



NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It has been a lovely week in school, full of positive experiences for our children. We welcomed Year 6 parents to the Alton Castle meeting as we look ahead to the residential visit on 11th February, a special opportunity for pupils to explore their faith and develop independence in preparation for Year 7.

A group of children from Years 5 and 6 also represented the school at a sporting event with other schools, where indoor games helped develop teamwork, resilience and confidence.

Year 3 enjoyed a healthy eating workshop this week, and we thank the parents who were able to join us for this valuable session.

Please do send your children along to our FREE Breakfast Club, available daily from 8:15am — Rise, Shine, and Dine. If you forget to book, don't worry — just send them along anyway.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 2nd February - Reception & Yr 6 NHS heights and weights check

Thursday 5th February - YR4 Healthy Eating Workshop 9:30am

Wednesday 11th February - Friday 13th February - Alton Castle Residential Trip

Thursday 12th February - YR5 Healthy Eating Workshop 9:30am

Friday 13th February - Break up for half term

Monday 23rd February - INSET DAY

Tuesday 24th February - Children return to school

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day



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



YR 1
CLASS 2P
CLASS 3G





CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION

Questioning minds,
thirst for knowledge,
curious and active

The God who Speaks	A reading from the Book of Proverbs (2:6) For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding:
Mini Mission	Our mini mission this week is to notice when we learn something new . We learn something new because of our questioning minds and our thirst for knowledge.



This week we reflected on the next part of our Diocesan mission and how it can guide us

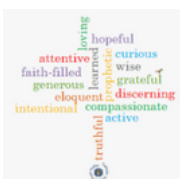
BUILDING THE KINGDOM

Some of our Yr 5 & 6 children took part in an athletics competition this week. This helped teach them the resilience needed for competition and always to try your best!



VALUES AND VIRTUES

This half term we are remembering to be
Curious and Active



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

We are Stewards of Creation
Rights and Responsibilities



READING SUITCASES !

Our new Reading Suitcases, which will continue to be coming home with children every Friday . 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!



We strive to follow Christ's example to always do our best





British Values

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March,**

a day that promotes a love of reading while celebrating diversity, respect and a sense of belonging—values that strongly reflect our British Values and our commitment as a School of Sanctuary.

On this day, children are invited to wear something that reminds them of home.

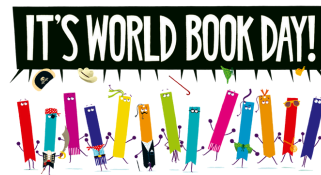
This may include **dressing up, pyjamas or comfortable clothes**, encouraging pupils to express their individual identity and share what makes them feel safe and valued.

Throughout the day, **one parent or carer** will be invited into school for 10 minutes to read with their child.

- **EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2): 8:45-9:00am**
- **Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6): 3:15-3:30pm**

In addition, pupils will explore a book within their class that links closely to our School of Sanctuary work, supporting discussions around empathy, respect for others and understanding different cultures and experiences.

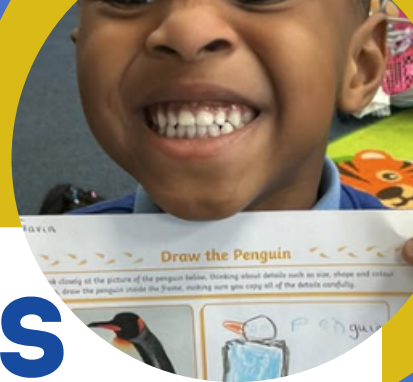
We look forward to celebrating reading together!



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!



Following on from our **Healthy Eating Workshops**, let's find out how these monkeys work together to find the tastiest fruit trees!



AWARD WINNERS

Merit of the Week			
Nursery	Kande	YR4B	Iosif
REC	Amalia	YR4M	Affan
YR1	Marcu & Lucas C	YR5W	Eliana
YR2	Zaydan	YR5B	Alfie
YR3G	Kay'arnie	YR6M	Ellie
YR3H	Teddy	YR6RM	Nicole



Reader of the Week			
		YR4B	Ivy
REC	Noah	YR4M	Darcy
YR1	Rhe'nall	YR5W	Anastasia
YR2	Olivia	YR5B	Joy
YR3G	Ollie	YR6M	Mateusz
YR3H	Izhaan	YR6RM	Ashayla



Wise Owl
Mussie - 4M

Sports Award
Children who attended
the Athletics Competition

Music Award
Year 2

Values & Virtues
Reeva - YR1 & Riley - 4B

Lunchtime Awards
Callie - REC

Lunchtime Awards
Ruairi - YR 3G

Lunchtime Awards
Class 4B

Well Done to Everyone!





And finally...

We wish you a lovely weekend
with your
families and friends

Best wishes,
Mrs Husted, Mrs Milligan, and the staff team



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

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Receptionist and Office Assistant

St. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury, Erdington Abbey
Part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Terms: Permanent/part-time-8 hours per week

Salary: £13.75 per hour

Location: parish office

About us:

We are a busy and diverse parish and community administration office, at Erdington Abbey, dealing with our Parish, School, Shop, Graveyard and funeral enquiries, and the public.

About the role:

Receptionist and Office Assistant in a busy parish office, with varied responsibilities.

Responsibilities:

We require someone to look after our office reception, dealing with the public on a variety of issues, including things concerning the church, masses, finance and enquiries connected to our graveyard and contacting funeral directors. The Hall and parish centre is used constantly by groups; there are enquiries about hall use.

There will be office clerical work to be attended to as well, keeping Registers up to date, other issues with Baptisms and funerals. Assistance will be needed to complete the weekly newsletter for the Church.

Training will be given on all the above.

Working for a parish within the Archdiocese, you will meet many people from different walks of life. We welcome applications from all faith/non-faith backgrounds creating a culture of respect, openness, and a commitment to embracing the diocesan vision and building positive relationships regardless of your faith/non-faith background.

Applications including a CV and supporting statement to be submitted to the Parish Priest at Erdington Abbey fr.kieran.brady@rcaob.org.uk by 5th February 2026.

Shortlisting: 5th/6th February 2026

Interviews: 2nd week in February 2026