

I am a Disciple for you Jesus

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Friday 15th November 2024

Newsletter 10

Dear Friends of Holy Souls,

We have enjoyed Positive Behaviours week here in school and congratulate the children for their wonderful work and super sharing of their ideas on how to live the Beatitudes in our assembly today. We use the Sermon on the Mount and The Beatitudes as our focus for the week. Well done to Year 3 who have written their own Class Beatitudes. Well done to Freya on presenting this so beautifully.

Wednesday 13th November 2024

✓✓ I know how to treat others and how to expect to be treated (CW)

3M Beatitudes

Holy are those who put God before all things

Holy are those who are sad God will look after us

Holy are those who are respectful to all things

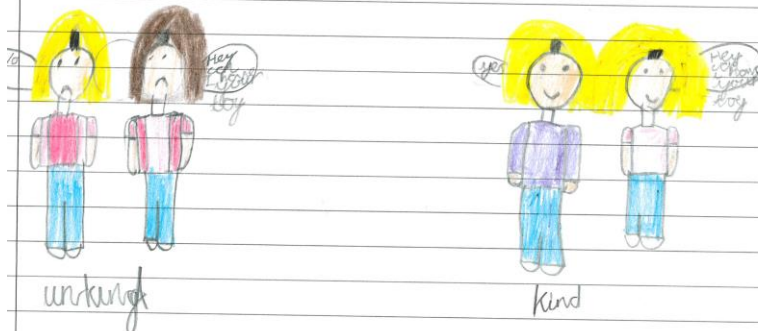
Holy are those who are honest and fair to everyone

Holy are those who forgive We will receive forgiveness back

Holy are those who have a positive mind and thoughts

Holy are those who make people happy by helping others

Holy are those who make the right choice even when others don't.



Let's keep living the Beatitudes!

God bless from Mrs Girling and everyone at Holy Souls

Community member: Miss Trodden

Year 2: Xavier & Marlo

Year 1: Grace

Reception: Scarlett

Year 3: Crisbel & Tommy

Year 4: Anna & Bayleigh

Year 5: Carina & Gabriel

Year 6: Artur & Danee

Dear children and families

It's the end of another school week and the weekend is ahead of us! It's been wonderful to see more families at Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays. It's makes such a difference to our lives A reminder to all our families who are preparing children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation that being at Mass each weekend is so important!

This Saturday evening our 5pm Mass is offered for all those who have been bereaved.

Our Sunday Masses are at the usual time of 8.30, 10am and 12 noon.

Baptisms: if you are a Catholic family and your child needs to be baptised, please get in touch with Fr Jonathan and we can make arrangements for the preparation and celebration to take place.

Meet Elf



Elf is getting up to mischief in school and needs to find a new home.

For you chance to win him follow the instructions below.

Think of a name for Elf



Write the name on a piece of paper



Write your name & class on the paper too.



Take the paper to class along with 50p



The draw will take place on Friday 29th November

Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church
OUR CENTENARY YEAR & JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATIONS

It was great to see parents and Roisin (Y6) at the planning meeting on Tuesday. There are many super events planned and we look forward to them. Date and events will be set out shortly and more information shared at Mass.

SCHOOL and PARISH MASS

Sunday 8th December 10:00am Year 3 Sacramental Enrolment Mass. Everyone is invited! A great way to celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent.



LEADERS FOR LEARNING

RT	Bryn-Stanley	4MK	Anna V
ICK	Filip	4WM	Ryon
2KW	Savannah	5J	Ilaria
2W	Eric	5WG	Eli
3M	Evelyn	6SC	Maisie
3T	Millie	6PM	Ellie Mae
HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!			

A Leader for Learning is a role model to us all. They are working hard, trying their best and really engaged with their learning.

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Ella
KSI - Natalia
KS2 - Riley Royds

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



RT	Francie-Jay	4MK	Riley
ICK	Thaddeus	4WM	Jiya
2KW	Illinca	5J	Johns
2W	Kayla	5WG	Noah C
3M	Philly	6SC	Edbert
3T	Jaxon	6PM	Dominic

What book are you reading this week?

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

2KW	Tomasz	4WM	Sophia
2W	Elisa	5J	Austin
3M	Ara	5WG	Farai
3T	Crisbel	6SC	Anjola
4MK	Rubie May	6PM	Hanna

Well done trophy winners!



Reception	139	Class 4MK	290
Class 1 CK	171	Class 4WM	233
Class 2Wa	138	Class 5J	140
Class 2W	158	Class 5WG	145
Class 3M	120	Class 6PM	255
Class 3T	191	Class 6SC	175

This week's winners - 4MK

Very well done to all the pupils in 4MK

Catholic Life and Mission

This week's Sunday Gospel....

Liturgical Year B

Mark 13:24-32

He will gather his chosen from the four winds.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

Mark 13:24-32



My Words will not pass away

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about the time when He will come again. He tells His disciples that many things will have happened by the time He returns, but that His *'words will not pass away.'*

Through all of life's opportunities and challenges we can take great comfort from knowing that Jesus's words will never pass away. Jesus has told us that He is with us 'each and every day' (Matthew 28:20) and that 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.' (John 15:5).

Jesus is the Word and His Word will be with us always.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



Positive Behaviours Week

This week we have held our annual Positive Behaviours Week.

Based on the Beatitudes, pupils have been exploring how the ways we choose to behave towards each other really is important.

In our assembly today pupils shared what they had been learning about during the week. We heard lots of words like 'thank you', 'generous', 'respect', 'share', 'friendly', 'forgive', 'honesty' and 'love' as each class gave a presentation to explain what they had been learning. Stories shared included a pink penguin, a scruffy giant who became the smartest giant, a boy called Jimmy facing a bully called Dex. Year 6 also told us about their marshmallow challenge which explored the theme of honesty and integrity and reception taught us about forgiveness through a lovely song.

We also reminded ourselves of the things that we use in school to help us make the right decisions. Have a chat about this at home!

Before you speak:
THINK
T = Is it True?
H = Is it Helpful?
I = Is it Inspiring?
N = Is it Necessary?
K = Is it Kind?



We are very proud that pupils show great examples of positive behaviours at school every day.

Remembrance Day - Monday 11th November



On Monday we gathered in assembly to remember those who gave their lives for us during war. We discussed the significance of purple poppies to remember animals who were so important in World War I - especially a famous pigeon called Cher Ami - which means Dear Friend in French!

All pupils then stopped their work to fall silent in their classes for 2 minutes whilst our Year 6 Head Girls and Boys attended the annual Churches Together Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in Acocks Green. This was led by Canon Jonathan and it was wonderful to see so many people from our local community gather together to pay their respects.

Thank you to Rohan who wrote the following reflection:

I really enjoyed this service. I thought the music and hymns were good as the service doesn't normally have them. I also liked seeing the different religions represented and the variation of young and older people was great.

After an interesting Gospel reading I enjoyed watching the laying of different wreaths from members of the community.

SEND CORNER



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There are **four** items in this week's SEND corner.

Family First - Beacon 360

Mr Henvey and Mrs Brown will be starting the Family First Programme on **Wednesday 27th November at 9am.**

They will be showing a series of short, sharp videos and discussing some strategies to support children to manage their emotions.

Currently, we still have places available on the programme so please email the office to book your place on enquiry@holysoul.bham.sch.uk

SEND Reviews

SEND reviews are now taking place and will continue to do so throughout autumn 2. Thank you to all parent / carers that have attended so far. Please do not worry if you have not booked an appointment, as Mr Henvey will be contacting you to arrange this.

CYGNET Autism Support

The Cygnet course is a programme to support parents, carers and professionals looking after and working with children and young people, aged 3-18yrs old.

Attending a Cygnet autism support course gives parents, carers and professionals the opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and consider ways to support a child, delivered at no cost to the parent, carer or professional.

It also provides the opportunity to meet other people in a similar situation and to hear about their experiences in an informal but supportive atmosphere, in groups of no more than 12.

If you have a child (or are working with a family) that is diagnosed with autism, is on the pathway to an autism diagnosis or is suspected of having autism, then this course is for you!

Witherslack Group Website

Please have a look at the Witherslack Group's website for advice, support resources for all areas of SEND. It is the UK's leading

education provider for children and young people with special educational needs and there are some fantastic resources available for free. Please use the link below to take you to their webpage.

<https://www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/advice-and-support/>



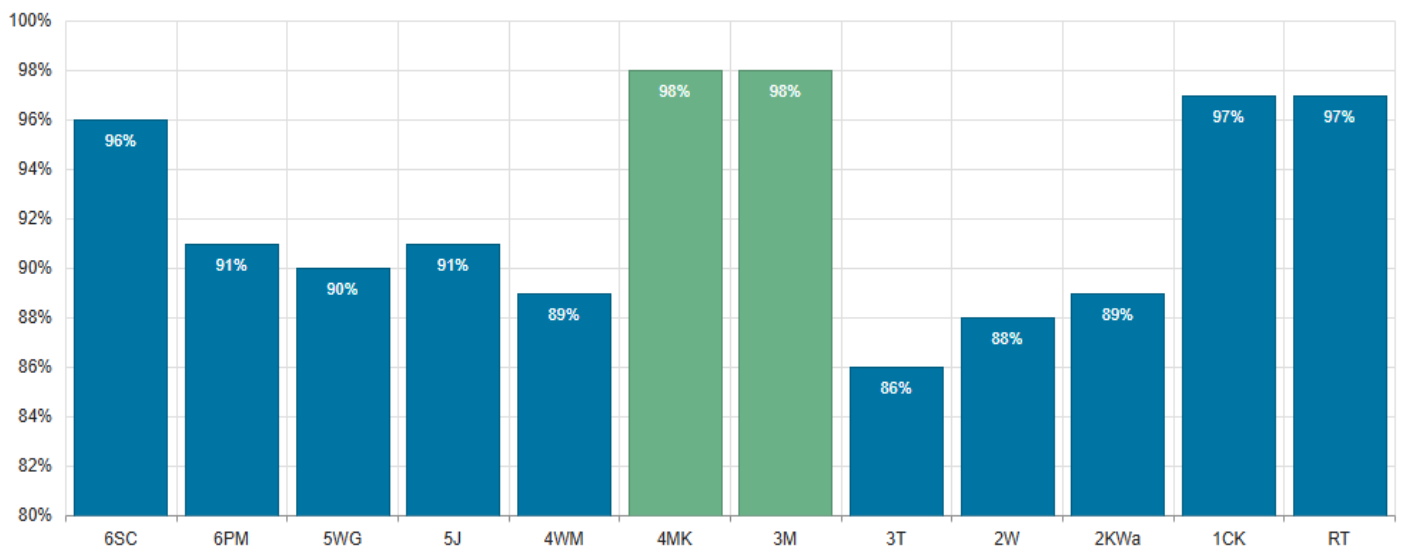
Attendance



Penalty Notice fines for holidays / poor attendance Please note that the rules for attendance have changed from September 2024. Any days of absences that are unauthorised (*this also includes 'late after registration' marks where a child arrives after 9.15am*) will now count towards number of absences. Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, or less days if you have had previous unauthorised absence in the 10 weeks prior to the holiday. The fine for unauthorised holiday is now £160 for each parent (reduced to £80 if paid within 28 days) for each child that was absent. For example, if you have three children absent for term time leave; this would result in each parent receiving a fine of £480 (reduced to £240 if paid within 28 days).

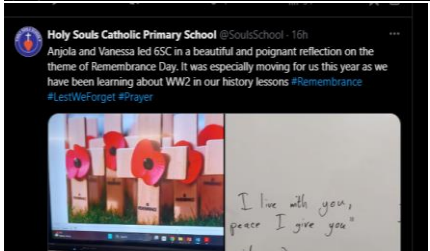
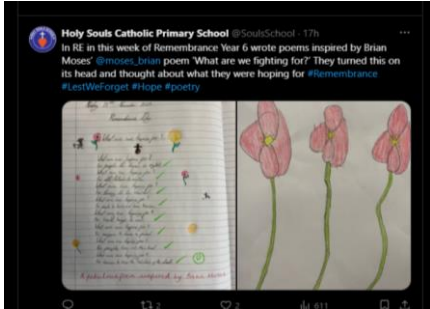
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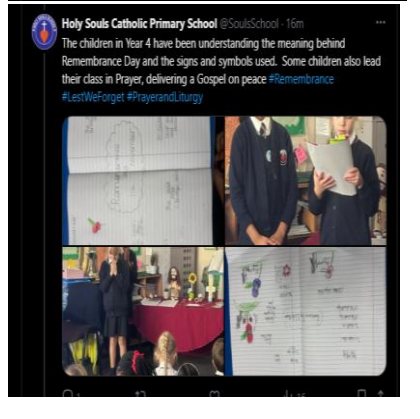
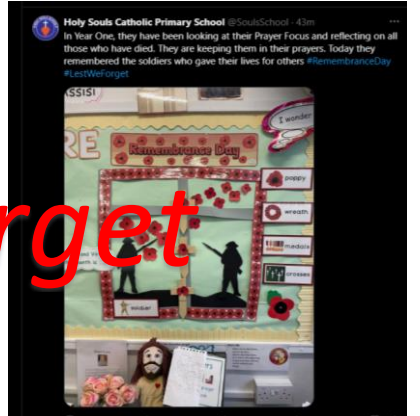


Overall Attendance is **93%**

Joint winners this week - 3M & 4MK



#LestWeForget



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School @SoulsSchool · 17h
 In Year 5 in English, they analysed the Flanders's Fields poem #poetry
 #LestWeForget #Remembrance

LO: To analyse the WW1 poem 'In Flanders Fields' by Lt. John McCrae

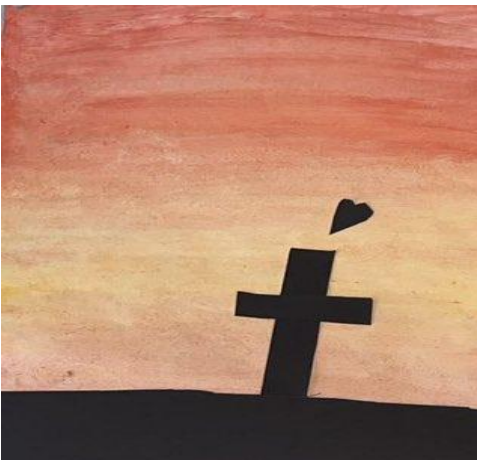
In Flanders Fields
 In Flanders fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.
 We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders fields.
 Take up our quarrel with the foe:
 To you from falling hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high;
 If we break faith with us who die,
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders fields.

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School @SoulsSchool · 17h
 In Year 5 in Art, they have been creating Remembrance Silhouette Art
 #LestWeForget #Remembrance #Art

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School @SoulsSchool · Now 11
 Reception have been learning a song to sing throughout November about the soldiers that died in the wars. They have been praying for the soldiers that gave their lives. They said they will remember them #Remembrance
 #LestWeForget #MaeStacey



#LestWeForget



Red Wednesday

Next Wednesday is Red Wednesday. Reception to Year 5 will be joining a live stream Red Wednesday assembly. We will be wearing red to show we are standing up against persecution.

Watch the video to see why we are wearing red

<https://youtube/UJv3SyInhEU>

Click on the link to find out more about Red Wednesday

<https://bitly/4fy7a9v>

Together we will break the silence!

Together we will wear red to show that we are supporting others.

Together we will pray for all people persecuted for their religion. .

Bring in £1 and wear red for Red Wednesday. The money will be donated to ACN. Click on the link to find out more.

(A red jumper, a red t-shirt, red bows, red socks, red trainers, red tights, red leggings)



Remembrance Stationery

Thank you for all of the donations for the Poppy Appeal. You were very generous and we completely sold out of all the stationery that they sent us. Thank you so much. The Royal Legion will be delighted with your donations.



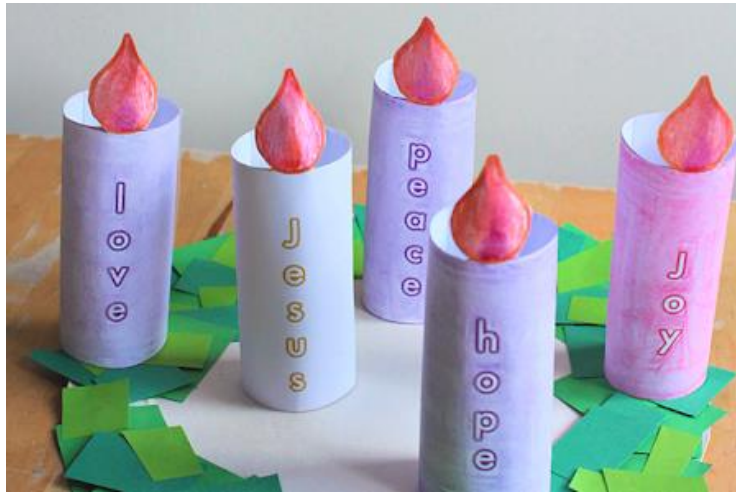
Advent Day

This is a Do Something Different Day! It will be filled with craft and preparing for Advent.

Reminded Key Stage 2 (Year 3,4,5,6) Advent Day Thursday 28th November

Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) Advent Day Friday 29th November.

Bring £1 and wear purple.



Mini Vinnies' Christmas Card Competition

Thank you for all of the Christmas Card entries. They are beautiful. Winners coming soon.

