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Interim Head of School : Mrs L Husted



We strive to follow Christ example , to always do our best

Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message



We ended the week today with one minute of silence to remember all those who lost their lives in the war, fighting for the country. The children observed this time prayerfully and with reverence. Thank you to all those who have sent money in for children to buy poppies and poppy merchandise, donating to The Royal British Legion.

Year 5 enjoyed 'Bikeability' this week, which was really successful . It's so important that our children develop these cycling skills, particularly as they become older and gain more independence.

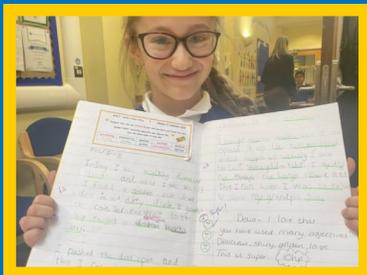
This week, Miss Turner launched 'WOW—the walk to school challenge.' Ed Wicks from Living Streets' came to talk to the children about the benefits of walking to school, and how they can take part in the challenge . A new badge can be earned every month if they walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride at least once a week. Park and Stride involves parking ten minutes away and walking the last part of the journey. So what are the benefits of walking to school?

- ◆ Children feel happier and healthier
- ◆ They arrive to school refreshed, healthy, and ready to learn
- ◆ A reduction in congestion and pollution at the school gates

Thank you to Miss Turner for leading this. We are very excited also at the imminent arrival of a number of parking 'dollies' to support the reduction in congestion around the school entrance.

Thank you to Year 4, for leading Mass this week. It was wonderful. Next week, Year 6 will lead Mass. All welcome!

And finally, thank you to all those parents who have attended parent consultations for EYFS - don't forget these are happening for the rest of the school on Wednesday. We are excited to tell you how your children have settled in.





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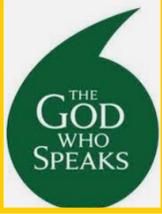
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The God who Speaks

This week, we listen to the words of Collosians 3:13:

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

As we enter Anti Bullying week next week, we teach those who have made the wrong choice of how to take the right path, and, when they make a change, we forgive them and we move forward.



Virtues Award

Infants

Juniors

Jan (1D6)

Laiba (6G)

Virtues of the Half Term



Faith-filled and Hopeful

With the launch of our 'WOW—walk once a week campaign' this week, we demonstrate our **faith** by putting our God created human selves at the top of our list of priorities, pledging to keep fit by walking more. We also pledge to care for the environment by using our cars less.



Right of the Week



UNITED KINGDOM

Article 9 (separation from parents)

Children must not be separated from their parents against their will unless it is in their best interests (for example, if a parent is hurting or neglecting a child). Children whose parents have separated have the right to stay in contact with both parents, unless this could cause them harm.

This week, talk to your child about who they love in their family and why.





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Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
NOVEMBER	REMEMBRANCE and REPOSE of HOLY SOULS
WC 14th Nov	Anti Bullying Week— MONDAY 14TH NOV is ODD SOCKS DAY!!
Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 15th Nov	Nursery Parent Consultation—extra days, (s well as 16.11.22)
Wednesday 16th Nov	Parent Consultations—these will be held in the school hall
Tuesday 29th Nov	Christmas Dinner for EYFS and KS1 Christmas Dinner for Grandparents
Wednesday 30th Nov	Christmas Dinner for KS2
Friday 2nd Dec	Christmas Fayre : 4pm—6pm
Tuesday 6th Dec	EYFS Christmas Production 9:30am
Tuesday 6th Dec	Pantomime in school—advanced notice - £2 per child
Wednesday 7th Dec—Friday 9th Dec	Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle
Monday 12th Dec	Glo Sports for children drawn out of the 'wear your uniform with pride' lottery
Tuesday 13th Dec	KS2 Christmas Production 2pm
Wednesday 14th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 15th December	Jolly Jumper Day for Birmingham Children's Hospital . £1 per family
Friday 16th Dec	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 4th Jan	Return to school

Christmas Dinner!

Can you believe it's that time of year already?

The Grandparents Christmas Dinner is on **Tuesday 29th November 2022.**

The cost is £6.50 per adult—this can be paid via Parentpay. If you need your log ins, please contact the school office.

Thank you.



A Reminder of our Teacher Days for the Coming Academic Year

~~Monday 5th September 2022~~

~~Tuesday 6th September 2022~~

~~Monday 17th October 2022~~

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 5th June 2023





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Awards

Class	Name/s
Nurs	Whole class
RCT	Aayan
RNM	Cody
1DG	Alex
1M	Ava Rose
2B	Kaiden
2G	Mayumi
3M	Savannah
3P	Charlie
4B	Jhon
4P	Camilla
5P	Ghazi
5W	Kacey
6G	Jenson
6W	Ibrahim
Wise Owl	Aryan (6W)
Music	Y5 trombone musicians
Sport	Eliana (2B)
Lunchtime	Grace (RCT), RCT, RNM, 6G, 6W

Star Awards—well done everybody!



Each week, we celebrate our children's achievements in our Friday assembly and award them with certificates.

Well done to everyone who has received an award today and we look forward to seeing who will receive awards next week.

Attendance—period 31st October—4th November 2022

Our whole school attendance target is 95%



Class	%
RCT	92%
RNM	86.7%
1DG	89.6%
1M	95.6%
2B	95.7%
2G	92.3%
3M	93%
3P	96%
4B	94.1%
4P	96.4%
5P	97.3%
5W	95.6%
6G	82.3%
6W	92.4%

This weeks whole school attendance is: 92.4%





Family and Community

"The Church is a *family* in which *one* is welcomed and learns to live as believers and disciples of the *Lord Jesus*"



This half term, we are putting a focus on FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

We are thinking about what it means to be a family and community, how we can help others in our family and community and how others can help us. In Gospel Liturgy on Monday morning, we talked about what Family and Community means to the children—they said:

- People we can trust and who trust us
- People who can be truthful and who we can be truthful with
- People who give us comfort
- People who are kind, loving and compassionate, who share with us and show us respect



We reflected on us being disciples on earth—the ones who build the family and community and are active in this.

This week

- ♦ We were lucky enough to meet some prospective parents and children — children who would like to start in Nursery or Reception in September 2023. It was wonderful to share some information about our amazing school community with them.



Next week

We will let you know the chosen dates for the opportunity for a family member to come in to read with their child, for half an hour, during school time. Reading for pleasure with your child is such a privilege:

Reading with your child has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns. (Literacy Trust)





Next week marks the start of a very important week in our school calendar- **Anti-Bullying week!** The theme for this year is **Reach Out!**

The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as:

"the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power."

The theme of "**reach out**" has been carefully chosen this year, as preventing and combatting bullying all starts by the children reaching out. Whether it's in our school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need.

Next week, in school, we will be discussing with the children the importance of reaching out to someone you trust if you need to talk. We will also be covering the importance of reaching out if you suspect somebody else is being bullied. Together, let's be the change we want to see. Reflect on our own behaviour, set positive examples, and create kinder communities. So, let's all come together for this Anti-Bullying Week and reach out to stop bullying.

At the end of Anti-bullying week on **Friday 18th November** an activity will be sent home for you to complete with the children all linked to Reach Out! You need to design a "helping hand"- on each finger you need to write the name of a person you could go to if you ever feel worried. Please return these hands to school by **Friday 25th November** so that we can make a whole school display of helping hands.





WOOHOO... MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that you wear odd socks to work on Monday 14th November. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Calling Out.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.





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Our Student Ambassadors

Leaders in Faith

Thank you to our leaders in Faith, who led us in our minute of silence today, remembering those who have died during warfare—we prayed that we remember these holy souls as they rest in eternal peace, in heaven.



House Captain Competition

Design a poster about a figure in black history .



CONGRATULATIONS to our winners!
Well done to Shadae, Reuben and Tyreek, who designed eye catching, informative posters. The decision was a hard one as the entries were so strong, but these 3 children did a marvellous job. They won 100 points each for their house groups and a book about figures in black history.

Calling all spare children's books



School Council are looking for good quality, CHILDREN'S hand books to be donated into school next week. They intend to sell them on , for a small price and they will use the money to develop 'book nooks' around school, where children read in peace and quiet!





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Community News

Can you sand and paint?

Our children have asked that our playground benches have a bit of a facelift. They would like them sanded down and repainted.

**Friends of St Wilfrid
Presents**

Christmas Fayre

at

*St Wilfrid's Catholic
Primary School*

December 02, 2022 / 4:00-6:00pm

**Santa Grotto, Tombola,
Face painting,
Goodies and lots of items to
pick for presents.**



Our Friends of St Wilfrid's are holding a **Christmas Fayre** on December 2nd. If you feel able to help out in any way, please contact Naz, on 07955272710





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Sacramental Preparation

Our Year 3 children and Y6 children have already started their Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

The first parent meeting will be on Thursday 17th November at 4:15pm.



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This will be held via TEAMS - it is very important that you are able to attend, and we feel like this is the most accessible way for you to be able to do that.

School Uniform Lucky Draw!

Each week, our staff have been choosing one child from their class who has worn their uniform with pride. Sometimes, this has been their daily uniform, and, sometimes, it has been their PE kit.

This is not about wearing the most expensive items—it is about the correct, smartest uniforms—shirts tucked in and shoes not trainers!

In a few weeks time, the names of these children will go into a prize draw and names will be drawn out at random for a special reward.

This term, the reward will be a [Glo Sports](#) session with Mr Henningham!

If you are struggling with the purchase of uniform, please speak to Mrs Whittingham or Mrs Cropper and we may be able to help.



WONDERFUL NEWS!

A HUGE congratulations to Miss Dandy on the safe arrival of Lily- a beautiful baby girl! We are very excited for Lacie to be a big sister also and hope that she is remembering to help with the nappies!



This weekend, we remember those lost during war.



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 shall remember them.



Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff .

