

# 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

Autumn Term 2024

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Newsletter 3

Dear Friends of Holy Souls,

This week we have been very busy! The children have enjoyed the good weather for their outdoor play and are working really hard! Keep it up!

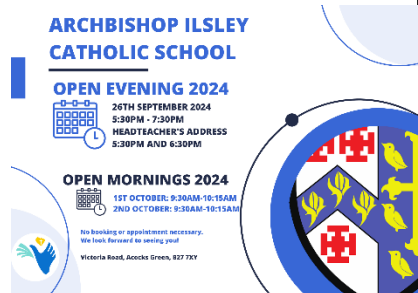
On Wednesday afternoon the six schools in our St Teresa of Calcutta MAC celebrated Mass together. This was an opportunity of thanksgiving and in celebration of the new school year. It was a pleasure to see Mrs McGarry (Foundation Governor) and Mr Winterman (Parent Governor) receive their El Salvador Cross in recognition of the many voluntary years they dedicated to our Local Governing Body. Our thanks to Canon Jonathan, Deacon Martin and Deacon Mark for leading such a wonderful celebration.

For our children in Year 5 and 6 I hope you are looking forward to visiting Archbishop Ilsley for their forthcoming Open Evening. Please see the flyer below and the email we sent out last week for further details. I look forward to seeing you there.

## A message from Mr Clinton - Head Teacher Archbishop Ilsley School

Archbishop Ilsley's Open Evening is on Thursday. Door open at 17:30. Here is a message from Mr Ciaran Clinton, "Hello parents and carers. It would be great to see you on Thursday; you will have the opportunity to see our facilities including our library, gym, sports hall, swimming pool, MUGA and astroturf and meet some of lovely pupils and committed teachers. If you haven't ever visited Ilsley, I would encourage you to make use of all 6 of your choices."

A reminder for all Year 6 parents and carers to submit their Y7 application by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.



God bless, Mrs Girling

(Great results all round for our Midlands football clubs - Good luck to all this weekend!)

In service training day (INSET) Number 2 is on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**. School is closed to all pupils. We reopen at 8:30am on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

To bring good news, to shine for you.

Year 3: Blake & Tommy

Year 2: Savannah & Marlo

Year 1: Jonah

Reception: Dominik

Year 4: Keenan-Mai & Nathan

Year 5: Phoebe & Tommy

Year 6 Brooke & Elean



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



RT	Lillie	4MK	Esme
ICK	Lucy	4WM	Amber
2KW	Mylah-Rose	5J	Charlie
2W	Jacob	5WG	Liliana
3M	Freya Clarke	6SC	Vanessa
3T	DJ	6PM	Roel

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

School closes at 3pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.  
We reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8:30am.

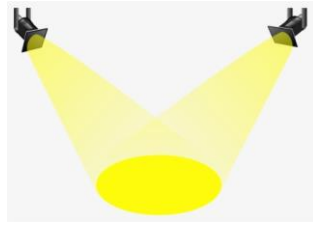
Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RT	Chloe	4MK	Ricco
ICK	Aliza	4WM	Lily
2KW	Zavier	5J	Chimamanda
2W	Eva	5WG	Aimy
3T	Mia	6SC	Steven
3M	Aron	6PM	Dominic

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

HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!





## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

### A Safeguarding Curriculum at Holy Souls Catholic Primary School: a brief overview

'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024' reminds us that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility.

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. This means that they should always consider what is in the best interests of the child.

At Holy Souls we believe that it is vital for our children to have opportunities to learn how to stay safe both in and outside of school—learning that comes from parents and also the staff at Holy Souls.

Safeguarding awareness and understanding of such things as missing children, child sexual exploitation, bullying, domestic abuse, discrimination, inequality, drugs & alcohol abuse, faith abuse, forced marriage, gender violence, radicalisation, mental health, trafficking etc. all start with the knowledge and skills we introduce at school.

Here are some examples:

- Religious Education lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Opportunity to visits places of worship that are important to different to faiths
- Online safety lessons
- Healthy eating focus in science and technology
- Play partners, Guardian Angels, Peace Keepers
- Jesuit Virtues
- Assemblies and Collective Worship
- PSHE, RHE and Science curricula
- Links with the NSPCC initiatives
- National Online Safety guides for pupils and parents
- Local community representatives to support the curriculum such as PCSOs, Police, Fire Safety etc.
- Transition work from pre-school settings to Reception, all Year groups and from Year 6 to Year 7
- School website, updated regularly for pupils and parents linked to safeguarding and online safety
- Spotlight on Safeguarding weekly section in newsletter which create talking points with children and families about keeping safe
- Significant pastoral casework for pupils and families
- Road and rail safety work
- Beatitudes and Anti-bullying throughout the year



- School Council learn about different models of democracy and how to ensure we have a safe and productive environment in our school
- Pupil voice groups in all aspects of the curriculum
- Engagement with charities that broaden pupils' awareness, understanding and worldview
- Forest School programme and outdoor learning
- Continual challenge of stereotypes/assumptions in all lessons
- Behaviour policy and practise in school
- Mental Health awareness and support
- Reporting routes—how and who to talk to- Trusted Adults, See it, Hear it, Say it, Stop it.



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

### Reporting an absence

**MOMENTS  
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ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

If your child is ill and they need to remain at home please contact the school office as soon as possible, stating the name of your child, the class they are in and the reason for their absence.

Telephone number: 0121 272 1776 you may also wish to inform us by Parent Mail or

Email: [enquiry@holysoul.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@holysoul.bham.sch.uk)

Please do not report absence via Class Dojo. Thank you.

### Is my child too ill for school?

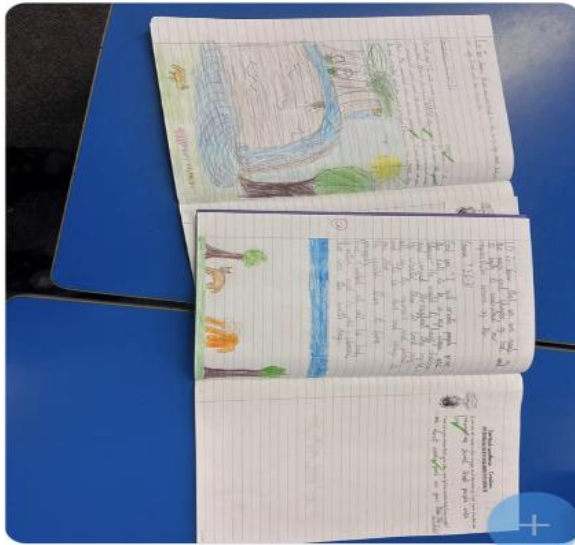
The NHS have produced a useful guide to help parents with some common child illnesses which can be found here

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>





**Holy Souls Catholic Primary School · 3s**  
 In Year 4, they have been learning about God's wonderful creation in their RE lessons  
 #SeasonofCreation #StewardsofCreation

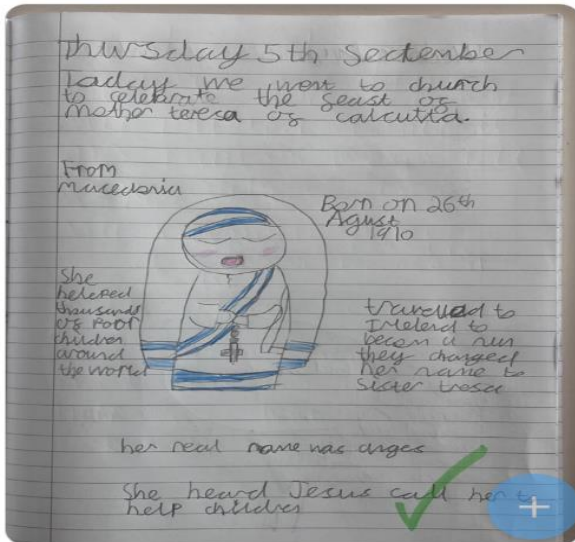


**Holy Souls Catholic Primary School · 7s**  
 In Year 3, in RE they have been discussing the different groups that they belong to and the responsibility that they have to be good members of this group  
 #Mission #Belonging #STOMAC

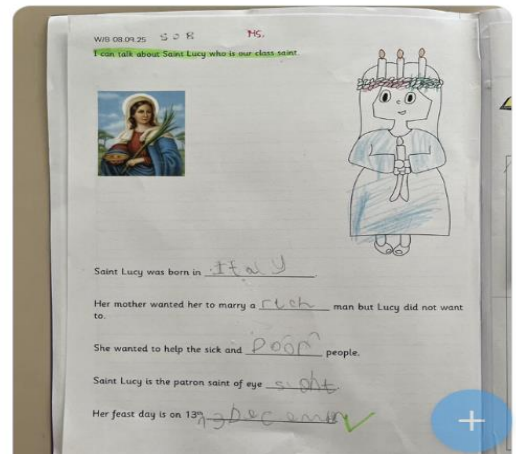
Name of group	People in the group	Group symbol	My role in the group
Our school	Professor Ryan	Heart symbol	To be nice
Our class	Miss M. Conole	3M symbol	Listen & respectful
Our Church	Canon Father Joseph Moran	A symbol	Pray & listen
S.E. Teresa of Calcutta M.A.C.	the person who calls and pray every day to help the poor	Hand symbol	listen & respect



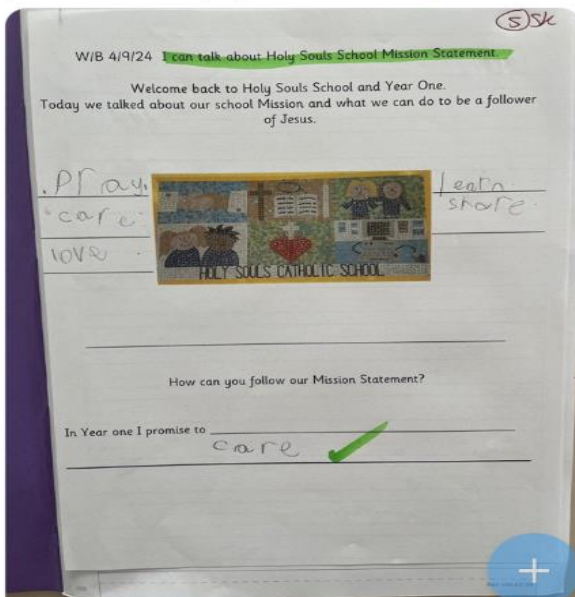
**Holy Souls Catholic Primary School · 8s**  
 In Year 3, they have been learning facts about Saint Mother Teresa and how she was called to help others  
 #MotherTeresa #Mission



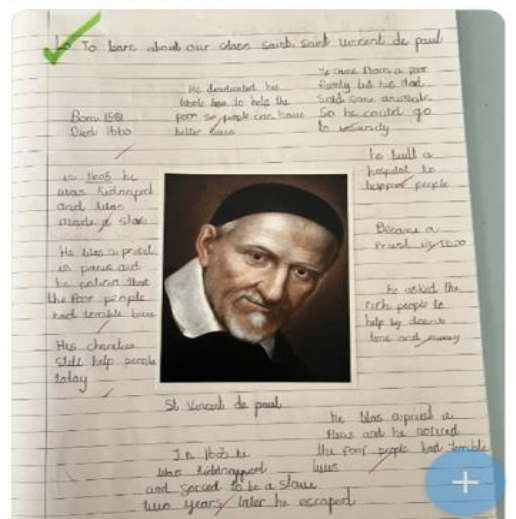
**Holy Souls Catholic Primary School · 5m**  
 In Year 1 in RE they have been learning about their class saint, Saint Lucy. They know that she is the patron saint of sight. They are following in her footsteps to act like little saints every day  
 #saints



**Holy Souls Catholic Primary School · 3m**  
 Year 1 have been learning about our School Mission. They know that Holy Souls School is a place where we pray  
 #Mission #Prayer



**Holy Souls Catholic Primary School · 29s**  
 In Year 5, RE they have learnt all about their class Saint St. Vincent de Porres. They have been learning all about his acts of charity and how he really wanted to help the poor  
 #saints #Mission



## International Day Of Peace and Prayer

Saturday 21/9/24



Tomorrow is the International Day of Peace. With your family talk about the importance of peace in our world and what each of us can do to bring more peace into our world. Share a prayer together.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Mother of God and our Mother, we come before you and we seek refuge in your Immaculate Heart. Mother of mercy, we appeal for mercy! Queen of Peace, we appeal for peace! Touch the hearts of those imprisoned by hatred; convert those who fuel and foment conflict. Dry the tears of children – at this hour, so many are weeping! – be present to those who are elderly and alone; strengthen the wounded and the sick; protect those forced to leave their lands and their loved ones; console the crestfallen; awaken new hope.

To you we entrust and consecrate our lives and every fibre of our being, all that we possess and all that we are, forever. To you we consecrate the Church, so that in her witness to the love of Jesus before the world, she may be a sign of harmony and an instrument of peace. To you we consecrate our world, to you we consecrate especially those countries and regions at war.

Your faithful people call you the dawn of salvation; Mother, grant that glimmers of light may illumine the dark night of conflict. Dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit, inspire the leaders of nations to seek paths of peace. Queen of all peoples, reconcile your children, seduced by evil, blinded by power and hate. You, who are close to all, shorten our distances. You, who have compassion on everyone, teach us to care for one another. You, who reveal the Lord's tender love, make us witnesses of his consolation and peace. Mother, Queen of Peace, pour forth into our hearts God's gift of harmony.  
Amen.

Pope Francis, October 2023

## Save the Date

### Reception Class Welcome Liturgy

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 1:45pm we look forward to welcoming our new Reception and their families to our parish at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church



All are welcome.

## Save the Date

### Family Mass

Our first Family Mass of the year is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10am at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church. We look forward to welcoming children to sing in the choir and altar serve.



All are welcome.

## Catholic Social Teaching in Action

### Save Acocks Green Library

Help save our library by going to the Macmillan Coffee and Cake Morning on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 10am - 12pm

It's time for  
Coffee Morning  
and you're  
invited

Nifty Needles presents  
A MacMillan Special!

SATURDAY 28 SEPT  
10-12

ACOCKS GREEN LIBRARY

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## SAVE THE DATES

DATE and TIME	EVENT	INFORMATION
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2:00pm	Year 3 Parent Briefing and Sacramental Meeting.	Please arrive at 1:55pm to Gate C. The children will be present for the meeting. The meeting will finish at 2:55pm.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2:00pm	Year 6 Parent Briefing and Sacramental Meeting	Please arrive at 1:55pm to Gate C. The children will be present for the meeting. The meeting will finish at 2:55pm.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September (All day)	School Photos	Individual and siblings.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY NUMBER 2	SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October (all day)	CAFOD Family Fast Day	£1.00 Non Uniform Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 1:45pm	Reception Class Welcome Liturgy	Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church.
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 10:00am	Harvest Mass - whole school invitation!	Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 5J Assembly for parents	Arrival by Gate C at 9:15am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 3M Assembly for parents	Arrival by Gate C at 9:15am
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 3:30pm - 6pm	Pupil Progress Meeting / Phone Calls	Further details to follow.
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