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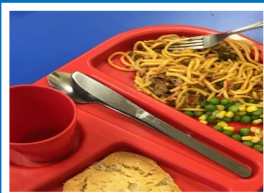
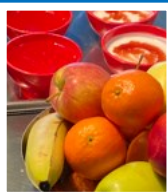
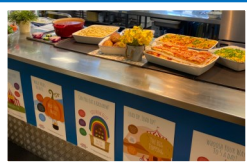
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## Our Mission:

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to always do our best.



What a lovely week we have had.

One of our most exciting parts of the week was our Food Festival yesterday!

Children had voted for their preferred menu and we even had some children who bring packed lunches trying our delicious new dinners for the first time.

They gave great feedback...

One of our children said it was 'delicious', another one said that its really 'scrummy' and they enjoy the variety on offer. Another child said how much it benefitted them as they like to eat healthily in the week and enjoy a treat at the weekend, which I am sure we can all relate to!

Mrs Husted met with Aspens, our catering provider, yesterday afternoon and there are lots of dates in the diary for them to come along so that you too can taste test some of the menu.

A massive thank you for the generosity of B&Q in Erdington who have donated to us lots and lots of bulbs! These will be used for 'future projects'. So watch this space !!



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## Catholic Life and Mission

### The God Who Speaks—Luke 3

This week, we were reminded of the account of The Baptism of Jesus  
We met Jesus on the Banks of the River Jordan with his cousin John. The heavens opened and God said  
'You are my beloved son, I am proud of'  
This was the start of Jesus's ministry of earth



### Mini Mission

Do everything this week with a spring in your step knowing that God loves you, God is proud of you and God is pleased with you. Remind each other of that each day



### Fundamental British Values



### Individual Liberty

In PSHE this half term the children will be learning about keeping themselves safe. The children will explore different scenarios and decide if it is safe or unsafe. The children will then need to discuss what they would do if it is unsafe and who they would seek help from. By engaging in discussions, role-playing, and interactive activities, pupils learn to navigate social situations, make informed choices and understand the importance of safety. Every child has the right to learn (Article 30).



### Virtues of the Half Term

And

### Catholic Social Teachings

### Values and Virtues

### Grateful and Generous

We are growing to be **grateful** for our own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with our gifts.

### Catholic Social Teachings

### Rights and Responsibilities

We all deserve basic rights of living. With rights come great responsibility to help others to access their rights too

### Values and Virtues Awards

#### Infants

#### Juniors

Santi - 2M

Kyce - 3G

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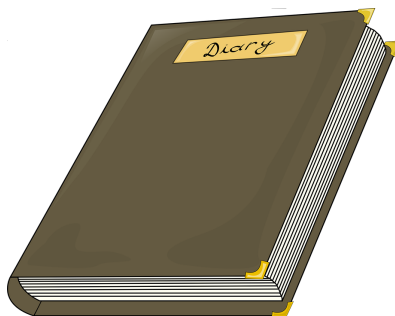
## Dates for your Diary

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

Date	
Fri 24th January	Jubilee Launch Day - children will be watching the Live Stream in school!
Wednesday 22nd January	YR6 Alton Castle Parents Meeting 3pm - come through the office
10th - 12th February	Year 6 Trip to Alton Castle
Thurs 13th February	Compass Coffee Morning - Worries Workshop 9am-10am and School Dinner taste tests!
Fri 14th February	Children break up for half term
Monday 24th February	School INSET day
Tuesday 25th February	Children return to school
12th March	Parents' Evening

### REMINDER YR 6 PARENTS

The second instalment for the Alton Castle Trip is due Monday 20th January 2024. If there any issues please let us know as soon as possible.  
Thank you



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## Attendance Prize Week!



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The class with the highest  
attendance next week win  
a parent and child  
workshop in school - come in  
and spend time with your  
child!

You've got to be in to win!





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## Attendance—Target—95%!



Class	%
RB	89.2
1DS	91
1P	89
2B	90.1
2M	91.8
3FS	85.5
3G	96.3
4G	96
4M	93.5
5T	88.1
5W	93.2
6B	98.9
6P	82.6
Whole school	91.2



Sweet 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



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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	Inara	RB	Sarah-Kate
1DS	Olivia	4G	Xamora
1P	Davion	4M	Alfie
2B	Ayaan.G	5T	Diaraye
2M	Nawal	5W	Niamh
3G	Mussie	6B	Xaiya
3FS	Jimmy	6P	Aimal

### Reader of the Week

1DS	Mia	4G	Ken
1P	Michelle	4M	Abubakr
2B	Reuben	5T	Mujtaba
2M	Klara	5W	Daanish
3G	Anabia	6B	Adam
3FS	Samantha	6P	Deron

### Wise Owl

Hannah-Rose - 4M

### Sports Award

Sarim & Jason 5W

### Music Award

Lilly 1P

### Artist of the Week

Albie 1DS

### Lunchtime Awards

Yahya - 1DS

Philip - 5T

Nursery

**Well Done Everyone!**



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## A message from Miss Brown—Author of the Term



Our current author is  
Mairi Hedderwick

Mairi Hedderwick is the author and  
illustrator of the much loved Katie  
Morag series of children's books.



<https://youtu.be/pBAWt7SAG6Q?si=IOoL6FhcY0bV9VE>  
Click or paste the link to watch the retelling of  
Katie Morag and the New Pier





## A message from Miss McGrath—Composer of the term

### Hans Zimmer

Pop –orchestral  
(Film scores)



**Born:** 12 September 1957  
**Nationality:** German

**Famous piece of music:**

Circle of Life from the Lion King

- Born in Frankfurt in 1957, Zimmer attended boarding school in Switzerland before moving to England in his teens. His middle name is... Florian!
- Hans Zimmer is self taught! Though he received some piano tuition as a child, his natural curiosity and eagerness to experiment saw him abandon formal training
- Zimmer is a multi-instrumentalist, at home with a guitar in his hands, or at the keyboard of a piano or synthesiser. Electronic music-making has formed a large part of Zimmer's career
- It was at the keyboard where Hans Zimmer began his professional life as a musician, performing in bands in the late 1970s and into the '80s.
- Zimmer has written music for some of the most successful films and franchises in recent years
- *Gladiator* will be familiar to millions, not to mention his music for the *Pirates of the Caribbean* series. Then there's *The Dark Knight*, *Inception* and even *The Lion King*!
- While Elton John and Tim Rice wrote the songs to the *Lion King*, it was Zimmer who provided the emotional heart of the film's soundtrack. He even won an Oscar for it. It was the first in a long line of animated features Zimmer would compose music for, from *The Prince of Egypt* to *Kung Fu Panda*.

Click or paste the link to listen to Hans Zimmer's soundtrack from Disney's *Lion King*

[https://youtu.be/CF-c1K3WWg4?si=\\_3X8urDIYTCEPJVg](https://youtu.be/CF-c1K3WWg4?si=_3X8urDIYTCEPJVg)







## A message from Miss Gripton—Artist of the half term

Spring 1

Frida Kahlo



Self-portraits

Mexican disabled  
artist whose work is  
famous for empowering  
women



This half term, the spotlight artist is Frida  
Kahlo

Watch this short video to find out more!  
Copy and paste into your search bar.

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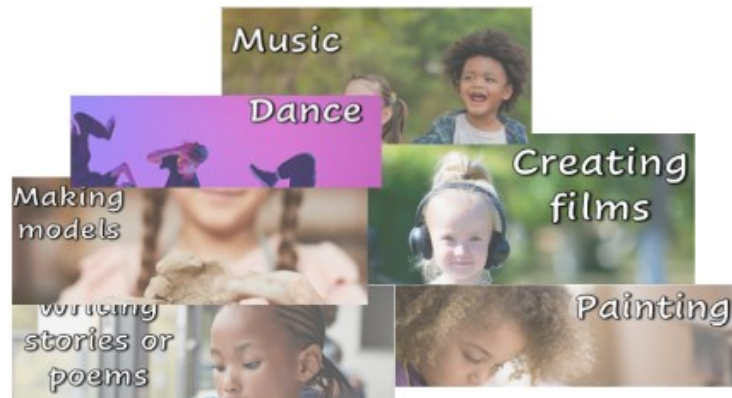
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## Votes for Schools

One per half term, we present children in assembly with a discussion point around an issue in current affairs.  
This half term, we are thinking about 'City of Culture'.  
Read on for more



### Could a year of art improve your life?

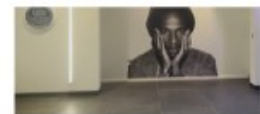


This week in Votes for Schools Assembly, we learnt about what it is to be a City of Culture. In 2025 it will be Bradford. There will be lots of cultural activities happening for all to enjoy – painting, dancing, music, creating film, writing stories or poems and making Models etc

If you were to go to any of these cultural events, would your life be better?

Talk about what you think

Here's some cultural ideas for you to do in the next few weeks, locally – give them a try!



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Over the next few week's we will be celebrating the Jubilee Year of the church. Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a special time of celebration and a time to renew our faith. The theme for this celebration is Pilgrims of Hope and signifies the journey that we undertake through life with God by our side.

Our children and staff will be finding out more and we will share this with you as we go along.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff



