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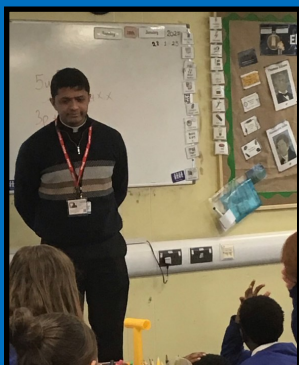
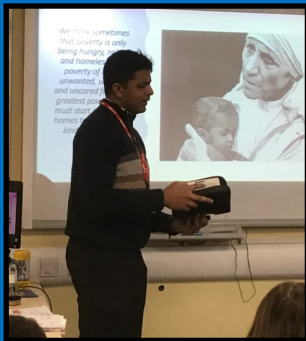
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to always do our best.



This week, we continued celebrating the JOY of the CHURCH JUBILEE!

We are committed to spreading the Jubilee message and being Pilgrims of Hope, encouraging others to offer kindness, care, and love in their daily lives.

Every child has a homework task—to share a family picture and thoughts on how they will bring HOPE to others during this JUBILEE YEAR!

We have decorated our faith space as a sign of the Jubilee and continued gifting PACKAGES of HOPE to the wider community.

On Tuesday, Jithin, a seminarian from Our Lady of the Wayside parish, visited Year 6 to discuss vocations, encouraging them to ask, "What is God calling me to be?" He also took a Package of Hope to share with his parish.



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Catholic Life and Mission

The God Who Speaks—

The children heard how Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew hope for themselves and for others.



Mini Mission

Pope Francis said , 'Let us bring the light of hope and the message of God's love to every corner of the world.'

Our children were asked to go home and tell their family about this special jubilee year and share the logo and its meaning

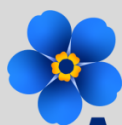


Fundamental British Values



Individual Liberty

Darcy in Year 3 has been spreading hope outside of school by selling homemade bracelets to her family and friends to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society, which is a charity very close to her heart. Year 3 will continue to support this charity and spread awareness throughout the year. Every child must be free to say what they think and to seek and receive all kinds of information.



Alzheimer's Society

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

Klara-Anne - 2M

Darcey - 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 | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 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 |
| | |

Ask For Help!

Our Nursery children are looking to build a bug hotel in their outside area. If anybody has any spare pallets they no longer use can you please contact the school office to bring them in for the children to learn.

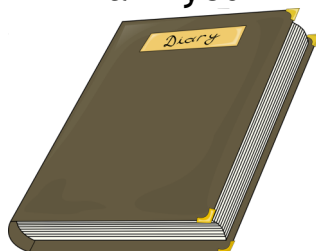
If anyone has any lego spare that they children can use in school at playtimes please also bring to the main office.

Many Thanks

REMINDER YR 6 PARENTS

The third instalment for the Alton Castle Trip is due Monday 24th February 2025. If there any issues please let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you



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Attendance

The Importance of Attendance

Attendance is key to your child's academic success and overall development. Regular attendance helps them:

Stay engaged in learning
Make steady academic progress
Connect with peers and teachers
Build essential lifelong habits

School starts at 8:55 AM—your child MUST be on time.



Support for Families

We understand that emergencies happen. If you're facing challenges with attendance, please contact **Miss Donald** via the school office. Our team is here to provide support, resources, and solutions.

Upcoming Event: Attendance Prize Week

Week of March 18th - The class with the best attendance will win a **Parent & Child Workshop** before Easter!



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Attendance—Target—95%!



| Class | % |
|--------------|------|
| RB | 89.6 |
| 1DS | 85.3 |
| 1P | 97.9 |
| 2B | 94.8 |
| 2M | 90.8 |
| 3FS | 94.1 |
| 3G | 91.3 |
| 4G | 95.2 |
| 4M | 94 |
| 5T | 89.9 |
| 5W | 84.7 |
| 6B | 96.2 |
| 6P | 90.3 |
| Whole school | 91.5 |



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



You've
got to be
in to win!



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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 | Ashar | RB | Gracie & Zainab |
| 1P | Mya | 1DS | Zaydan |
| 2B | Kay'arnie | 2M | Ehsan |
| 3FS | Iosif | 3G | Talia |
| 4G | Derek | 4M | Bernice |
| 5T | Charlie | 5W | Ashayla |
| 6B | Mason | 6P | Deron |

Reader of the Week

| | | | |
|-----|---------|----|------------|
| 1DS | Abdul | 1P | Anvidha |
| 2B | Bella | 2M | Lilly-Rose |
| 3FS | Ava | 3G | Antonia |
| 4G | Delia | 4M | Haider A |
| 5T | Mujtaba | 5W | Sarim |
| 6B | Catalin | 6P | Myles |

Wise Owl

Jan - 3G

Sports Award

Iteoluwakiisi - 3FS

Music Award

Ken - 4G

Artist of the Week

Charlie - 5T

Lunchtime Awards

Grace - 2M

Julia - 4M

Class 4M

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://www.bbc.co.uk/events/evfp5v/play/a4mwrz/
p01mqhz7](https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/evfp5v/play/a4mwrz/p01mqhz7)

Click or paste the link to watch the author being interviewed
about how she comes up with ideas for her stories!





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*.

Please copy the link to listen to some music from pirates of the Caribbean which is Fun, adventurous, and exciting music that kids will find energetic and full of action. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRh-dzrI4Z4>





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

[https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/
relatedvideo?](https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?&q=Frida+Kahlo+Lesson+for+Kids&&mid=5A8F966B4DEE6270046E5A8F966B4DEE6270046E&mmscn=mtsc&aps=20&mcid=BD81AAFDDFF74BCA8258158AEED2C04D&FORM=VRDGAR)

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Frida's Artistic Lesson: An Inspirational Children's Story about Frida Kahlo



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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 learnt about 'City of Culture'
And asked, could a year of improve you life.
What do you think?**

City of Culture 2025 is Bradford, but we look at what our own city of Birmingham has on offer

This weekend, why not pop along to ...

A poster for the Birmingham Chinese New Year Festival 2025. The left side is a yellow box with text: 'Family & Pantomime, Festivals & Outdoor Events', 'Chinese New Year 2025', 'Co-produced by Birmingham Chinese Festival Committee and Birmingham Hippodrome', 'Sat 1 & Sun 2 Feb', 'FREE'. The right side features a photograph of two lion dancers in red and white costumes, with a red banner on the right containing the Chinese characters '新年快乐' (Happy New Year) and the text 'BIRMINGHAM CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL'.



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Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff

A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity,
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our
call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see
Jesus in others,
and to be united as God's global family.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Amen

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A festive poster for a food festival. At the top, there are strings of colorful bunting (red, yellow, green, blue) and warm white string lights. The text 'FOOD FESTIVAL' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below it, a blue banner says 'By Aspens'. The text 'Come and try our menu from' is in a smaller font. The word 'ITALY' is written in large, stylized letters: 'I' is red, 'T' is white with a floral pattern, 'A' is white with a floral pattern, 'L' is green, and 'Y' is green. Two Italian flags are on either side of the word. Below this, the date 'Wednesday 12th February' is written. The menu items are listed in bold black text: 'Chicken & Vegetable Meatballs Marinar (Tomato Sauce) served with Spaghetti', 'Vegetable Ragu (Lentil & Vegetable in a Tomato Sauce) served with Spaghetti.', and 'Sweetcorn'. The dessert 'Galletto (Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt)' is also listed. A final line of text says 'Please check your Parent Pay bookings if you have already booked for this day as the previous booking will have been removed to make way for the special dinner day! Thank you'. At the bottom, a yellow banner says 'Delicious food every day'. The background is light blue with a subtle pattern of horizontal lines.



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Free Parenting Groups and courses

Support for all parents and carers with children
from pregnancy to 19 (25 with additional needs)
both online and face to face

Are you expecting a baby?

Have you recently had a baby?

**Do you want support to better understand your
child or teenager's behaviour?**

best
start for
life

FamilyHubs
BIRMINGHAM

SCAN QR CODE FOR
DETAILS ABOUT WHAT'S
ON NEAR YOU



OR EMAIL:
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Money Works

Content

A financial and digital skills programme for young adults moving into independent living to confront their money worries.

Young adults living on their own, or about to, are often in need of survival money management skills and actions they can implement immediately.



Key Facts

Format: 2 X 4.5 hour
or 4 X 2.25 hour
sessions.

Target group: 16-25
year olds moving into
independent living.

Group size: 6-15.

60%

Drop in average
debts of Money
Works participants.
Control groups debt
grew 50%

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Sessions cover:

- 1 **Budgeting and Household Costs:** Attitudes towards money, needs & wants, cutting back, budgeting, steps after move in, reading bills, household costs.
- 2 **Your Income:** Sources of income, wage slips, tax & NI, benefits, universal credit and sanctions.
- 3 **Banking and Being Informed:** How banks work, savings and current accounts, interest, forms of payment, choosing an account, understanding contracts, understanding tenancy agreements.
- 4 **Borrowing and Scams:** Forms of borrowing, credit history, debt consequences & prioritisation, staying safe with money, understanding what money muling is.

Money Works has a strong focus on embedding digital skills. This includes; increasing the access, use, skills, confidence and motivation of young people using digital tools to manage their money, make financial decisions and plan for their future.

Other topics cover: finding information, shopping around, accessing financial services and benefits, managing money, staying safe online, digital footprints, checking credit scores, online banking and payments and staying safe from scams.

Money Works maps into a range of accredited life skills, money management and employability certificates. Young people attending the programme can also qualify for a Level 1 Personal Money Management accreditation – and in Scotland, Money Works is credit rated by the SQA at Level 4.

"Brilliant workshop to help young people face financial challenges. A great and worthwhile resource, important for all youths, especially care leavers. Can't wait until the next one!" Dawn Mason, Personal Advisor, Leaving Care Team, London Borough of Bexley.



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