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Our Mission:

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

Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

We have reached the end of a very long but very successful term and each and every person should be extremely proud of themselves for what we have achieved.

The Christmas holidays are a time for reflection on the true meaning of Christmas, but also for rest and spending enjoyable time with our friends and family . We know that this holiday may be hard for some this year, but we take pleasure in the simple things in life, and being together.

We held some wonderful events this week : our Nursery and Reception children performed their nativity, and Year 1-6 took us through the Christmas story in prayer and song.

The two classes who won our attendance prize weeks enjoyed a Glo Sports session yesterday. All children with over 95% attendance this term will be awarded a bronze certificate in the new year.

Our school house captains announced the winners of their Christmas Jumper competition and successfully ran school discos across the school.

Thank you for all of your kind donations this term for local, national and international charities this term. To update you, you raised £99.10 for Cafod , £180 for Birmingham Children's Hospital. We are still counting the monies for Cafod World Gifts and will update you in the New Year.

TRIVIA for the Season:

"Jingle Bells" .

It was the first song to be sung in outer space when astronauts aboard the Gemini 6 spacecraft sang the carol in 1965.



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What have we been up to this term?

This term has been extremely busy, crammed full of so many successes.

This is what we do—we don't feel we are going 'over and above', because this is The St Wilfrid's Way :
We Strive to Follow Christ's Example to Always do our Best

- we try our best as a family, for those in our school, our families outside of school, our local and national community, and those around the world.

We have

- Been awarded a GOOD grading in our Catholic Schools Inspection
- Implemented a new and exciting curriculum
- Developed our pupils' skills of collaborative learning through new developments in the Kagan approach
- Welcomed parents in for a successful parents evening
- Appointed a number of wonderful new staff
- Working in collaboration with our MAC family on joint projects, events and prayer and liturgy across schools
- Celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Finished, blessed and opened our Outdoor Faith Space
- Completed and opened our new library
- Enjoyed celebrating our Season of Creation—each class taking on an environmental project
- Appointed our new pupil leaders... and set them to work!
- Got to know each other better during Stay and Pray, family reading sessions, crafternoons and our coffee mornings and shared preloved uniform, behaviour management tips and ideas for making our school and community even better...our Friends of St Wilfrid group has expanded!
- Raised funds and made donations to Shelter (Year 3), Cafod mobile clinics, Caflo Food Bank, Trussel Trust foodbank, Cafod World Gifts, Birmingham Children's Hospital, our church
- Celebrated Attendance prize weeks—well done winners!
- Held a wonderful Christmas Fayre
- Raised awareness and understanding of global issues such as Anti Bullying and Christian persecution around the world



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Catholic Life and Mission

The God who Speaks

This week, in Gospel Liturgy, we heard Dan and Emily from One Life Music talk about the JOY of the season! We were half way through Advent and we reflected upon the joy we feel as we move towards the BIG DAY!

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Have a joyful time celebrating this very special time of the year!

We have ALL been full of joy in school this week!



Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile : Values and Virtues

Infants

Juniors

2G

Zarbakht (6G)

Fundamental British Values



Virtues of the Half Term

And

Catholic Social Teachings



This half term, we are

Attentive and Discerning

Thank you to everyone who has shown an attentiveness to our school mission this term—we have listened to the word of Christ and tried to live by his example.



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Dates for your Diary

Teacher Days for Academic year 2023-24

~~Monday 4th September 2023~~
~~Friday 29th September 2023~~
~~Friday 27th October 2023~~
Monday 19th February 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024

Date	Event (more dates will be added as finalised, so please continue to check)
January 8th	Return to School
January 8th	Year 4 Parent meeting - 3pm . School Hall
January 10th	Year 3CM Parent meeting - 3pm - School Hall
January 11th	Y6G parent Meeting
January 19th	Reception to Shard End Library



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Composer of the Month



Our composer of the week is

Leroy Anderson

An American composer, Anderson is well known for composing short pieces.

Playing the piano and double bass as a child, he graduated from university with a degree and a 'Masters'!

The children heard about him in assembly this morning and we chose him this week because he composed 'Sleigh Ride!'

https://youtu.be/EDRFmn_KqfA?si=bfjSFaKLh_R0rN2y



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Awards

Each week, our children will be awarded certificates/trophies in Celebration Assembly.

This is a celebration of their God given talents and skills!

Please send in any awards they have achieved outside of school.



Class	
Nurs	Whole Class
RDG	Morenike , Yahya
RBB	Davion, Morolade
1DS	Whole class
1P	Whole class
2M	Whole class
2G	Whole class
3G	Whole class
3CM	Whole class, Derek
4C	Whole class, Aun
4S	Whole class
5B	Keira
5P	Whole class
6G	Whole class
6W	Amaya
Music	Whole school
Sport	Tyreek (6W)
Lunchtime	Niamh (4S), Deron (1P), Mrs Gregory





Attendance—Target 95%

Please note that holidays in term time will NOT be authorised.

Class	%
RDG	89
RBB	96
1DS	86
1P	84
2G	87
2M	85
3CM	87
3G	85
4C	94
4S	77
5P	95
5B	90
6G	90
6W	83
Whole school	87

If class teachers are
concerned about your child's
attendance they will speak to you
in the first instance and
work with you to put
something in place to improve this.

Improved Attendance

8 out of 14 classes—well done, everybody!

Number of children who came to school 100% of the time

227!

Well done!

Classes achieving at and above 95% overall

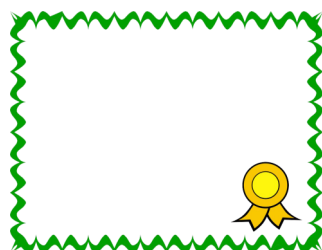
RBB and 5P

These classes all get a sweet treat

Termly

Pupils will get a certificate if they achieve 95% and above attendance

One term of 95% bronze certificate
Two terms of 95% silver certificate
Three terms of 95% gold certificate





Talking Point

This week, Year 3 have been learning about one of the greatest painters of still life—Paul Cezanne (1839—1906)

He has been described as the father of modern art.

Picasso said he was "my one and only master and that he was like the father of us all".

He painted almost 200 still life's using the same simple household objects again and again.

He was interested in the basic shapes and richness of colour of fruit. He once said "I will astonish Paris with an apple."

After looking at the richness of colour in his painting Still Life, Pitcher and Fruit (1884) the children sketched their own still life of a single pear, using oil pastels.



Do we need art? What is the purpose or goal of the arts?





A message from Miss Hunt

Is your child having difficulty regulating their
emotions at home or school?
Do they struggle to sit still or complete chosen
activities?

Are they lively and unfocussed?

Are they a daredevil who craves danger?

Are they a child who has to touch objects/people and constantly
fiddle with things?

If any of these sound familiar you may benefit from attending
our Occupational Therapy workshop. This will be an opportunity
to gain strategies and advice to support your child's sensory
needs at home.

If you have any further questions please contact Miss Hunt.



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And finally...

Thank
You

Thank you, on behalf of all our
staff for your very generous
cards, gifts and good wishes for
the Christmas season.

And this is the perfect opportuni-
ty for us to also say a

MASSIVE thank
you to our wonderful staff, who
work their socks off every single
day for each and every one of our
children as we strive to provide
the very best for them.

Thank you staff.

Thank
You

Today we say a fond farewell to Mrs Gregory, who leaves us for a new adventure. We welcome Mr Blackman as our new Year 6 teacher, and trust you will welcome him into our wonderful community.

Have a lovely break; stay warm, stay safe, and enjoy your time together
We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 8th January 2024!

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the Staff



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Holiday Clubs

YEARN 2 B

FREE GIRLS' HOLIDAY CLUB 8-16 YEARS

DATE:

Tuesday 2nd Jan
Wednesday 3rd Jan
Thursday 4th Jan
Friday 5th Jan

VENUE:

11am to 3pm

**SHARD END WELLBEING CENTRE
170 PACKINGTON AVENUE
SHARD END B34 7RD**

STAFF DBS CHECKED

**PLEASE NOTE: PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
VIA BRING IT ON BRUM WEBSITE.**

FREE SCHOOL MEAL CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY

SUBSIDED COST: £5 PER DAY FOR NON-FSM

**PLACES ARE LIMITED
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

TO BOOK

Email:

yearn2be@gmail.com

Call: 07464 029215

Facebook: Yearn To Be

**We will direct you to the
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ACTIVITIES

Boxing/Pad Work

Circuits

Arts & Crafts

Performing

Team Activities

Cooking

Self Confidence

Building Activities

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Improve Well Being

Physical Fitness

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FIT KIDS ZONE C.I.C HODGE HILL WINTER CAMP



**TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY
TILL
FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY**

**FREE 9 AM TILL 1PM
CHILDREN MUST RECEIVE
BENEFIT RELATED FREE
SCHOOL MEALS AND HAVE
A HAF CODE**



FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Colebourne Primary School
Stechford Road
Hodge Hill
B34 6BJ

MULTI-SPORT

**THIS WINTER CAMP WILL PROVIDE LIFE SKILLS AND
HELP BUILD CONFIDENCE. CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE
TO ACCESS A NUTRITIOUS BALANCED MEAL
THROUGHOUT THE DAY AS WELL AS REFRESHMENTS
WHICH WILL ALL BE PROVIDED BY FIT KIDS ZONE
C.I.C**

All Welcome

**if you don't receive free school meals you are still welcome to
attend our club with a small charge per day
£10 per day without food £13 per day with food**

9am till 3pm

[Www.Fitkidszone.co.uk/clubs](http://www.fitkidszone.co.uk/clubs)

07985607421





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 **Pause** 
MERRY CHRISTMAS

The festive season can be a challenging time, but support is available from Pause!
Pause is open for drop-in until the 23rd of December,
Then re opens for drop in from the 27th to the 31st
Back to normal service hours from the 2nd January 2024.

Check out the webpage to register and for our drop-in, dates, times and location
<https://forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/pause>



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£2 PER PERSON

FORS & BROMFORD
NEIGHBOURS TOGETHER

22ND DECEMBER
3PM-6PM

COME AND JOIN US AT BROMFORD PARK
FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVENT WITH A
DIFFERENCE. PRESENTING THE...

**BROMFORD
EXPRESS**

MEET SANTA
AND RECEIVE
A GIFT

**£2 INCLUDES TRAVEL AROUND
BROMFORD PARK ABOARD THE
BROMFORD EXPRESS STOPPING AT
VARIOUS STATIONS INCLUDING HOT
CHOCOLATE STOP AND STORYTIME**

**TICKETS CAN BE
BOUGHT ON THE
DAY FROM 3PM AT
BROMFORD PARK**

Merry Christmas
BEST WISHES
And a very
Happy
New Year

