



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

21st April 2023

School Celebration Mass / Parish visitation

On the weekend of 29/30th April, Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, Episcopal Vicar for Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Coventry will be visiting the parish as part of the wider deanery visitation programme. We will, therefore, be making the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 30th April, which Canon Paul will be celebrating, a school celebration Mass and it would be great to see as many children and families attend this as possible.

Celebrating the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III – Friday 5th May

On Friday 5th May we will be holding a day of celebration in anticipation of the Coronation of King Charles III the following day. During the day, the children will spend the morning carrying out activities in their classrooms and during the afternoon, we will come together as a school for an assembly followed by an afternoon tea party outside on the playground. On the day, children can come to school dressed in party clothes (princess dresses etc. fully permitted). We are appealing for children to bring in refreshment items to be shared with their school friends and, if you are able, we would appreciate the following items from classes, so that there is minimal waste:

(no items that contain nuts please)

Reception: cakes Year 1: biscuits Year 2: Paper plates / napkins Year 3: Juice / Squash
Year 4: crisps / savoury items Year 5: cakes Year 6: biscuits

We appreciate that not everyone is in a position to give right now, so please don't feel any obligation to do so. Items can be brought into school any time during the week beginning Tuesday 2nd May (except any fresh items, which should be brought in on the day). We would like to make the tea party a 'picnic' style and therefore, if you have a picnic blanket at home which you are willing to share, we would be very grateful if these could also be brought in on the day. We will ensure that any blankets brought in will be used within the class of the child who brings it so that they can be safely returned. Thank you in advance.

Baby news!

We are absolutely delighted to inform you that our Deputy Headteacher (and Year 6 teacher), Mrs McGrath, is expecting her first baby in October! We cannot wait to meet the latest addition to our All Souls' family! ♥

Use of outdoor climbing equipment / trim trail and tyres at the end of the school day

A number of parents have raised concerns about the use of the outdoor fixed equipment by children as they depart the school grounds at the end of the school day and the health and safety risks associated with this. We would therefore, once again, like to remind you that, in accordance with school risk assessment which states that a member of school staff must supervise children when using this equipment, children should not make use of the trim trail, tyres and climbing equipment at the end of the day. Thank you.

Summer Term School Clubs

Clubs are now live on Pay360 for booking. Please note that not all clubs run for the full term – dates are highlighted in red on the club letter emailed out on Thursday.

Bank holidays and May half term break

Please note that the school will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 1st May (bank holiday) Monday 8th May (bank holiday) Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June (half term)

The school will reopen after May half term on Monday 5th June at 8:30am (breakfast club open as normal)

Summer Uniform now optional

Summer uniform is now optional until May half term. Blue check summer dresses with white socks or white polo tops (do not have to be All Souls branded – plain ones are fine!) and grey shorts with black/grey socks are permitted. All Souls' fleeces can also be worn.

Fundraising Update

We are pleased to advise that the chocolate tombola raised £156 for The Alzheimer's Society and our Easter Egg raffle raised £320 for The British Heart Foundation. We are sincerely grateful for your generosity!

TCS Mini London Marathon World Record Attempt

On Friday 28th April the children in all year groups from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in a world record attempt by completing a 1 mile or more mini marathon with different classes participating at different times throughout the day. To ensure that the day runs a smooth as possible, we are asking that children come to school in their PE kits on Friday 28th April and will remain in them throughout the day. The original letter, including the sponsorship form, is attached to the newsletter email. Cash can be sent in an envelope marked for the attention of Mr Youson, or paid online via the 'Events' section on Pay360.

Homework Projects

We have seen some fabulous homework projects; thank you for taking the time to complete these. Percy and Nicholas (Y5) are fundraising for Save the Children as their project. If you are able to donate, please use the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/nicholasandpercyfundraisingforsavethechildren>

Studybugs – please register!

Studybugs will soon be the only way to report your child's absence. We will no longer have an online form via the website or the option to leave a telephone message. Please download the app or register via the Studybugs website. Many thanks for your support.



Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



This week, Year 3 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We are all extremely proud of the children. Please pray for them, as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

HOUSE POINTS

Jerusalem Bethlehem Cana Nazareth

192

516

320

512

WINNERS: Bethlehem

Nursery Play Sets Appeal

Nursery are in the process of putting together a 'home' corner and would be grateful for any play sets including tea cups, kettles, plates cutlery etc. If you are able to donate any items, please drop these into the school office.

NEU Strike Action - 27th April & 2nd May

As you may be aware, members of the largest teaching union, the NEU are scheduled to take part in industrial action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Having once again carefully considered the position in our school and discussed this with school governors, who fully support the rights of NEU members, I am writing to confirm the following arrangements:

Thurs 27th April 2023: The school will be closed to children in Year 2 and open for children in all other year groups.

Tues 2nd May 2023: The school will be closed to children in Year 1 & Year 4 and open in all other year groups.

As has been the case on previous days of industrial action, provision will be made available for children in year groups that are closed but whose parents are both 'critical' workers. If you believe yourself to be a 'critical' worker and require supervision for your child on the day, please inform school by emailing andrew.cooke@allsoulsschool.co.uk as soon as possible, explaining the reasons for your request, so that we can make the necessary arrangements. Please be aware that the provision will be catered for by support staff and therefore those children from closed year groups who do attend will not have a typical day of lessons.

Once again, I'd like to reiterate that we understand that the current situation may be frustrating for parents and that this frustration is equally shared by teaching staff. As always, we are determined to work to minimise any disruption to learning whilst remaining supportive towards our colleagues, for whom making the decision to strike is not always an easy one, and indeed the wider profession. Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Sports news

We were straight back in to sports events this week. The girl's football team played a friendly against Willenhall School on Tuesday. Willenhall are a much more experienced team and gave us a really tough game, despite this the girls gave it their all and never stopped trying. Unfortunately though they lost the game 6 nil, player of the match was Millie. Well done girls! On Wednesday our Cross Country team visited Cardinal Wiseman School to take part in the Catholic Cross Country against 17 other schools. The girls were up first and put in a great performance finishing as a team in 6th place, our best girl runner went to Aoife (Y6) who finished in 11th. The boys followed and put in an equally impressive performance finishing as a team in 5th Place. Thomas (Y6) was our best runner for the boys also finishing in 5th place. Congratulations everyone; you all ran superbly.

NEXT WEEK

Date	Year	Event	Time
Mon 24 th Apr	Y1	Visiting Earlsdon Library	AM
	Team	KS2 Panathlon	PM
Tues 25 th Apr	1/5	Class Mass – all welcome	9:30am
	Group	Swimming – bring your kits!	12:30pm
	Team	Y3/4 football-v-Our Lady (away)	3:30pm
Thurs 27 th Apr	2	Strike day – closed to Y2 only	All day
Fri 28 th Apr	All	Mini London Marathon event (please come to school in PE kits)	All day

Wishing you a restful weekend 😊

SUPER STARS

Reception: Ella & Flynn
 Year 1: Beatrice & Bella
 Year 2: Ted D & Julian
 Year 3: Freya & Ferdinand
 Year 4: Zach & Evie
 Year 5: Hudson & Joseph
 Year 6: Alicia & Jacob

Attendance

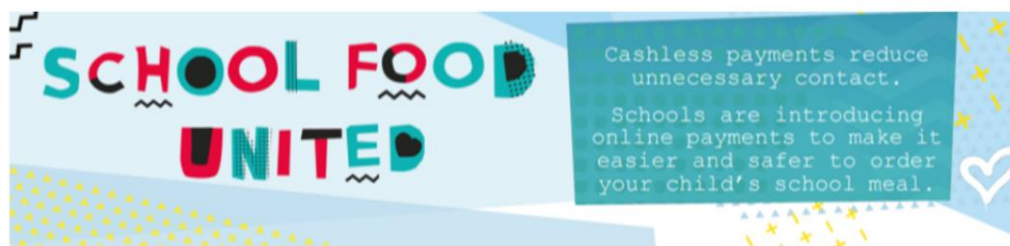
Attendance for the week ending 31st March 2023

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
91.1%	89.7%	98.0%	92.3%	96.7%	95.7%	91.1%	93.5%	94.4%

Late marks (before the close of register) recorded for the week ending 21st April 2023:

Monday 17/4	Tuesday 18/4	Wednesday 19/4	Thursday 20/4	Friday 21/4	Total
	0	0	2	5	7

The last week of the Spring term saw whole school attendance fall with the attendance of 4 classes across school causing concern. The Summer term is a critical term for children as they consolidate and extend their learning from across the year and therefore, once again, I urge parents to make school attendance a priority. Today we distributed certificates to the 95 children across the school who achieved 100% attendance during the second half of the Spring term – congratulations to them. On another positive note, punctuality this week has been good overall and this is something that it would be great to see continue throughout the term.



A new online ordering system called School Food United is now available!

Access **School Food United** to

- ❖ Choose what your child has for lunch
- ❖ Pay in advance online to remove the need for cash.

Please note - it is important that **all** meals are ordered on line, including a nursery free meal / UIFSM (Reception Yr.1 & Yr.2) as **no other order system** is available - it only takes a few minutes to register - please read carefully and follow the instructions. 😊

Steps - how to register for the first time

- ❖ Visit <https://parents.schoolfoodunited.com/login> & select the 'register' button at the top of the page. Problems logging on? Improve your browser performance by going to settings and clear your history/**cache**.
- ❖ Complete the relevant fields (please ensure you add your child's full first /last name, - class year/ class name, phone, email & password (please check **password** criteria).
- ❖ Don't miss out - click '**yes**' to opt in to receive information about special events, fun theme days, and parent invites to taster days etc.
- ❖ You will then receive a **confirmation** email and will need to activate the link contained within it before the account will work - please check your **junk** folder.
- ❖ Only **when you have received** your confirmation email can you log in using your email address and your selected password.
- ❖ Add your child's details (first name, last name, school year and class) by selecting the 'add a child' button. You can add passport style picture to personalize.
- ❖ Repeat this process for additional children.



USEFUL LINKS

If in exceptional circumstances your child requires time off during the term, please ensure you complete the following form well in advance:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdq64E1OjRWO_QCozOFCn-T7DwDnWF5EEiPOA7CkAniFRH4rw/viewform

If your child has been prescribed medicine and will need to bring this to school, please complete the following form (please note we cannot apply creams or administer eye drops):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6TEFxfWfodzG4NAT3alqGSrlbyoUm5Xyrz8vSiQMYP5hSvqg/viewform>

Junior Leadership Team Writing Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the JLT writing competition. We had some fantastic entries to pick from! Congratulations to our winners:
 1st place: Rose Carter (YR)
 2nd place: Mrs Jilks (YR)
 3rd place: Leo Mills (Y1)

We have a small number of All Souls' Nursery places available for September 2023. Our Nursery is open from 8:30 to 11:30am, however, additional hours may be available in our on-site pre-school, All Sorts. Please contact the office for an application form!