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# NEWSLETTER

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

## Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

Well, summer looks to have well and truly arrived!

This week, we enjoyed a visit from Mr Davis, our Catholic Senior Executive Leader, who met a number of our children as he walked around school. He was impressed by our children's behaviour and manners, and left as an expert in the Titanic, as Year 3 showered him with facts from their history lesson!

A busy week of outdoor activities for Nursery and Year 6. Nursery have been planting out in their nursery garden, and Year 6 enjoyed a day of learning at Drayton Manor Theme Park, researching fairground rides through a planned workshop and, of course, through hands on experience by catching a ride on the park's most hair raising attractions! We look forward to our beans growing and our fairground rides being completed!

Yesterday, a number of our children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The service they had prepared was a beautiful reflection of their commitment of faith and they approached this with reverence and maturity. We thank the Year 3 teachers and their families for preparing the children so well for this Sacrament, and also thank the other Year 3 children for their support of their friends on this special day. We look forward to them receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at 9:30am on Saturday 25th June. For those children who are due to receive this Sacrament, the photographer will be in church from 8:30am. The children should all arrive by 9:15am to take their seats ready to begin Mass.

A wonderful team building day took place this week, led by Kingsbury School Sports Partnership—over 60 children took part in the workshop—teamwork makes the dream work.

Well done to our Year 6 dance club, who performed, at the weekend in the KDDK Show 2022. Thank you to Katie Driscoll, their dance teacher, for preparing them and providing this wonderful experience for our children.

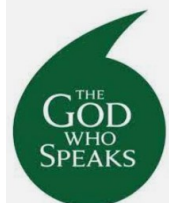
Congratulations to our Year 5/6 boys' school football team who reached the play offs of the ESPSFA football league. Unfortunately, they did not win, but they powered on with positivity and resilience and we are very proud of how far they reached.

Thank you to our juniors, who prepared and led a beautiful mass yesterday. Please remember that you are very welcome at Mass each week—next week's Mass is at 9:05am and will be led by our infant children.





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## The God who Speaks

This week, in Gospel Liturgy, we reflected upon how we have shown '**Solidarity**' and worked for '**The Common Good**' in school this year. It is really important to remember how well our children and you, as families, help us to work together as one community to serve others in the world—work for 'The Common Good. We should be proud of our children for always going over and above to think of, and help others.

During our transition morning, next month, our children will be considering how they will take this forward into next year, so that they can help others as they move through the school

*'But the most beautiful thing that God made, the Bible says, was the family.'* Pope Francis

## Virtues Award

### Infants

### Juniors

Mason, Affan, Jan - RNM

Y6

## Right of the Week



### Article 24 (health and health services)

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.

Now is the time to be booking those dental and opticians appointments for your child, during the 6 weeks' holiday, so that they are tip top and ready to go, at school, in September!



## Virtues of the Half Term



**ATTENTIVE and DISCERNING.**

### **YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY**

Next week, as part of Alton Castle's Jubilee celebrations, Year 6 will be holding a raffle to win an amazing sweets & chocolate bouquet. Tickets will be sold at break and lunchtimes and will be 50p each or 3 for £1. **The draw will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm and the winner will be announced.**

**All money raised will be sent to Alton Castle to help them continue the brilliant work that they do for all young people in the Diocese.**







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## Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
21.6.22 3:45pm	Year 5 parent meeting in school—secondary school applications and Alton Castle
22.6.22	Year 4 trip to Mosque
25.6.22 9:30am	First Holy Communion
27.6.22 2pm	New Nursery Parents meeting
28.6.22 4:15pm	Online Meeting for children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation
4.7.22 2pm	New Reception Parents meeting - 2pm
6.7.22 9:30am - 10:30am	New Nursery children and parents visit
6.7.22 9:15am-11:30am	New Reception children visit
7.7.22	MAC Athletics
11.7.22 7pm	Y6 Confirmation
12.7.22	Year 4 Trip to Twycross Zoo
13.7.22 Times to follow	Sports Day
18.7.22	Nursery Ponies and Picnic day
19.7.22 9:30am	Nursery Celebration Assembly
19.7.22 2pm	Year 6 End of year Production
21.7.22	Children break up for the summer holiday (22nd is given over for Jubilee Day in lieu of the holiday that falls in half term)

Transition day in school will take place on Wednesday 6th July, but, **Year 6 parents, please check your secondary school dates for transition days**

**Also, watch this space for an invite for Year 2 children to bring a loved one to lunch on July 14th!**



## Year 4 Multiplication Test

The Year 4 Multiplication Tests continue next week—a chance for the children to showcase their times table talents!

They have been working really hard on their 'tables' in class, and hopefully, also, at home.

Encourage children to log onto TT Rockstars at home for that last minute bit of practice!



## Can you help?!

We are endeavouring to make our playground a more beautiful place to be.

This is the start of our project and priority one is to work on the grass area inside the main gates on the way into the junior playground.

We would like to develop it into a multi purpose area that can eventually be used as

1. A community area for parents to gather at either end of the school day
2. An outdoor area for the children to enjoy lessons and Collective Worship
3. A calm area to be used during lunchtimes for those children who would like to draw/colour/read/play board games
4. A place to house a school Memory Tree

This will need a bit of physical work to remove the damaged planters, dig over and level the ground, prune bushes and plant up shrubs kindly donated by Asda. If you think that this is something with which you could help, please let your child's teacher, or the school office know.



## Star Awards—well done everybody!

Class	Name/s
RNM	Romaisa
RSS	Jaxon-Lee
1DG	Delia
1M	Anayah, Olivia
2B	Benjamin
2G	Mujtaba
3C	Reuben
3M	Angel, Deron
4B	Hadia
4P	Adi
5P	Whole class
5W	Whole class
6G	Freya
6W	Jayden
Wise Owl	Ibrahim (5P)
Music	Leonardo (6W)
Sport	Azaan (5P)
Lunchtime	Kylah (1M), Kharis (5P), 1DG



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 - 6th—10th June 2022

Our whole school attendance target is 95%

This weeks whole school attendance is 93.8%



Class	%
RNM	100%
RSS	86.3%
1DG	97.8%
1M	92.6%
2B	98.2%
2G	88.1%
3C	97.7%
3M	93.2%
4B	94.2%
4P	93.1%
5P	91.4%
5W	89.7%
6G	95.8%
6W	95.8%



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## Punctuality!

Our punctuality drive is going really well! Congratulations to all of our children who have made an extra special effort to arrive at school on time, especially those who have set the alarm clock a little late previously!

As a parent/carer of a child of statutory school age, you have a legal responsibility to ensure full time education suitable to the child's age, ability and aptitude and any special educational needs the child may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise. (Education Act 1996)

The statistics may be surprising to you

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

Let's have a big push and improve punctuality!

There will be a prize draw at the end of the 4 weeks and the most punctual pupils will have the opportunity to win a voucher for a family of 4 to go to Drayton Manor Theme Park.

Set those alarm clocks, and GOOD LUCK!





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## St Wilfrid's Pastoral Team

Whilst your child's class teacher will often be your first port of call for any difficulties that you are facing, we also have a Pastoral Team, who you may wish to speak to, if you feel it is more appropriate:

Mrs Whittingham Pastoral Manager	In school every day - available to speak face to face or on the telephone via appointment, or, in an emergency, sooner
Mrs Cropper Family Support Worker	In school on Mondays and Thursdays -available to speak face to face or on the telephone via appointment, or, in an emergency, sooner.
Mr Gordon Mental Health and Emotional Support	In school every Wednesday— available to speak face to face or on the telephone via appointment, or, in an emergency, sooner. Has capacity to work with a set number of
Mrs Stephens Attendance Officer	In school Mondays and some Thurs - available to speak face to face or on the telephone via appointment, or, in an emergency, sooner, to support with attendance

If you wish to speak to any of these members of staff, please enquire at the school office, where they can direct you accordingly. Please keep your eyes peeled for regular meet ups and 'surgeries', led by our Pastoral Team to find out more. No enquiry is too big or too small—ask the question, and we will do our very best to help.

## Infant Mental Health Awareness Week



Infant Mental Health Awareness Week will take place from the 13th - 19th June 2022 on the theme of 'Understanding Early Trauma'. In partnership with Solihull Council and other key health partners we have a [calendar of events](#) and are sharing some [opportunities for parents](#) to shine a spotlight on the importance of Infant Mental Health and our work across Birmingham and Solihull.

Information about the week can be found here: <https://parentinfantfoundation.org.uk/our-work/imhaw/>

### **What is Infant Mental Health Awareness Week?**

Infant Mental Health Awareness Week provides an annual opportunity to discuss the importance of babies' mental health as well as some of the issues that affect it. The Parent-Infant Foundation has set the theme and coordinated Infant Mental Health Awareness Week for 6 years, during which time it has grown into a global event.

### **Why Understanding Early Trauma?**

The experiences we have in the earliest years of our lives impact the development of our brains. Experiencing trauma, such as exposure to domestic abuse, in the earliest years can have a significant impact on brain development, potentially leaving serious and lasting consequences that can create difficulties for the child into their adult years. This is not inevitable. Secure relationships with parents and carers can reduce stress caused by trauma and limit the long term impact it has on the baby's development. Specialist support can help to strengthen these relationships and reduce the harms to babies.





## ADDITIONAL SPECIAL DINNER ALERT!



Starting this half term, Janis will be offering additional special dinners once every half term

We aim to give the children a flavour of cuisine from around the world! What could be better than imagining you have jetted off to another place as you tuck into your lunch!

We kick this off, on **4th July** :



Special Dinner will also take place on Thursday 7th July



## MENU

**BEEFBURGER WITH OR WITHOUT CHEESE,**  
**QUORN BURGER WITH OR WITHOUT CHEESE,**  
**FISH**  
**SIDE OF -**  
**MACARONI CHEESE,**  
**FRIES,**  
**BEANS OR SWEETCORN,**  
**PUDDING -**  
**RING DOUGHNUT OR FRUIT OR**  
**YOGHURT**

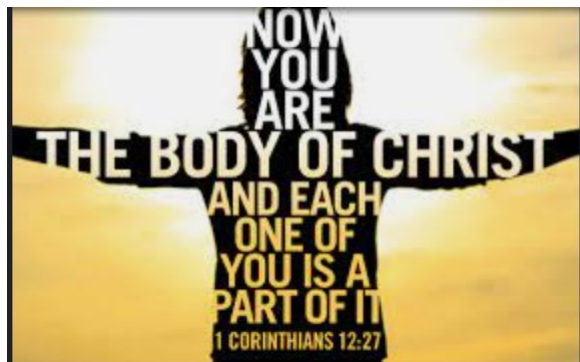


## Sale of ice lollies!

Janis will be selling ice lollies between now and the end of term (**whilst stocks last!**) **EVERY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.**

These will be sold at lunchtime, after children have eaten their dinner and **will cost 60p.**





As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

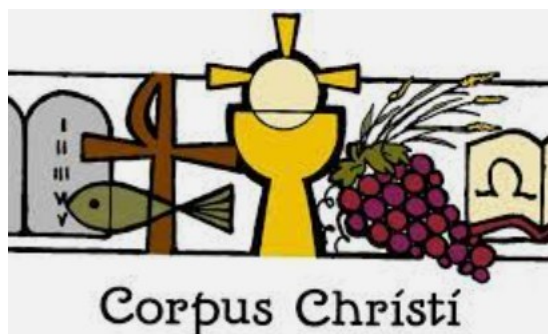
1 Corinthians 12

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for June : Families

*We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives*



As we celebrate, this week, the Feast of Corpus Christi, we keep our Holy Communion Children in our prayers, as they enter their final week of preparation to receive this beautiful Sacrament.



Oh Lord Jesus Christ, we come before You today, we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Body and Blood through which we get strengthened body, soul and mind. We solemnly pledge that we will offer You our undivided love and also service to our brothers and sisters as it is Your Holy will. Amen. (Catholicreadings.org)



Have a super weekend, and for all of those who will be celebrating with a special dad, or father figure—have a wonderful Sunday!



Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff .