



NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a restful break and are ready for the half term ahead.

November is the month of the Faithful Departed - a time to remember and pray for those who have died. On 11th November at 11am, the whole school will keep two minutes of silence to honour all who gave their lives in war and conflict. The GIFT Team has also prepared a special Family Mission for this month.

They will also be selling poppies for a suggested donation of 50p

Next week we will mark Anti-Bullying Week with the theme Power for Good. Together, we will focus on the drive from the National Anti Bullying Alliance and St Wilfrid's as a KiVa School considering how our words and actions can make a positive difference and stand against harm. The week begins with Odd Socks Day, celebrating our differences and reminding us that everyone is unique and valued.

Attendance

Well done to all the children who made a fantastic start to the year with their attendance last half term!

Your commitment to coming to school every day helps you learn more, grow in confidence, and make the most of every opportunity. Let's keep the momentum going this term—every day in school counts, and together we can achieve even greater things!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 10th November - Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week

Wednesday 12th November - Harvest donations to be brought in for today

Friday 21st November- Slipper day for donations for St Chad's Sanctuary

Tuesday 2nd December- Year 3 Reconciliation

Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 9th December - KS2 Pantomime Trip

Wednesday 10th December - YR 1 & 2 Snowdome Trip

Monday 15th December - YR 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Performance

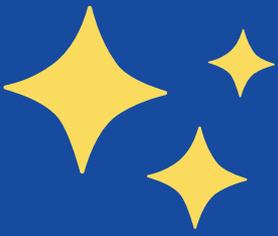
Tuesday 16th December - EYFS Christmas Performance

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Fayre

Thursday 18th December - YR 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Service

Friday 19th December - Children break up for Christmas

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ATTENDANCE PRIZES!

IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, READY TO SHINE

Each week, we will celebrate the classes who have gained successes in attendance and punctuality with a chance to SPIN TO WIN on our prize wheel

This week our spinners were

Y1

CLASS 5B

CLASS 5W

CLASS 6RM





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CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION

The God Who Speaks

This week we listened to the Gospel of John and spent some time in contemplation considering the home God has created for us in Heaven, promising to us eternal life.

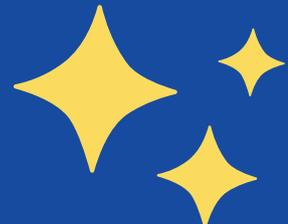
Mini Mission

Our GIFT team invite us to share the name of a loved one who has passed away so that as a community we can pray for them



BUILDING THE KINGDOM

Over the next couple of weeks, you will see our environment transformed into a reminder of those who have passed away and live in eternal glory with God



CHURCH JUBILEE - PIPLGRIMS OF HOPE

This Monday, the children will gather together in hope. As a school community, we continue to focus on our Jubilee Pledge: to open our hearts to others, support asylum seekers, and be welcoming to all. Together, we will share hope, kindness, and compassion, living out the true spirit of the Jubilee.



VALUES AND VIRTUES



This half term we are remembering to be **LEARNED AND WISE** :

Learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

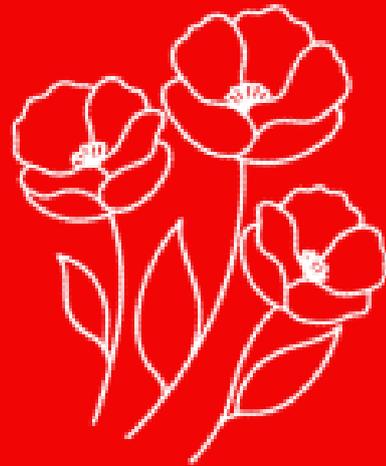
We are Stewards of Creation
Dignity of the Human Person



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An invite
from our G.I.F.T. team

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**November
Family
Mission:
Faithful
Departed**
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Join us this November on our Family Mission. Take a poppy and write the name of someone who has passed away and bring it back into school. We will add them to our prayers each day

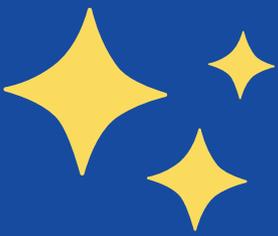
Why do we 'Remember the Faithful Departed' in November?

We believe that praying for those who have passed away helps them to take their place in heaven.

We celebrate 'All Saints Day' which remembers those who sacrificed their life in the name of Jesus

'All Souls Day' is a day set aside in the Catholic Calendar to pray for those who have died.

**Join us on our
Remembrance
Mission**



READING SUITCASES - STARTING TODAY!

We're excited to introduce our new Reading Suitcases, which will be coming home with children every Friday starting today. These special suitcases are designed to encourage families to enjoy some quality time together through reading.

Inside, you'll find a lovely book to share, a notebook to jot down your thoughts, and even some hot chocolate to enjoy while you read! We hope this becomes a cosy and fun weekly tradition for you and your child.



Please return the suitcase by the following Wednesday so it can be shared with another family.
Happy reading!



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British Values



Faith and Community - Year 3 Sacramental Preparation

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent sacramental meeting for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for our Year 3 children. We look forward to preparing the children for these special sacraments and celebrating together as they take this important step in their faith journey. These moments of reflection and celebration remind us of the importance of **mutual respect** and understanding, key British Values that help us appreciate the faith traditions within our school community.



If you were unable to attend the meeting and your child is Catholic and would like to make the sacraments, please speak to Mrs Galvin or Miss Healy for further information.



Each week, our children and staff will be sharing a little bit of news from somewhere in the world
If you want to find out more about the story,
log onto BBC Newsround
www.bbc.co.uk/newsround or scan the QR code!



Remember, Remember the 5th of November

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AWARD WINNERS

Merit of the Week			
Nursery	John-Wesley	YR4B	Riley
REC	Aariz	YR4M	Alex
YR1	Reeva	YR5W	Delara
YR2	Leonardo	YR5B	Alessia
YR3G	Ruairi	YR6M	Mateusz
YR3H	Dawid	YR6RM	Layla

Reader of the Week			
		YR4B	Malaika
REC	Inara	YR4M	Amy
YR1	Dominic	YR5W	Beniamin
YR2	Muntaha	YR5B	Akiro
YR3G	Ollie	YR6M	Aun
YR3H	Sara	YR6RM	Nicole

Wise Owl

Victor - 5B

Sports Award

Albie - 2P

Music Award

Liarna - 3G

Values & Virtues

Jaziah - YR 1
Jemima - YR 3G

Lunchtime Awards

Haaniyah - Nurs

Mason - 4M

Year 6

Well Done to Everyone!



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AND FINALLY

We pray for those at the weekend for those who
have sacrificed their lives in conflict

**THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD:
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**



MRS MILLIGAN, MRS HUSTED AND ALL THE TEAM



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**FRIDAY 21ST
NOVEMBER**



Children are invited to wear their slippers in the classroom in exchange for donations of **adult gloves, hats, scarves, or new toiletry gift sets.**

All items collected will be donated to St Chad's Sanctuary, offering warmth and comfort to asylum seekers in need.

This simple act of kindness is a wonderful way for us to live out our Jubilee pledge and our Catholic Social Teaching on the dignity of the human person—showing hope, compassion, and solidarity in action.



TERM DATES

25/26

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Monday 1st September 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025	Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026	Monday 13th April 2026 to Monday 20th July 2026
Autumn half-term break	Spring half-term break	Summer half-term break
Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025	Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026	Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
Christmas Holiday	Easter Holiday	
Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026	Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026	

Teacher Training Days for 2025–2026 School Closed to all Pupils

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Wednesday 1st July 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

YOU SAID.... WE DID....



What we do

We work with organisations that provide services for families. We are an independent strategic partner to the local authority, Integrated Care Board (ICB) and The Children's Trust. We gather the views of local families and share diverse experiences and challenges with service providers. We want to ensure the concerns and voices of parent carers are heard, listened to, valued and used to make change. We will hold the statutory services to account and challenge decisions when families are telling us it's not working. Our goal is to improve outcomes for all children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

Who Can Join?

The Birmingham Parent Carer Forum welcomes anyone who provides care to children or young people (0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities living in or accessing SEND services in Birmingham. We are committed to being inclusive of all families from diverse backgrounds and disabilities. These may range from but are not exclusive to complex medical needs, neurodevelopmental, learning and/or physical difficulties.



PARENT CARER WORKSHOPS IN SCHOOL HALL

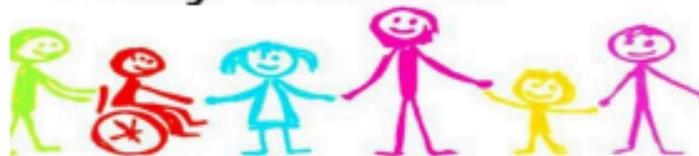
Friday 17th October 9am-11am

Friday 21st November 9am-11am

Friday 16th January 9am-11am

Friday 6th March Sensory Workshop 9am-11am

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AND
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**



Be Empowered.....

BE EMPOWERED WORKSHOPS

- Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers



Is this for you?
Are you a parent of a children with a
different abilities (additional needs)? Are you
struggling to know what to do next?



feel confident build resilience
Do you want to feel more confident about
working with practitioners and making
decisions about your child's journey?



feeling lonely, isolated?
Do you want to meet with other parents
and learn more about local and national
services and what they can offer?

We warmly invite you to a series of workshops that have been written by and are led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves. They run over a period of 6 weeks, and there are a selection of face-to-face and online sessions.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, with or without a diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

Wednesday's 5/11/25 - 17/12/25

10:00am - 1:00pm

Evolve Centre, 99 Glover St, B9 4EN.

Monday's 10/11/25 - 15/12/25

10:00am - 1:00pm

Online via Zoom

Thursday's 8/1/26 - 12/2/26

10:00am-1:00pm

Lime Tree Children's Centre,
Heathfield Rd, B19 1UJ

TO BOOK – Please complete the booking form and return to: BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk

For more information please contact: Christine Legore on 07770 762056 or via email at christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk or

Nathalie Messarvi on 07943 364833 or via email at nathalie.messarvi@birmingham.gov.uk

Saturday's 10/1/26 - 13/2/26
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Online via Zoom
Joining details will be sent.

Tuesday's 10/2/26, 24/2/26 - 24/3/26
10:00am - 1:00pm
Acocks Green Methodist Church,
1 Botteville Road, B27 7YE.

Friday's 27/2/26 - 27/3/26, 17/4/26
6:00pm-9:00pm
Online via Zoom
Joining details will be sent.

Tuesday's 14/4/26 - 19/5/26
10:00am - 1:00pm
Online via Zoom
Joining details will be sent.

Thursday's 16/4/26 - 21/5/26
In Community Languages
10:00am - 2:00pm
Lime Tree Children's Centre,
Heathfield Road, B19 1UJ

Friday's 5/6/26 - 10/7/26
10:00am - 1:00pm
Online via Zoom
Joining details will be sent.

Monday's 8/6/26 - 13/7/26
10:00am - 1:00pm
Hodge Hill Family Hub, Dyson Gardens
Children's Centre, Highfield Road, B8 3QF.

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<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Z86aaeTSzUuzA9K74rm78UtsZJS1sGdFip4igifYn11UMFZROlpEUUJKNUJDTVBVRkE5NjM3OUFXSC4u> to submit online.



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