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## Our Mission:

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## Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

A super week.

You asked, we did! In one of our parent surveys, you expressed the wish to come into school more during the day. We have had three opportunities this week to welcome parents into school!

Year 3 lead a beautiful 'Stay and Pray', inviting parents to join them in prayer and liturgy. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to gather as a faith community and be together with God.

Mrs Dunleavy led a phonics workshop, supporting parents to support their children with the learning and consolidation of phonics. The children have been working really hard on this at school, as have our staff, and your input at home is much appreciated.

Hodge Hill Arts Forum welcomed parents in for a bit of a breather from everyday life to their Arts and Craft Café. The opportunity was to finish off any craft that had been started at home which you hadn't had the chance to return to or to start something new. Thank you to Lucy Poulson from Hodge Hill Arts Forum for leading this.

All that AND our classrooms were still buzzing with learning.

Ask your children what they have learned this week:

- ◆ What's the best thing you have learned this week?
- ◆ What is the funniest things you have learned this week?
- ◆ What has surprised you the most?



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## Catholic Life and Mission

### The God who Speaks

This week in Gospel Liturgy, we heard about the calling of the Disciples.  
Mark 1:14-20

**"Jesus Said 'Follow me'"**

#### MINI MISSION

Share your Mrs Husted's homework with your class – decide together which charity you will support, why and how.  
Tell us in the next Gospel Liturgy



### Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile : Values and Virtues

#### Infants

#### Juniors

Salieu (1DS)

Aimal (5B)

### Fundamental British Values



### Virtues of the Half Term

And

### Catholic Social Teachings



This half term, we are

**Compassionate and Loving**

We have shown our compassion and love  
through our discussion in class about  
who we will support during Lent.

**Rights and Responsibilities.**

We are ready to show how responsible  
we are by planning our Lenten Act of  
Service for 2024.



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## Dates for your Diary

### Teacher Days for Academic year 2023-24

~~Monday 4th September 2023~~  
~~Friday 29th September 2023~~  
~~Friday 27th October 2023~~  
Monday 19th February 2024  
Monday 22nd July 2024

Date	Event (more dates will be added as finalised, so please continue to check)
January 8th	Return to School
January 8th	Year 4 Parent meeting — 3pm — School Hall
January 10th	Year 3CM Parent meeting — 3pm — School Hall
January 11th	Y6G parent Meeting
January 19th	Reception to Shard End Library
January 23rd	Year 3 Stay and Pray — 9am
January 24th	Phonics Parent Workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents.
January 25th	Arts and Craft Café — parent event. Run by Hodge Hill Arts Forum. 1:45pm
February 1st	Alton Castle Parent Information Meeting - 3:30pm
February 5th	Parent Coffee Morning - 9am
February 9th	Break up for Half Term
February 19th	Return to school
February 21st-23rd	Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle
February 28th and 29th (5P—	Parents' Evening
April	Year 3 Reconciliation. Final date to be confirmed
June 15th	Year 3 First Holy Communion 9:30am





## Composer of the Month

Our composer of the week is continues to be

# Elvis Presley



**Born: 8<sup>th</sup> January 1935**

**Died: 16<sup>th</sup> August 1977**

**Nationality: American**

**Famous music:** Hound dog, Suspicious Minds,  
Unchained Melody and Jail House Rock

### Rock n Roll

**Interesting facts:**

- Elvis Presley or just Elvis was an American singer, musician and actor
- He is regarded as one of the most significant cultural icons of the 20th century and is often referred to as the "King of Rock and Roll" or simply "the King".
- Presley's earliest musical influence came from gospel music at his church
- He was known for his very energetic dance and performance styles
- He was drafted into the military in 1958
- He won many awards including 3 Grammys



**Return to Sender!**

[https://youtu.be/-MI1\\_SLU6x4?](https://youtu.be/-MI1_SLU6x4?)



## Attendance—Target 95%

**Please note that holidays in term time will NOT be authorised.**

Class	%
RDG	95%
RBB	92%
1DS	87%
1P	83%
2G	90%
2M	88%
3CM	95%
3G	87%
4C	90%
4S	96%
5P	94%
5B	85%
6G	89%
6W	89%
Whole school	89.4%

### Classes achieving at and above 95% overall

These classes all get a sweet treat

RDG, 3CM, 4S

If class teachers are

concerned about your child's

attendance they will speak to you in the  
first instance and work with you to put

something in place to improve this.

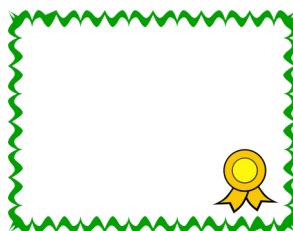
### Termly

Pupils will get a certificate if they achieve 95% and above attendance. **Autumn Term certificates will be coming out next week!**

One term of 95% bronze certificate

Two terms of 95% silver certificate

Three terms of 95% gold certificate





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## Awards

Each week, our children will be awarded certificates/trophies in Celebration Assembly .

This is a celebration of their God given talents and skills!

Please send in any awards they have achieved outside of school.

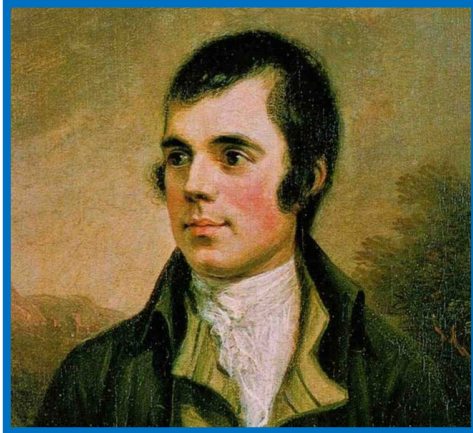


Class	Name/s
Nurs	Whole class
RDG	Sinaayomi
RBB	Aahil
1DS	Reuben
1P	Ehsan
2G	Abigail
2M	Jan
3G	Aariz
3CM	Ken
4C	Mujtaba
4S	Hermela
5B	Zimal
5P	Xaiya
6G	Nabeel
6W	Tyreek
Music	3G
Wise Owl	Jacob (2G)
Sport	Alex (5B)
Lunchtime	Joanna (RBB), Tyreek (6W), Y6





## Talking Point



**Yesterday was Burn's Night!**

On this day, Scotland celebrates an important part of its culture—Robert Burns who is a famous poet. He is known worldwide!

Scots eat a special supper - usually haggis, 'neeps' and 'tatties'! A haggis is made up of the liver, lungs and heart of a sheep, together with onions and spices. 'Neeps' are turnips and 'tatties' are, yes, you've guessed it...potatoes!

The poetry of Robert Burns is also shared. Here is one of his poems!

**You need to read it with a Scottish accent!**

### **The Selkirk Grace**

Some hae meat and canna eat.  
And some wad eat that want it,  
But we hae meat and we can eat,  
Sae let the Lord be thankit!



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## A message from our Miss Brown and Mrs Dunleavy

### Winter Mini Challenge 2023 - Ready, Set, Read!

Get Ready to Read this Winter! This online challenge invites children, aged 4 - 11 to read three books or more, before the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024, to earn digital rewards.



### How to take part

Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple. Sign up at [www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk) to create an online profile. Children will be asked to provide a parent/carer email address to approve signup. Read at least 3 books before the 19<sup>th</sup> February. Rate and review the books on the Winter Mini Challenge website to unlock a virtual badge and download a certificate to print. You can also play games on





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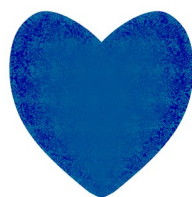
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## And finally...

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the Staff



Follow Me!



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## A message from our Pastoral Team



### **St Wilfrid's Coffee Morning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Supported by Mansoor Sharif  
Early Help Co-ordinator – Hodge Hill Locality**



**Pre-loved uniform  
Free**



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## KIDD SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

SOLIHULL  
SUTTON COLDFIELD



Irish Dancing classes  
for boys & girls  
aged 3+

### Enrolling now

We are now enrolling for our leaping leprechaun  
beginner classes at the following locations

Saturdays	Thursdays
Solihull Women's Institute Warwick Road Solihull B91 3DQ 09:45 - 10:45	Bishop Walsh Catholic School Wylde Green Road Sutton Coldfield B76 1QT 17:00 - 18:00

Contact us today to register or find out more:

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Friendship  
Fitness

