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Our Mission:

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Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

Welcome back after our Christmas break.

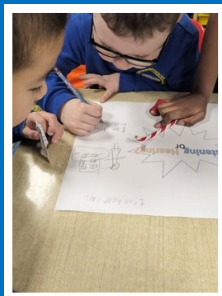
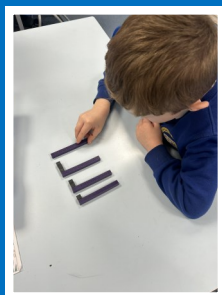
It is wonderful to see you all back safe and sound and well rested and we have hit the ground running. The children have come back in the right frame of mind, demonstrating the living out of our school mission: 'We strive to follow Christ's example to always do our best'

Yesterday we welcomed one of our Our Lady and All Saints MAC partners, Mr Lowe, into school for the day who found the learning environment to be purposeful, with children working really hard, behaving well and greeting him in a happy manner. He also complimented our staff on their dedication, which is also lovely to hear.

Thank you for your support with our new dropping off procedures—the children have come into school confidently and have had a great start to the day, ready and working by the time the gates have shut at 8:55am! This is fabulous!

We welcome to our staff this term Mr Blackman, who is our new Year 6 teacher and Mrs Byrne-Mullen who is our new pastoral mentor. They have been getting to know the children, who they have found to be a fantastic welcome to them.

Lots going on this term—we will endeavour to keep you up to date on what is to come on our dates for your diary page and up to date on what has happened both here on the newsletter and on 'X' (formerly known as Twitter).



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What our pupils say

AS PROMISED, A LITTLE UPDATE ON LAST TERM AND NEWS ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT THIS TERM, FROM OUR PUPIL MEDIA TEAM.

A round up of the Autumn Term

Our year started with the Season of Creation. Each class took on a different pledge for the Season of Creation where we promised to look after the earth. As an example, Year 6 planted 'bee-bombs' and other classes litter picked, turned off unused lights and sockets, and collected goods for our local foodbank.

House captains held a number of events. They ran a Black History Month Competition, where children were asked to draw a poster about a significant figure in black history and they ran a Christmas Jolly Jumper competition to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Pupils have been given important leadership roles within school, for example, school council, house captains, head boy and girl, librarians and stewards of creations. They are really enjoying these roles.



A flavour of what you can expect for the Spring Term

This term we have some exciting plans. We have some trips booked, in particular the Year 6 residential to Alton Castle.

This half term we are researching charities we can help and after half term we will be carrying out our Lenten Acts of Service to help others.

We plan to use our Outdoor Faith Space more and there will be more competitions from our house captains.

There is more to come—we will keep you updated



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Catholic Life and Mission

The God who Speaks

This week, in Gospel Liturgy, we listened to the account of the Baptism of the Lord. We reflected on what it means to enter into a faith community—what are our responsibilities towards others and how can we expect others to treat us.

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Live out the Gospel Values
Live out the British Values



Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile : Values and Virtues

Infants

Juniors

See next week

See next week

Fundamental British Values



Next week Mrs Husted's Homework will be coming home after Gospel Liturgy asking the children to consider who they might help, as a class, during Lent after half term. We will be asking the children to, at home, research charities and groups who need our help, and suggest them to their classes ready to carry out their annual Lenten Act of Service.

Please help them with this and support them in our great British value of 'Respect' for all.

Virtues of the Half Term

And

Catholic Social Teachings



This half term, we are

Compassionate and Loving

and we are following our Catholic Social Teaching of

Rights and Responsibilities.

We are considering the rights of all to a decent standard of living and asking what our responsibility is in helping others to achieve this.



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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 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





Composer of the Month

Our composer of the week is

Elvis Presley



Born: 8th January 1935

Died: 16th 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

<https://youtu.be/O-aavAlSYgc>



Attendance—Target 95%

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

Class	%
RDG	81
RBB	94
1DS	86
1P	87
2G	91
2M	96
3CM	96
3G	87
4C	92
4S	92
5P	95
5B	94
6G	96
6W	89
Whole school	91

Classes achieving at and above 95% overall

2M, 3CM, 5P, 6G

These classes all get a sweet treat

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.

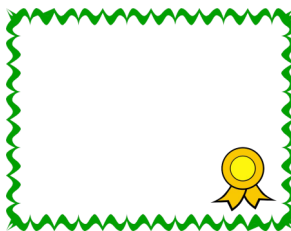
Termly

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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Talking Point

From September 2025 , British Sign Language will be taught as a GCSE in England

This qualification will be available to all pupils. They will learn about 1,000 signs.

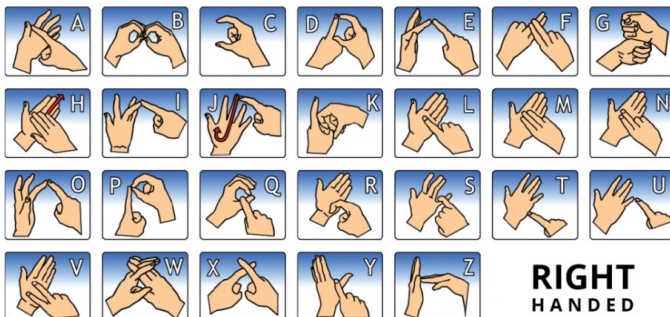
The Education Secretary , Gillian Keegan, said that this will "open so many doors for young people".

Do you know any sign language?

Can you spell your name?

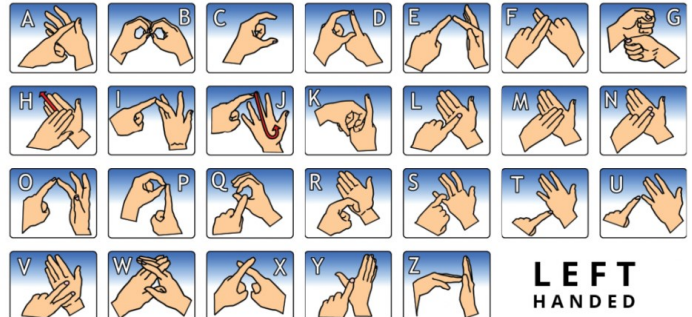
What else can you spell?

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE - FINGERSPELLING



**RIGHT
HANDED**

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE - FINGERSPELLING



**LEFT
HANDED**



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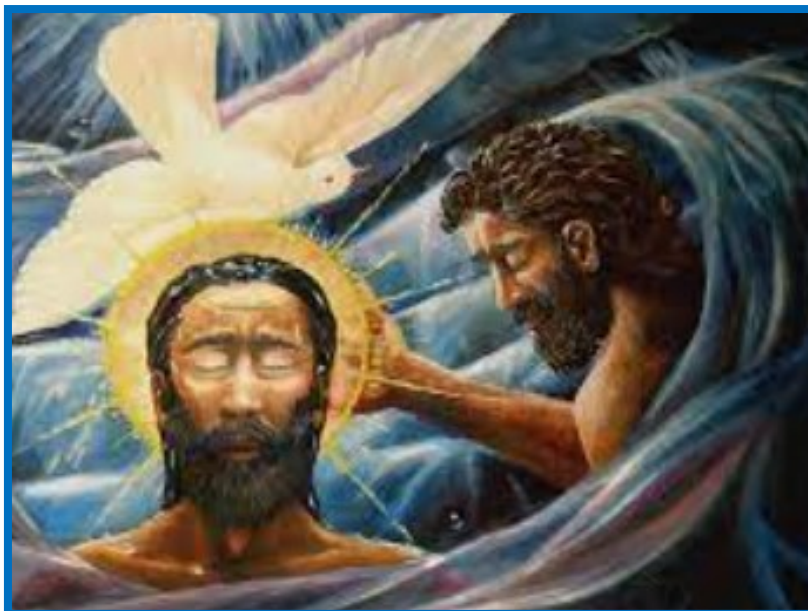
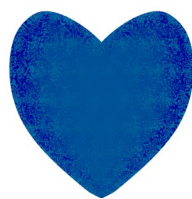
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And finally...

Thank you for a lovely week

Have a super weekend

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the Staff



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A message from our Pastoral Team



St Wilfrid's Coffee Morning

Monday 5th 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:

 Kidd School of Irish Dancing  @TheKiddSchool  01911 851935

Family run dancing school producing champion dancers for over 60 years
Annie Kidd ADCRE Siobhan Monaghan TCRC Fiona Kidd ADCRE

Registered with An Coimisiún Le Rince Gaelacha
Fully vetted

Fun
Friendship
Fitness

