



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

4th November 2022

Adult & child Advent faith workshops – save the date!

During the season of Advent, each class will be holding a 'Faith Workshop' where parents and carers will be invited into school to join their child in prayer and complete an Advent themed activity together. Most of these sessions will take place in classrooms and so, to accommodate everyone, we ask that just one adult per child attends (this could be a grandparent if parents are unavailable). Closer to the time, we will survey who is attending so that we can make necessary preparations. We are very much looking forward to being able to share these experiences with you and create further opportunities for parents and carers to play an increasing role, once again, within the life of the school.

The timetable for these sessions is as follows:

Year R/2/5: 30th November **Year 4:** 2nd December **Year 1/3/6:** 7th December

Reception Welcome Mass – Sunday 6th November, 9:30am

We look forward to seeing our Reception children and their families on Sunday. Children may wear their own clothes.

All Souls' Day Whole School Mass

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our All Souls' day mass on Wednesday. The children represented the school perfectly and received so many kind comments regarding their impeccable behaviour and beautiful singing.



Reception class – old clothing collection for TROOP AID

Reception will be raising money for Troop Aid and would be most grateful for clean, usable clothing, towels and bedding in secure bags. The bags will be collected by the charity who will then use them to generate much needed funds for their 'Grab Bag' scheme – these bags contain daily essentials such as toothpaste, shower items and clothing, and are given to troops admitted to hospital during combat who arrive for treatment without any of their hygiene items or personal belongings. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Tuesday 6th December: Y2/Y4 Class mass – all welcome!

Tuesday 6th December (afternoon): Rec/Y1/Y2 Nativity play – save the date, further details to follow!

Wednesday 7th December (morning): Rec/Y1/Y2 Nativity play – save the date, further details to follow!

Tuesday 13th December: Nursery & Reception to visit Santa, Belgrade Theatre

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas jumper and dinner day Y1/Y5 Class mass – all welcome! Carol Service - 6pm

Last day of term: Friday 16th December returning to school on Wednesday 4th January

We are currently considering holding a Christmas fete after school – we will keep you updated. If you would be interested in having a table at an event, please email Mrs Rae as soon as possible – linsey.rae@allsoulsschool.co.uk

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 21st October:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
87.3%	96.0%	92.7%	97.7%	96.7%	95.3%	90.0%	93.7%	95.8%

Late marks (before the close of register) recorded for the week ending 4th November:

Monday 17/10	Tuesday 18/10	Wednesday 19/10	Thursday 20/10	Friday 21/10	Total
3	1	7	9	8	28

Despite a strong start to the academic year, there is now a clear downward trend in whole school attendance, which is beginning to cause concern. No class has achieved 100% attendance over a week since the week commencing 19th September. To date, 104 (exactly half of the children on roll) children have had time off school already this year and 26 of these have overall attendance that is now less than 90%, classifying them as 'persistently absent'. I will be writing shortly to parents of children who are persistently absent to inform them of the school's concerns and also to celebrate those who have achieved 100% so far this year.

There is a clear correlation between children's attainment/progress and attendance and I can't stress enough that, against the back-drop of trying to close the gaps in learning and experiences created by the pandemic, good attendance at school right now is more important than ever.

I am also concerned by the high number of children that have arrived at school late this week, particularly as so much progress was made towards the end of last half-term. Please do, once again, make arriving at school on time each day a priority.

Winter uniform now compulsory

Please can we remind you that children should now be coming into school wearing their Winter uniform – please contact the office if you require a uniform list. The weather is gradually getting colder and has been very wet; please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat with them. **All uniform items should be clearly labelled.** We would recommend your child has an All Souls' track suit for outdoor PE.

SUPER STARS

Reception: Ada & Rose

Year 1: Robyn & Leo

Year 2: Julian & Martha

Year 3: Mark & Ferdinand

Year 4: Veronica & Jack

Year 5: Percy & Grace

Year 6: Sena & Ceide-Mae

SPORTS NEWS

Unfortunately, our netball match was cancelled due to the wet weather. The football team played St Osburgs on Wednesday and won 5-0. Player of the match was Thomas. An outstanding performance!

Could you support a PTA?

In previous years, the school has been blessed with a highly supportive PTA who have raised much needed funds for the school. Sadly, the parents involved have now moved on after their children transitioned to Secondary school. We are very keen to re-establish a PTA and would be pleased to hear from parents who feel they would be able to support us. If you feel you could meet once a term (in the evening) and assist in planning and supporting school events, please contact Mrs Rae – linsey.rae@allsoulsschool.co.uk

NEXT WEEK

Date	Year	Event	Time
Monday 7 th Nov	3	Walk to the Library	AM
	Team	Girls football match (away – St Mary & St Benedicts)	3:30pm
Friday 11 th Nov	4	Cinema trip	AM
	Team	Football match (home – St Gregory's)	3:30pm



From next week, children will be able to purchase items for the following suggested donations:

Poppy (30p) Snap band (£1.50) Zip pull (50p)
Keyring (60p) and bracelet (£1)

Children may bring their money to school on the following days:

Nursery/Reception – any day

Y1/Y2 – Monday/Thursday break times

Y3/Y4 – Monday/Thursday lunch times

Y5/Y6 – Tuesday/Friday break times

We will also sell items on a Friday lunchtime for any children who miss their allotted time.




SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER

JOIN NEXUS ICA AS WE REOPEN OUR BUILDING AS A CINEMA FOR THE DAY.



PRICES
*per film

£7.00 | General Admission

£5.00 | Under 14s and 65+

£20.00 | Family (2 adults and up to 3 children)

FILMS SHOWING

PADDINGTON
10.30 am (PG)

ENCANTO (SING-A-LONG)
2.00pm (U)

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN
5.00pm (U)

TENET
8.00pm (12A)

BOOK YOUR



TICKETS

Where? Nexus Institute of Creative Arts 71 Albany Road Coventry CV5 6JR