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Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

Welcome back!

It's lovely to have everyone back safe and sound after a lovely half term

An exciting week for Year 6 who have been to Alton Castle. They have taken part in a religious retreat, enjoyed a number of activities to build their teamwork, resilience, independence and to make sure that they are even closer to being secondary ready!

Their behaviour has been impeccable and, as usual, the children who we have taken have been a credit to the school—well done children.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Willdig, Mr Blackman and Miss McCoy who took time out of their busy schedules to accompany the children.

Lots of messages in the newsletter this week, again—have a scroll down and find out what has been happening and what is happening in the coming weeks!



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Attendance—Target 95%

REMINDER : TERM TIME HOLIDAYS WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED

Class	%
RDG	94.7
RBB	97.1
1DS	90.5
1P	97.4
2G	84.2
2M	97.1
3CM	94
3G	88.6
4C	93.8
4S	93.2
5P	93.8
5B	89.7
6G	90.2
6W	86.5
Whole school	92.1

Classes achieving at and above 95% overall

These classes all get a sweet treat

RBB, 1P

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

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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Catholic Life and Mission

The God who Speaks

This week, we had a round up of what we had reflected upon last half term— Rights and Responsibilities

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Children were to finalise for whom they will be carrying out their Lenten Act of service.



Fundamental British Values



This week in classes
we have seen democ-
racy at it's best! The
children have been
voting for the book

they would like to read in class story time.



Article 31:
Every child has the right to relax, play
and take part in a wide range of
cultural and artistic activities.



The children really enjoy set-
tling down to a story at the end
of each day after all their hard
work. Ask your child what they
have read in school today.

Virtues of the Half Term And Catholic Social Teachings



This half term, we are Faithfilled and
Hopeful . We have faith that if we offer
our service to the Poor and Vulnerable
during lent, we can provide hope for
their future.

Values and Virtues

Infants

Juniors

2G

Y6 Alton Castle



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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

Special Event for Reception Parents

Date	Event (more dates will be added as finalised, so please continue to check)
February 28th and 29th (Y5—26th and 28th, Nursery 27th and 28th)	Parents' Evening—please note differing dates .
February 28th	To children from Year 5 to attend MAC RE Workshop at St Peter's Secondary School
February 29th	Parent Arts and Craft Café—Hodge Hill Arts Forum . In School. 1:45pm POSTPONED DUE TO AVAILABIL-
February 29th	Reception Fire Service visit
March 4th	Attendance Prize week
March 5th	Reception Class Assembly
March 6th	Autism Awareness Coffee Morning 9am
March 6th	Occupational Therapy Parent Workshop—time TBC
March 12th	Coffee Morning and Book Sale in school library—9am
March 12th	Reception Parent Workshop
19th March	Class photos
19th March	Year 5 MAC Maths Challenge
20th March	SEND coffee morning - 9am
21st March	Year 3 'Bake off'
18th March	Attendance Prize Week
April	Year 3 Reconciliation. Final date to be confirmed
June 15th	Year 3 First Holy Communion 9:30am

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reception would like to cordially invite you to a special Mother's Day Assembly on Tuesday 5th March at 2.30pm.

We are asking you to please send in a picture of your child with their Mum. Please email these to g.barnes@stwilfrd.bham.sch.uk by Sunday 25th February so they can be included in our assembly.

Thank you,
Reception Team



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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.

RBB	Franklin
RDG	Mohammed
1DS	Matthew
1P	Anastasia
2G	Amanda
2M	Amy
3G	Louis
3CM	Shadae
4C	Reico
4S	Mason
5B	Channel
5P	Ayden
6G	Gahzi
Sports' Award	Mason (2M)
Music Award	Y6 Alton Castle
Reading Award	Catalin (5P)

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LENT

During Half Term, we entered the season of Lent

This is a time of reflection , becoming an even better version of ourselves .

We prepare for the sacrifice that Jesus made—his life. He showed his love for the world and that He was truly the Son of God.

It is a time of Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting

We will be carrying out our Acts of Service for those who need our help

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT WILL BE A NON UNIFORM DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR £1 , IN ORDER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CAFOD AND FR HUDSON'S - TWO CHARITIES WHO CARRY OUT WONDERFUL WORK

<https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/>

<https://cafod.org.uk/>

Each class will be carrying out their own Act of Service, doing something good for a group in need

Nursery	TBC	TBC
Reception	Teddy-Rose Foundation Ward End Cats Protection	Raffle and crafternoon Dress like a cat
Year 1	Birmingham Dogs' Home	Movie afternoon and dog visit
Year 2	Home Start Birmingham	Raising awareness and wear your pyjamas to school
Year 3	Help Harry Help Others	'Bake Off'
Year 4	Birmingham Dogs' Home	Hamper
Year 5	Caflo Food Bank	Food Collection
Year 6	Orphans in need	Fundraising





A message from Miss McCoy : Composer of the Half Term

Our Composer of the Half Term is

James Brown



Born: 3 May 1933
Died: 25 December 2006
Nationality: American

Famous piece of music: I got you (I feel good)



Pop

Interesting facts:

- Brown grew up in poverty
- He started his career as a gospel singer
- Brown's rhythmic style and sharp vocals on stage led to the style called 'funk'
- James Brown was one of the founders of funk music thanks to his rhythmic style and sharp vocals on stage.
- Funk was developed during the 1960s and derived from a mixture of soul, R&B and jazz music, and had a blend of rhythm and dance mixed in.
- James Brown's success in the music business and development of soul music earned him the nickname 'The Godfather of Soul'.
- James Brown was musically gifted in many ways. He could play several instruments including the percussion, organ and drums.
- James Brown made an appeal for peace on national television following the assassination of Martin Luther King.



I got you (I feel good)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFJp1xLFNFY>



A message from Miss Gripton: Artist of the Half Term



Jean-Michel Basquiat



- An important artist from the USA.
- Born on 22nd December 1960.
- His parents split up when he was young and he mainly lived with his dad because his mum was sometimes unwell.
- From a young age, Jean-Michel enjoyed art.
- Created his own drawings of his favourite cartoon characters, comics and biblical scenes.
- When he was seven years old, Jean-Michel and his friend (Marc) created their own children's book.

In 1967, Jean-Michel was knocked over by a car. He had to have an operation and spent a long time in hospital. To help pass the time, Jean-Michel's mum gave him a book used by doctors to learn more about the human body. Jean-Michel copied lots of the pictures from the book.

When he was 17, he started creating graffiti art under the tag SAMO, and quickly became famous, appearing on TV and magazines. By 21, he started painting and his work was displayed in art galleries. He used oil pastels, crayon, spray paint and pencil. He liked to collage ideas together.

John-Michael didn't go to art college, he just took inspiration from things around him. He was inspired by diversity and lots of his later work explores the power and vulnerability of various groups of people who have been at risk of discrimination or oppressed.

He travelled the world showing his art and became friends with famous artists and created a painting with Andy Warhol.

Within a few years he was making 1 million dollars a year selling his paint-

Competition:

Many of Jean-Michel's paintings featured cartoon-like figures.

They were created using bright colours and sometimes had crowns.

Create your own cartoon figure (you may want to put a crown on it! You could create your own graffiti by using chalk and drawing on the ground outside. Chalk soon wears away but you could take a photo of your art so that it will last forever)

Entries will be displayed in the hall and the winner will win an art set!!

SPECIAL EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES—15TH MARCH

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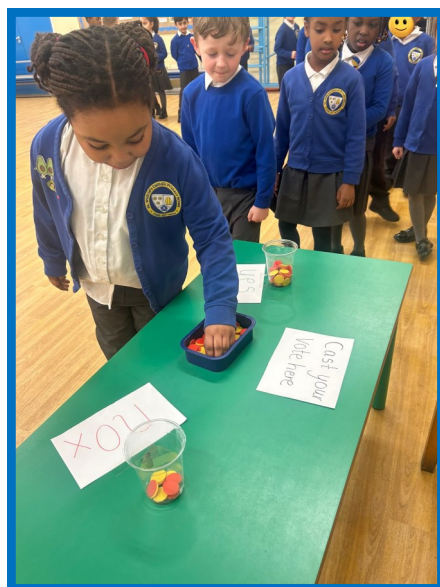
A message from Mrs Gazey and Miss Pate: Votes for Schools

This week, we introduced 'Votes for Schools.' This gives our children a chance to have a say on weekly topics.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 gathered together to debate

'Can we tell if objects are dangerous?'

The children were given information and had to cast a vote to each.





A message from Ms Brown and Mrs Dunleavy: Reading



Our **Spotlight Author of the Week** is Year 6's Author

Benjamin Zephaniah

Benjamin was born in Birmingham in April 1958, the son of Caribbean immigrants. He was dyslexic and left school at 13, as he couldn't read or write. His poetry is influenced by the street culture of Jamaica. His first performance was at age 10 and by 15 and he was quite well known in and round Birmingham.

His poetry book for children, *Talking Turkeys*, was an immediate bestseller.

He has also written several novels aimed specifically at teenagers, as well as several collections of poetry.



We love reading at St Wilfrid's!

This week, classes have been voting for what their class read of the day will be. The children have thoroughly enjoyed choosing the story by themselves. Classes have also been enjoying some time in our school library- choosing and exploring the different books.





Please consider this...

Before half term, outside of school, a secondary age child who was collecting their younger sibling from St Wilfrid's was hit by a car, due to the fact that it carelessly reversed whilst the children crossed the road. Fortunately, they did not sustain any visible injuries, but **this kind of careless driving is not acceptable outside of a school - indeed anywhere - but particularly outside of a school**

This is the second report of careless driving we have had recently - last week a car narrowly missed hitting a pupil when it mounted the pavement. Also, a car has been seen to be parking on the pavement during the school run time, preventing other parents from leaving the area on the pavement when pushing prams and pushchairs - they have had to walk into the road.

It is your responsibility to ensure if you are driving a vehicle, you drive with due care and attention to avoid any further accidents.

We have contacted the local police, from whom we have requested spot checks.

- Please drive slowly during drop off and collection times
- Park up—in a safe place (not on the pavement, across drives or on zig zags)
- Do not attempt to turn around in the road—there is not enough room; please drive on and round the block if necessary
- Escort your children across the road



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Please consider this...

**We have had reports of the use of 'vapes' or cigarettes outside of the school gates,
near the entrances to schools, where pupils are standing**

Whilst we are not able to put a ban on this, *we would ask you, please, to be mindful of the
children around you and wait until you move away from the school to smoke/'vape'*

Thankyou



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And finally...

We are now in the season of Lent, we offer our special
Lenten prayer

Inspire me to follow you more closely and help me to
live in such a way that I encourage others and bring
life to them. No one is small in your eyes; let no one be
small in mine. Amen.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the Staff

Playtime snacks

Monday to Thursday Healthy Snacks:

Fruit from home or school (EYFS/KS1)

Yoghurt

Toast/juice from Janis

Friday is...

Free Choice FRIDAY!

Bring a snack of your choice!

Only enough for one...no family size/sharing
snacks!



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KARATE

£4.00 A LESSON (FIRST LESSON FREE)

WEDNESDAYS 6PM – 7PM

HILLIER HOUSE SCOUT HUT,

29 ROGERS ROAD,

WARD END (just past Fox & Goose)

B8 2JJ



WARD END KARATE
CLUB.

BLACK BELT 5TH
DAN INSTRUCTION!

INCREASE YOUR
CONFIDENCE!

IMPROVE YOUR
FITNESS!

LEARN A NEW
SKILL!

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