



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

4th March 2022

Celebration Mass – 6th March at 9:30am

Sunday 6th March marks the third Celebration Mass of the calendar year and it would be lovely to see as many All Souls children and families in attendance as possible. This will be a whole school mass to which the children will be bringing their Lenten crosses, made in school, to be blessed by Fr Paul. We look forward to seeing you at 9:30am.

NEW GATE CLOSURE TIME!

Please can we remind you that the gate will now be closing at 8:55am for Reception through to Year 6 children. The gate is locked at 8:45am for the All Souls' Nursery. Please ensure you arrive in advance of these times to avoid a late mark.
Thank you!

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Sacramental Preparation

Please keep the dates for the monthly Sacramental Preparation sessions in your diary: Saturday 19th March / Saturday 30th April / Saturday 21st May

Walk Against Hunger

This year we are taking part in CAFOD's 'Walk Against Hunger' and will walk 5km a day collectively across the school with our global family around the world to raise money and awareness for those living without food and constant hunger.

We would be most grateful for your support; you can send in your donation anytime during Lent, please make sure it is in a sealed envelope and with CAFOD walk against hunger on the envelope.

COMPETITION



We are currently in the process of making a school 'prayer book' which contains all of the main prayers which we learn and should know. To make our book extra special, we would like to include an 'All Souls' school prayer.

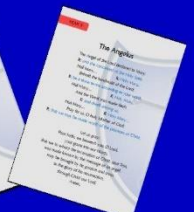
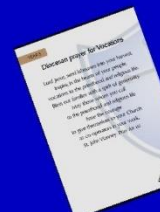
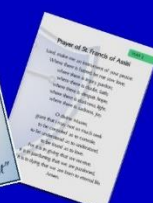
We don't currently have a school prayer and so we are launching a **competition** to see who can write the most fitting prayer for our school.

Children of any age can enter. All you need to do is **write your prayer** and send a copy (on paper...email...however you like) to Mr Cooke or Mrs McGrath by **Monday 14th March** at the latest.

All prayers which are shortlisted will be **displayed on the school website** and the winning prayer will be **included in our School Prayer Book**, which we hope to have published before Easter.

When you are writing your prayer, please remember that our school Mission Statement is "**Christ is our Light!**"

Good luck!



You may have seen the Lenten Family Fast Day advertised for Friday 11th March. We understand that every family is in their own unique circumstance, and many causes out there to support at this given time. However, we would like to give the option of support for this family fast day should you choose to and so will collect any additional donations on this day if you would like to send them, but there is no pressure to do so.



World Book Day!
 We saw some wonderful costumes for World Book Day! Thank you so much to our parents/carers for a super effort! We are delighted to advise that the book fayre was very successful, and the sale of books totalled £749.72. This means that the school will receive £449.83 to spend on books which is fantastic! A huge thank you for your support!



Congratulations to Beatrice in Reception who was included on author Tom Fletcher's page after he spotted her 'There's a Witch in your book' costume! And to the Duffield brothers who featured on the CoventryLive website!

this Week in YEAR R



Reception have had a busy week starting with making and eating pancakes on Tuesday. We wrote our holiday news and also wrote a promise on a footprint for Lent. In mathematics we have been exploring 9 and 10. We had a lovely time dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday and shared some lovely stories.

this Week in YEAR 1

What a busy first week back! We celebrated World Book Day in our class with a wonderful catwalk and some descriptive writing. We created amazing wanted posters for the EVIL PEA using adjectives to describe. To begin the Lenten season we made promises to help us be like Jesus and made Lenten crosses for Fr Paul to bless on Sunday (06.03.22)



this Week in YEAR 2

This week Year 2 have celebrated World Book Day by reading *Stick Man*, writing postcards home pretending to be him and made their own stick men using twigs from outside! In Maths, we have been solving problems in length and mass and in English, we have started our writing unit of instructions ready to write instructions on how to grow a plant! We also made a cross ready to be blessed by Father Paul at Sunday's Mass.



this Week in YEAR 4

This week Year 4 have planned out a set of instructions for making a delicious and healthy pizza. We've also enjoyed our celebration of reading by dressing up as our favourite characters for World Book Day. In maths, we have mapped out our own zoos by calculating area of habitats and perimeter of fences.



this Week in YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 have prepared for Lent by making Lenten promises and decorating our prayer area. They have also made some crosses inspired by the Romero cross to be blessed at mass on Sunday morning. Year 5 have enjoyed taking part in CAFOD's Walk for Hunger.



this Week in YEAR 6



We can't quite believe where the time is going in Year 6 as we come to the end of our first week of yet another new half term!

Our highlights include all things Lent this week as we have enjoyed taking our prayer friends to church for our Ash Wednesday whole school mass, sharing in a class prayer service led by Ffion and Peach, and taking the time each day to listen to a member of the chaplaincy team lead us in quiet reflection. We have also offered up our Lenten footprint prayers and created beautiful crosses to take with us to mass this week to be blessed by Father Paul.

On Thursday, we came into school dressed up for World Book Day and took part in a whole school competition. Well done to Finn, our class winner, for his 100 word story!

Please check the Nursery and Year 3 class blogs for highlights!

SUPER STARS

Reception: Hugh & Cara Year 1: Karson & Caitlin
 Year 2: Emmanuel & George Year 3: Lauren & Clara
 Year 4: Aoife & Macie Year 5: Ethan & William
 Year 6: Keegan, Finn & Ted

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom
to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

SPORTS NEWS

Before half term the **Y4 children** were keeping busy at the start of school playing a game called **speed stacking**. The best 8 scores (4 girls and 4 boys) were entered into a competition involving many other schools from around Coventry. They managed to finish in the top 2 schools and made it through to the finals against schools from Warwickshire and Solihull. The finals will take place in a couple of weeks' time – good luck!

On Tuesday, 5 children from Year 5 took part in a 3v3 basketball competition, this is a fast paced variation of the game using only 1 hoop – they all played brilliantly with every team member scoring at least 1 basket. Unfortunately, even though they played well, they didn't quite make it through to the finals. There were some fabulous celebratory dances from All Souls' after scoring, especially from Jacob Henry! 😊

The football team were in action on Thursday against St Mary's and St Benedict's. The children played superb from start to finish creating lots of chances throughout the game – it did end up quite close but we managed to win 4-3. Player of the match was Harrison from Y6. The children are in action again on Tuesday against St Elizabeth's in the Catholic Cup.

St Patrick's Day

We have made the difficult decision to not hold a large scale St Patrick's Day event this year. The children will still be celebrating in their classrooms on the 17th March and **are welcome to come to school wearing something green/themed attire (free of charge!)**. Our Irish dancers will also be recording a special performance that Mr Youson will make available online. We look forward to a day of fun activities, with plenty of learning in between!

WRITING WINNERS!

As part of World Book Day, Mrs Hands held a writing competition. Each winner was awarded a book and a £5 Amazon voucher – congratulations to you all!

Nursery: Phoebe M Reception: Fred R
 Year 1: Sophia G Year 2: Leo M
 Year 3: Sophie W Year 4: Joshua T
 Year 5: Sena A Year 6: Finn W

ATTENDANCE DATA

Please find below our attendance data for the week before February half term:

| Year Group | Pupils in latest week | YTD | 3 Jan | 10 Jan | 17 Jan | 24 Jan | 31 Jan | 7 Feb | 14 Feb |
|------------|-----------------------|-----|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| All | 179 | 94% | 94% | 93% | 93% | 91% | 93% | 94% | 95% |
| Year 1 | 31 | 92% | 95% | 90% | 92% | 97% | 99% | 97% | 95% |
| Year 2 | 30 | 94% | 100% | 98% | 94% | 89% | 92% | 94% | 95% |
| Year 3 | 30 | 96% | 95% | 95% | 99% | 94% | 94% | 92% | 95% |
| Year 4 | 30 | 92% | 87% | 87% | 87% | 84% | 89% | 94% | 90% |
| Year 5 | 27 | 94% | 89% | 90% | 93% | 90% | 89% | 96% | 98% |
| Year 6 | 31 | 94% | 98% | 98% | 93% | 94% | 93% | 91% | 95% |

Green circle = attendance is above the national attendance. Red circle = attendance is below the national attendance.

We look forward to seeing you all next week!