very enjoyable meeting and a super turnout! Thank you so much to the children and parents for making phonics such fun!

HSSC - Holy Souls School Council

Professor Ryan met with our HSSC this week and had a very lively discussion about lots of important things. Professor Ryan was very impressed with how confidently the children spoke and with their interesting ideas.

The main topic of conversation was the concern around the proposed closure of Acocks Green Library- something that the children are very worried about.



The councillors asked us to put this reminder on today's newsletter:

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!

SAVE THE DATE

Progress Meetings are an opportunity to celebrate your child's success and look at areas for further development. Bookings will be available on Tuesday 5th March 2024 from 3:30pm.

Wednesday 20th March

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 - Telephone Appointments
Year 4 and Year 5 face to face meetings on site in school.

Thursday 21st March

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 face to face meeting on site at school.

Year 4 and Year 5 - Telephone Appointments

Reception

Tuesday 19th March



Attendance



Holidays in term time

Holiday in term time will not be authorised (except for exceptional circumstances) Unauthorised holidays taken will result in a fixed penalty notice been issued.

Leave of Absence

A request form must be submitted for any absence (other than illness) and a meeting with the Head Teacher arranged to discuss the request.

Is my child too ill for school?

The NHS have produced a useful guide to help parents with some common child illnesses which can be found here : <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

- Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

- Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

- Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

- Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

In school it **everyone's** responsibility to keep **everyone** safe. This includes how we speak to one another, take care of one another and look after one another. If you have a matter that you may wish to discuss please come into school and speak to a member of our Leadership Team. Thank you.

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Seraya	4WM	Ion
IWK	Jude	4F	Koby
IJ	Abram	5M	Dominic
2T	Freya	5J	Riley
2CT	Evelyn	6SC	Liam
3M	Bartosz	6PM	Anchie
3W	Ruby	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs. Girling!			

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Kion

KS1 - Franciszek

KS2 - Johns (4W)

Well done Sports Stars - Coach Dylan and Coach Dom were very impressed with your skills!



RG	Leo	4WM	Jack N
IWK	Elisa	4F	Ariana
IJ	Maya	5M	Szymon
2T	Freddie	5J	Liyel
2CT	Elizabeth	6SC	Olivia
3M	Zuzanna	6PM	Georgia
3W	Luca	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	Elizabeth	4F	Callan
2T	Ara	5J	Anjola
3W	Bill	5M	Cristia
3M	Hargun	6SC	Michelle
4WM	Igor	6PM	Sama
Well done trophy winners!			

The Healing Together Programme for Parents and Carers

An evidence-based programme created by clinical and trauma informed experts to ensure that parents and carers, children and young people affected by domestic abuse are able to access early trauma informed help.

Six sessions (delivered via Zoom) have been carefully designed for parents and carers to learn about how the body and brain works together when they are feeling safe and unsafe. The strategies that can be used to help themselves and the children they care for.

[More information on the Healing Together programme can be found at this link](#), or please contact Sharmina Akhtar on 07947 991209.