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## Our Mission:

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### Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

We hope that you have had a lovely week.

We are well underway here with our Summer Term topics—ask your children about what they have been learning

After the busy, busy week we had last week, this one has been a little quieter in terms of special events

Year 5 continued with their Time to Talk sessions ; this focusses on objectification and social media. The children discussed the positives and negatives of social media and how old they should be to use certain apps.

A little reminder that as the weather becomes sunnier (hopefully!) children are able to wear summer uniform—this consists of shorts/ skirts instead of trousers, and the option of blue and white gingham dresses for girls . Children will also need to have suncream applied at home and a named hat for school for sunnier days

Please keep a close eye on the newsletter to follow along with dates that have been planned in



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## Catholic Life and Mission

### The God who Speaks

This week we had a recap of the Year of Prayer; Pope Francis has called a Year of Prayer to enable us to become closer to God before the next Jubilee year which starts at the beginning of Advent. We shared the Gospel Account of Jesus gifting to us the Our Father as a special prayer to be shared by all

#### MINI MISSION

Each class will be planning how to share the Lord's Prayer with the whole community - what an exciting collaborative project



### Fundamental British Values

**Democracy**  
Everyone has a voice

**Rule of Law**  
A Law put in place to ensure everyone is treated the same

**Individual Liberty**  
Freedom to make our own choices

**Mutual Respect and Tolerance**  
To celebrate diversity and treat everyone how we would like to be treated



### Rule of Law

Did you know TikTok requires users to be at least 13 years old to access the full app? Users under the age of 18 must have consent from a parent or guardian. As part of the Time to Talk programme Year 5 children discussed different social media platforms and how old you need to be to use them. Every child has the right to reliable information from the media. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them (Article 17).



### Virtues of the Half Term And Catholic Social Teachings



Catholic Social Teachings : Dignity of Work. In two weeks time we will be starting our Dignity of Work projects. We will keep you up to date

Values and Virtues : Eloquent and Truthful—a great start to the term with our children 'speaking' the Gospel values each day in all that they do

### Values and Virtues Awards

#### Infants

Abdul

#### Juniors

Hadiya, Kacey, Hiba

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## Attendance—Target 95%



Class	%
RDG	96.3
RBB	92.2
1DS	93.8
1P	92
2G	92
2M	93.7
3CM	96.4
3G	84.6
4C	95.8
4S	85.5
5P	94.8
5B	99.2
6G	97
6W	92.5
Whole school	93.6

Sweet treats for each class over 95%



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



All year, we have been promising certificates to pupils for 95% attendance and above. We have found it difficult to source these as quickly as we need them which has led to delays. Rather than keep making the children wait, we have decided that we will be adding dojos for children with 95% attendance and above each term, and we will also be ploughing our energies into the class rewards instead.

You've got to be in to win!

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## Awards

Each week, we recognise the special achievements of our children in our  
Celebration Assembly

It's a celebration of our God given gifts and talents

'What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God'



RDG	Zaydan
RBB	Morolade
1DS	Aayan
1P	Junior
2G	Eiman
2M	Iman
3CM	Eliana
3G	Mehr Bano
4C	Layla
4S	Hurairah
5B	Harley-Jai
5P	Araya
6G	Dmitri
6W	Hadiiya
Lunchtime Awards	

Readers of the Week	<p>Rec - Evelynn and Maya D</p> <p>1 Teddy and Apryl</p> <p>Y2—Zoya and Teheira</p> <p>Y3—Anastasia and Abu-bakr</p> <p>Y4C Mujtaba and Riley</p> <p>Y5—Neeko and Le</p> <p>Y6G— Avayah and Ghazi</p> 
Wise Owl 	Mehr Bano
Sports 	Talia
Music 	Year 2



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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)
April 24th	Nursery Forest School visit to Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens
April 25th at 2pm	Holy Communion Workshop at 2pm -Year 3  Note APRIL—incorrect date in last week's newsletter
April 26th	Earth Day- wear green and cake sale. Please donate cakes this week. A cake sale will happen during the school day—50p per cake.
May 7th	Year 2 Buddhism Workshop
May 9th	Year 3 Hinduism Workshop
May 15th	Year 3 Reconciliation in church - 9:15am
WC 13th May	KS2 SATS
May 15th	Year 3 Reconciliation
May 21st	Little Kid Role Play Town - EYFS
June 7th	Vocations Day—dress up as a worker—eg vet, driving instructor, doctor, hairdresser, teacher, cook, chef etc . No charge
June 12th	Year 2 Trip to Conkers
June 15th	Year 3 First Holy Communion 9:30am . Photographs ,in church, from 8:15am
1st July	Festival of Faiths—children may dress up in something that would wear to go to worship and may bring in an object that is important to their faith...nothing too precious please!
12th June	Meeting for new Nursery Parents
12th June	Meeting for new Reception Parents



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## St George's Day—Tuesday 23rd April

Children are allowed to wear red on this day - no charge

### ST GEORGE'S DAY LUNCH

Roast Beef

Quorn Roast

Cauliflower Cheese

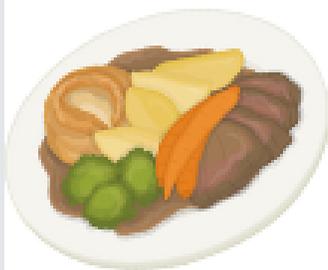
Fish

Yorkshire Pudding

Broccoli

Carrots

Gravy



If your child does not  
usually have a school  
dinner, please book in on  
Parent Pay



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## A message from Miss Clohessy and Mrs Gazey : Earth Day

Next week it is Earth Day.

EARTHDAY, this year, affirms the commitment to end the use of plastics and supports a 60% reduction in the production of ALL plastics by 2040.

The theme is , *Planet vs. Plastics*, and during this time, we will be learning about the health risk of plastics, the drive to reduce single use plastics and fast fashion, and the push and demand an end to fast fashion.



This week, we ask all children to bring in an empty plastic bottle that has been washed out, in order to recycle it into a plant holder—we will be ensuring that these plastics we have used get more than one use. These need to be brought to school, please, before Friday

### Earth Day

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024, please can you wear green and bring in some cakes for a cake sale!

All cakes will be 50p



This will fund the soil and seeds





## A message from Miss Pate : Votes for schools

THIS WEEK'S VOTETOPIC  
12TH - 19TH APRIL 2024

Would you like to see more wildlife in your towns and cities? (7-11) | Would you like more wildlife in your towns and cities? (5-7)

2 Why are we talking about this?

This week we are working with **Eco-Schools** to celebrate **Earth Day 2024**, which is taking place on **22nd April**.

Earth Day helps us to **celebrate our planet** and **protect all the different living things** that call it home.

Now's your chance to vote on: "Would you like more wildlife in your towns and cities?"

**Yes**

Yes, I like more wildlife in towns and cities, even when the traffic is noisy.

We should try make a community being around wildlife.

I would enjoy seeing greater birds and other wild life animals in town.

I think I would like to see more of wildlife in towns and cities.

Wildlife might cause problems in towns and cities.

I don't like the look of people growing in towns and cities.

**No**

6 Reconnecting with nature

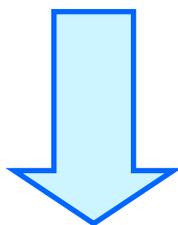
Set up a bug hotel	
Make recycled planters	
Plant fruit and vegetables	
Plant more wildflowers	
Grow a living wall	

**Challenge**  
If you go outside to make your tally chart, why not use sticks to share your vote?



## A message from Miss McCoy : Composer of the Half Term

### Our Composer of the Half Term is



# Bjork

## Pop

(90's singer/songwriter)



**Born:** 21 November 1965  
**Nationality:** Icelandic

**Famous piece of music:**  
Play Dead, It's oh so quiet

- Björk Guðmundsdóttir is an Icelandic singer, songwriter, composer, record producer, actress and environmental activist. She is a keen advocate for environmental causes in Iceland
- Born and raised in Reykjavík, Björk began her music career at the age of 11 and gained international recognition as the lead singer of the alternative rock band the Sugarcubes, by the age of 21
- She started to study classical music at the age of 5 and released her first album in 1977 (mainly traditional Icelandic folk songs)
- Bjork is known for her distinct three-octave vocal range and eccentric persona
- She has developed an eclectic musical style over her four-decade career that has drawn on electronic, pop, experimental, trip hop, classical and avant-garde music
- She is known too for her very quirky sense of fashion and her unique, almost child-like singing voice
- She has written songs for many other famous artists including Madonna but declined to duet with her.
- She has won five BRIT Awards and 16 Grammy nominations

Here is a link to the song of the week by Bjork!

[Björk - It's Oh So Quiet \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeXm1111111)



## A message from Miss Gripton : Artist of the Half Term

### Augusta Savage



**Augusta Savage was an American sculptor who fought against racism, to create a place for Black women in the world of art**

- Born on 29th February 1892 in Florida USA
- From an early age she used clay from the ground to make figures
- Clay sculptures cast in plaster or bronze

In 1923, Augusta became one of a group of young American women to be selected to attend a summer art course in France. Her place was later refused because of her race

During the 1920s, Augusta received a commission to create a sculpture of W.E.B. Du Bois, who was leader of the Civil Rights movement (a protest for racial equality)



'Gamin'

In the late 1920s, Augusta Savage sculpted Gamin, a portrait just of a black boy. Today, this is one of the few pieces of her work that still exists

She became part of the 'Harlem Renaissance' — a cultural movement of black writers, artists and musicians, who believed that the power of art could bring positive change

Augusta went on to become the first black member of the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors and also became the first director of the Harlem Community Art

- Augusta opened a gallery showcasing art by black artists
- Augusta died in 1962 having inspired many

### Competition Time

This half term, I will be running a whole school art competition to win a prize. I would like you to create a sculpture (a 3D piece of art) of someone who has inspired you. This can be made from any materials you have at home eg playdough, tin foil, salt dough, cardboard, match stick, pipe cleaners etc The closing date for this is Friday 17th May. I can't wait to see your work!



## A message from Mrs Dunleavy: Reading

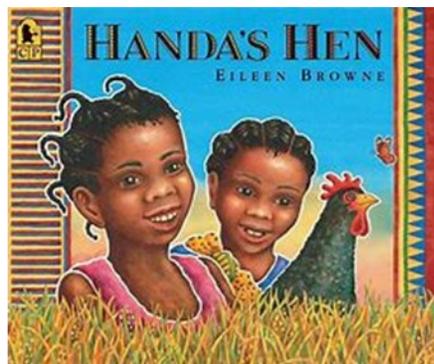
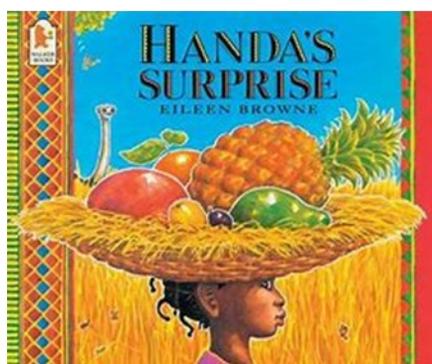
Our Spotlight Author of the Week is Reception's Author...

### Eileen Browne

Eileen Browne was born in Birmingham! She has worked as a school teacher and a youth worker before becoming a full-time writer and illustrator.

Browne's books have been praised by *Early Childhood Review* for including diverse characters and properly presenting different cultures, such as Kenyan life in *Handa's Surprise*.

*Handa's Surprise* also been recognised as one of the "50 best culturally diverse children's books."



Click on the link in the  
star to watch "Handa's Surprise"

[HANDA'S SUR-  
PRISE Picture  
Book Animation -  
YouTube](#)

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## And finally...

We wish you a safe and happy weekend  
Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the Staff



May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



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## A message from Transport for West Midlands

### Transport for West Midlands - Road Safety Action Plan Survey

During 2024 Transport for West Midlands will be updating the Road Safety Action Plan, setting out the actions they will take to halve road deaths and serious injuries by 2030.

Parents and carers can share their views on how road safety could be improved across the region by completing the Home Road Safety Action Plan Survey which closes at 5pm on Friday, 10 May 2024.





## A message from Public Health England

### Think Measles!

#### What is measles?

Measles is a very infectious virus, which spreads quickly if people are not protected against it. Measles is currently continuing to spread across the West Midlands. Two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) are needed for maximum protection.

A version of MMR is available which does NOT contain pork ingredients. **Many rigorous scientific studies have confirmed there is no link between MMR and autism.**

Measles can cause severe illness in people who are not protected, especially in certain at-risk groups including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems. Complications could mean hospitalisation, permanent disability, and in rare cases, it can even cause death.

#### Preventing and Controlling infections

Measles is highly infectious: 9 out of 10 unprotected individuals contract the illness when exposed to it. Anyone that is not protected and exposed to measles may be asked to stay at home for a number of days. There is no specific treatment for measles.

**The best protection is through two doses of the MMR vaccine. The MMR can be given at any time after a child turns 13 months and parents can book via their GP. The best way to protect babies under 1 is to ensure everyone around them is immunised.**

#### Measles is a notifiable disease

In the event of an outbreak, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will support in the risk assessment and advise on actions that need to be taken.

If in doubt, follow the [Think Measles guidance](#) and ensure that you report a case of measles to the UKHSA West Midlands Health Protection team.

**Call: 0344 225 3560 (option 2)**

**Email: [wmmeaslescell@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:wmmeaslescell@ukhsa.gov.uk)**

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#### What are the symptoms of measles?

- Cold-like symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, sneezing and cough
- Red, sore watery eyes
- High temperature (fever) which may reach around 40C / 104F
- A non-itchy, red-brown rash usually appears 3-5 days later (sometimes starts around the ears), spots may be raised and join to form blotchy patches – which may be harder to see on darker skin tones.

#### What to do if someone has measles symptoms?

If someone has symptoms of measles, please advise them to stay at home and not attend any setting where it could be spread to others.

**If someone thinks they have measles, they should call their GP or 111.** People should not go to their GP practice or any other healthcare provider without calling in advance – they should phone their GP or 111 for advice and say it could be measles.

If an early years setting is experiencing an outbreak of cases of infectious disease (2 or more cases), the setting should call the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) on 0344 225 3560 (option 2).

Advice is also available on the [NHS website](#) and [UKHSA webpages](#).

If your setting needs any further support, UKHSA will work in partnership with your local council's Public Health team and the local NHS.

For more information, scan:



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## A message from Miss Hunt

# PARENTING AND ADHD

Hall Green Families present this FREE online workshop showcasing one of our amazing local services; supporting local families and children to get access to support that they need.



Accessing free support for parents of children with ADHD; practitioners with lived experience.



Exploring new ways of working and break down barriers.



What is Early Help? Explore how to connect into your Early Help service.

Register for free [here](#)



Wednesday 1st May  
10 - 11:15am  
via Zoom



BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP



Green Square Accord



Hall Green Families



Selly Oak Families

