



# NEWSLETTER

## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

What a wonderful week it has been in school! Year 6 enjoyed an unforgettable visit to Alton Castle and represented us beautifully—thank you to Miss McClenaghan, Miss McCoy, Mrs Willdig and Mrs McGreene for making the trip possible. Year 5 also took part in a brilliant Healthy Eating and Lifestyle workshop for pupils and parents and this was followed by a fantastic WOW Day for everyone. Thank you for your contributions; each WOW Day helps us raise funds to extend the experiences we can offer our children, as well as giving them a special treat to enjoy.

When we return after half term, we will begin the season of Lent, a time of preparing our hearts for Easter. As Ash Wednesday falls during half term, we encourage families to attend Mass if possible, or simply take a moment at home to reflect on how you might prepare spiritually during these 40 days, drawing closer to Jesus through prayer and acts of kindness.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - INSET DAY

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Children return to school

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February - YR6 Healthy Eating Workshop

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Wear yellow for St David's Day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - NURSERY World Book Day (Children can wear dressing up, comfy clothing or pjs)

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day (Children can wear dressing up, comfy clothing or pjs)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - KS1 Science Fair 2pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March - KS2 Science Fair 2pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Wear Green for St Patrick's 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



4B

5B





# CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION

Strong in Faith

The God who Speaks	"My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." (Luke 1:46-47)
Mini Mission	Today, look out for someone who needs kindness - a smile, a gentle word, or a prayer.  When you see a picture or statue of Mary, pause and say one quiet prayer.



This week we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, reflecting on when Bernadette saw a vision of Mary. She stayed Strong in Faith when others doubted her

## BUILDING THE KINGDOM

This week our Year 6 children have grown in independence, resilience and strength whilst taking part in several enriching activities.

We are so proud of the young adults they are growing to be!



## 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!

Zaniyah - Rec  
Aaliyah - 2P  
Maya - 3H  
Olivia - 5B



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





# British Values

As part of our commitment to promoting British Values, especially **mutual respect**, **community**, and a love of learning, we are excited to celebrate **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March**.

To mark this special day, **one adult per child** is warmly invited into school to share a reading session together:

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 8:45-9:10am
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: 3:15-3:30pm

Please enter through your child's classroom door at the allocated time. In keeping with the theme of celebrating stories and identity, pupils are invited to wear something that reminds them of home. This might be dressing up clothes, pyjamas, or comfy clothes—anything that helps them feel connected and celebrated.

We look forward to a wonderful day of sharing stories and celebrating our school community.



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**



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](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround) or scan the QR code!

SCAN



See how this Button-sized snail species was saved from extinction!



# AWARD WINNERS

Merit of the Week			
Nursery	Bruk	YR4B	Zoya
REC	Zoya	YR4M	Darcy-Rai
YR1	Lucas	YR5W	Zamil
YR2	Michelle	YR5B	Haider A
YR3G	Liarna		
YR3H	Anaya		



Reader of the Week			
		YR4B	Eiman
REC	Zaniyah	YR4M	Iman
YR1	Brodie	YR5W	Ali
YR2	Aaliyah	YR5B	Olivia
YR3G	Beulah		
YR3H	Maya		



### Sports Award

Ruairi - 3G

### Values & Virtues

Sarah-Kate - Yr1 & Antonia - 4M

### Lunchtime Awards

Luna-Rae - Reception

Mayumi - 5B

Class 3H

**Well Done to Everyone!**



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Have a safe and happy half term  
Remember that Lent begins during half term, so Ash  
Wednesday Mass will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
February at St Wilfrid's

Mrs Husted, Mrs Milligan, and the staff team

See you on TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> February



# 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
<b>Autumn half-term break</b>	<b>Spring half-term break</b>	<b>Summer half-term break</b>
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
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>	
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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and build healthy habits as a family?

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Start making healthy lifestyle changes as a family

Discover delicious and nutritious meals

Find fun ways to get more active



# Find support that works for your family



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**FREE PLACE**

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**Birmingham**  
City Council

Our in-person and online group programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.

Unplug  
& Play



Castle Bromwich  
Historic Gardens

# Half Term

**OPEN EVERYDAY SAT 14TH - SUN 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB**

**FREE ENTRY DAYS:**

**We Love Potatoes: Sunday 15th**

eat, grow, buy, learn. All day

**Pancake Races: Tues 17<sup>th</sup>**

11.30-1.30 (participants £2)

- Prizes. Do dress up!

**SELF GUIDED EXPLORER RESOURCES  
& TRAILS**

**BOOKABLE WORKSHOPS**

- Fridge magnet and puppet craft - Monday 16th
- Hapa Zome workshops 17th/18th & 19th (Free)





# Navigating The Wait Together

**Turning the autism assessment waiting period into a time for positivity and productivity.**

**These FREE sessions are aimed at parents/carers with children (up to 18) who are on the Birmingham autism assessment/diagnosis waiting list.**

Are you a Birmingham resident? Is your child waiting for an autism assessment? Join us for a free workshop to learn practical skills to support your child, better understand the system, and meet other parents on a similar journey.

Topics will include:

- What is autism
- Navigating the system
- Sensory processing
- Behaviour
- Communication
- Eating & Sleeping
- Wellbeing
- And more!

The sessions will be offered both online and face to face.

Please **register your interest** by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/XnVNkxUME>

For more info, please contact:

**Kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk**

# CATHOLIC UNION YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION 2026



**FORGIVENESS - WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE TO YOU?**

Send your entry to: [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk)

JUDGE: MARGARET  
MIZEN MBE  
MIZEN FOUNDATION

DEADLINE: 22 MAY 2026  
PRIZES!

OPEN TO:  
RECEPTION - Y6

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