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This week, we have gone purple for Advent! This is a very special preparation time for Christmas which we must both use wisely and enjoy. We rush about so much getting ready for Christmas that we sometimes miss that journey that we are on, moving closer to Jesus.

This week our children have talked about enjoying the season by opening Advent calendars, joining in Advent liturgy and , as we light the first candle on our Advent wreath, we offer HOPE to others who need it through our promise of kindness and compassion towards those who need it.

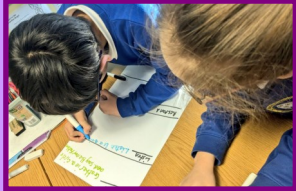
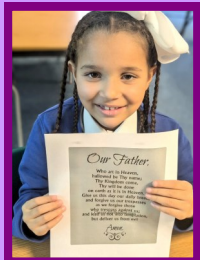
Congratulations to our children in Year 3 who received the special Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday. What a wonderful next step on their journey towards their First Holy Communion in 2025!



Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Online Safety workshop this week led by our mental health partners, Compass. This was a very informative session and very important to raise awareness of what our children are potentially exposed to online, particularly through Social Media. This followed a workshop for our pupils this week . If you require any further support with your child's use of technology, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

AND TONIGHT IS OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

What better way to celebrate the advent season by enjoying two hours of fun, laughter, competition and prizes. Rumour has it that Santa may also make an appearance, so come along , pick up a bargain and enjoy yourselves! Entry is free and you'll find us in the school hall between 3:30pm and 5:30pm!



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Catholic Life and Mission

The God who Speaks

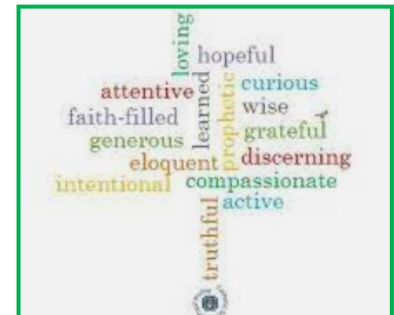
This week we joined Dan and Emily from One Life Music in liturgy each day. We will welcome their time of prayer into our classrooms every day this half term as we walk through Advent together

Mini Mission

We are showing others that we are getting our hearts ready for the arrival of Jesus by showing love, compassion and hope towards others and by enjoying what this season has to offer.



Virtues of the Half Term And Catholic Social Teachings



Catholic Social Teachings : **Stewardship of Creation & Dignity of the Human Person**

Values and Virtues : **Intentional and Prophetic**

Democracy

The school councillors have been busy completing class questionnaires and asking their peers for play ideas for the playground. Each school councillor completed the questionnaire which will then be shared in the next school council meeting. **Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities (Article 31).**



Values and Virtues Awards

Infants

Juniors

Klara- 2M

Mayumi, Iteoluwa, Logan, Alexis, Brayden, Darcy - Reconciliation Children

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Christmas Pantomime

On Tuesday 10th December we will be providing the children with a morning of entertainment with a pantomime production of Jack and the Beanstalk
We kindly are asking parents to provide a small donation of £2 to cover the cost to give the children this unforgettable experience..



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Dignity of the Human Person

We are saving for
'A Goat that Gives'



Not only does this charity gift of a goat provide a family with up to 12 pints of milk a week – milk they can either drink or sell – it also produces free fertiliser! Fertiliser can help a family grow their own crops.

**Ensuring that
others have
DIGNITY**



Please keep sending in loose change with
your children so that we can change
lives!



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Dates for your Diary

These dates are subject to change and more may be added also. Please keep checking

Date	
10th December 9:30am	Christmas Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk
10th December 2pm	EYFS Christmas Performance
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
17th December 9:30am	Years 1,2,3 Christmas Performance
18th December 2pm	Nursery and Reception Crafternoon
19th December 9:30am	Years 4,5,6 Performances
20th December	Class Christmas Parties
6th January	Back to School!



Reminder

Yr 6 Parents £20 deposit for the Alton Castle Trip is to be paid no later than 20th December to secure their place on the trip. This is available on ParentPay now.



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Attendance—Target 95%



Class	%
RB	84.6
1DS	100
1P	93.8
2B	95.7
2M	92.4
3FS	93.4
3G	93.4
4G	98.8
4M	92.7
5T	93.5
5W	80.1
6B	89.7
6P	95.1
Whole school	91.4

Treats for the winning
class!



If class teachers are
concerned about your child's
attendance they will speak to you in the first in-
stance and work with you to put
something in place to improve this



You've
got to be
in to win!



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Values



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Term Dates and Teacher Days 2024-25



Term Date-

Term		2024-2025
Autumn Term	Term Starts	02.09.2024
	Half Term	28.10.24 - 01.11.2024
	Term Ends	20.12.2024
Spring Term	Term Starts	06.01.2025
	Half Term	17.02.2025 - 21.02.2025
	Term Ends	11.04.2025
Summer Term	Term Starts	28.04.2025
	Half Term	26.05.2025 – 30.05.2025
	Term Ends	21.07.2025

Inset Days-

Autumn Term Inset Days	02.09.2024 03.09.2024 25.10.2024
Spring Term Inset Day	24.02.2025
Summer Term Inset Days	23.05.2025 21.07.2025



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Awards

Each week, we recognise the special achievements of our children in our
Celebration Assembly

It's a celebration of our God given gifts and talents

'What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God'



Merit of the Week

Nurs	Misheal	RB	Malak
1DS	Yahya	4G	Sanan
1P	Joanna	4M	Muhammad
2B	Adayah	5T	Gohar
2M	Santi	5W	Hurairah
3G	Whole Class	6B	Lucian
3FS	Whole Class	6P	Iasmina

Reader of the Week

1DS	Molly	4G	Anastasia
1P	Lilly	4M	Bentley
2B	Emmanuel	5T	Houdheyfa
2M	Isabella	5W	Savannah
3G	Salman	6B	Ariah
3FS	Eiman	6P	Alex

Wise Owl

Mason - 3G

Sports Award

Teddy - 2B

Music Award

YR 4,5,6

Artist of the Week

Shadae - 4G

Lunchtime Awards

Zainab - RB

Niamh & Savannah 5W

Class 1P

Well Done Everyone!



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A message from Miss Brown—Author of the Half Term

Nursery

JOSEPH COELHO



Joseph grew up in a block of flats in Roehampton in South West London, with his mother and younger sister. The tower block inspired his book "Our Tower", in which three children leave the grey building and discover a magic tree.

Much of Joseph's poetry is written in free verse. But although the rhythms may not be regular, they are still strong. Sometimes he uses a single metaphor and takes the whole poem to explore the idea. All use clever word play.'

When talking about 'The Tower Block', he said: "I wanted to bring the magic of Narnia to the tower block."

Joseph Coelho says:



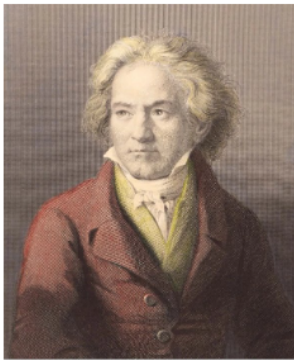
A message from Miss McGrath—Composer of the half term



Beethoven

Classical

(Pre 1940's)



Born: December 1770
Died: 26th March 1827
Nationality: German

Famous piece of music:
Symphony No 5

- Ludwig Van Beethoven was born in December 1770, but no-one is completely sure on which date however he was baptized on the 17th
- Ludwig van Beethoven was a German composer and pianist, who is arguably the defining figure in the history of Western music
- The earliest recorded piece that Beethoven composed is a set of nine piano variations, composed in 1782.
- Beethoven moved to Vienna in 1792, where he met influential composers like Haydn and began to compose in earnest.
- By 1796, he had begun to suffer from tinnitus and was losing his hearing
- Beethoven composed only one opera, Fidelio, which took years to get right. He re-wrote one aria no fewer than 18 times and came up with four different overtures (*an orchestral piece at the beginning of an opera*) before deciding upon the one he liked
- Beethoven died in Vienna on the 26th March 1827 after a long illness that has variously been attributed to alcohol, hepatitis, cirrhosis and pneumonia

https://youtu.be/4Tr0otuiQuU?si=NJrLJIXPuTO_PXYi
(Moonlight Sonata)



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A message from Miss Gripton—Artist of the half term



Autumn 2

Stephen
Wiltshire



Cityscapes (drawing)

British born autistic man,
received an MBE for
services to art from Queen
Elizabeth II



Take a look at some of his art work.
It is SO detailed!

Prize for the first 3 children to tell Miss Gripton where these places
are that Stephen Wiltshire has drawn!

If you wish, you could recreate some of this at home to bring
into Miss Gripton



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And finally...

At the end of term, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Gazey who is off on a new adventure to another school. We thank Mrs Gazey for her dedication to St Wilfrid's and for all she has done in her time here. We will miss her, but wish her the very best of luck!



We welcome back Miss McClenaghan, who will be teaching 4G on her return

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff



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Party day CAKE SALE

20th December 2024

Enjoy a cake and raise money too
for **CANCER RESEARCH**

Organised by
Aimal - Y6



Dignity of the human person



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NHS
Birmingham
Community Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

ChatHealth

Do you know where I can get some health advice?

The School Health Support Service can help students with all kind of things like...

Relationships, mental health, alcohol, bullying, self-harm, smoking, drugs and healthy eating

Text the School Nurse for confidential advice and support on **07480635485**

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact a member of school staff or your doctor. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent the school nurse from sending messages to you by texting STOP to our number. Please respect your school's mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.

Better Care: Healthier Communities

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Birmingham School Health Support Service

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SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP-IN CLINIC

Every
Tuesday
and
Thursday
from
4:30-5:30pm

Your School Nurse is here to help you feel healthy, happy and safe during your school years and to get the best from your education.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse. We provide a confidential and friendly service.

<https://nhs.vc/BCHC/C-F/Schl-Nurse/Drop-In>

An illustration of a person with dark hair, wearing a green sweater and blue trousers, sitting on an orange chair at a wooden desk. They are looking at a laptop. Above them are two speech bubbles, one green and one blue, indicating communication.

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In the Community

Parent & Carer Drop-In Sessions



A safe confidential space for
Parents/Carers to gain support &
guidance from Compass Birmingham.



The drop-in will give you an opportunity to find
out more about the support we can offer and
have your questions answered.



When?

Every Tuesday 11-12:30pm
(8th October- 17th December 2024)

Where?

Sessions will be online and you
can access it by scanning the QR code.

Please note: Time will be allocated on a first
come first serve basis. You will be asked to
wait but please know that the practitioner
will be aware and will let you in as soon as
its your turn.



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