



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

28th April 2023

Sacramental Preparation – now 15th May

REMINDER: The Sacramental Preparation Session for Year 6 that was originally scheduled for Saturday 6th May has moved to Saturday 13th May, 5pm due to being the King's Coronation Day.

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.

Bank holidays and May half term break

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

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.

Penelope (Y2) is fundraising!

Penelope in Year 2 will be taking part in an 'Inflatable 5k' challenge to raise money for Myton Hospice. If you are able to sponsor Penelope, please use the following link. Thank you for your support! Good luck, Penelope!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/StaceyPenelope?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=StaceyPenelope&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=885196ecb9964382b2ea7f9948b40089

NEU Strike Action - 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:

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.

Boot Fund

Families on low incomes are able to apply to the Coventry Children's Boot Fund for a voucher to use to purchase your child a new pair of shoes. If you would like to make an application, please email Mrs Rae – linsey.rae@allsoulsschool.co.uk – for an application form. These must be returned to the school by Thursday 4th May 2023.



Summer Term newsletters have been emailed out for each year group. Please do take the time to read through as they contain important/key information.

You can view our term dates [here](#)
Requests for administering medicine can be made [here](#)
Requests for term time leave should be made [here](#)



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

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Sports news

The Year 3 and 4 football team played against Our Lady of the Assumption on Tuesday. It was an extremely close game from start to finish, however, All Souls came out victorious winning 3-2.



NEXT WEEK

Date	Year	Event	Time
Tues 2 nd May	1 & 4	Closed to Y1 & Y4 – strike action	All day
	Group	Swimming – bring your kits!	12:30pm
Thurs 4 th May	Team	Y4/5 Football event – Ricoh Arena	PM
Fri 5 th May	All	King's Coronation Celebration	All day

HOUSE POINTS

Jerusalem Bethlehem Cana Nazareth

403

349

330

342

WINNERS: Jerusalem

SUPER STARS

Reception: Siva & Raisa Year 1: Ava & Ceallagh
Year 2: Max & Martha Year 3: Evie & Leo
Year 4: Tai & Veronica Year 5: Fabian & Terrelle
Year 6: Sienna & Leo
Well done to our stars of the week!

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 20th April 2023

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
97.5%	96.7%	97.1%	95.4%	94.6%	95.4%	98.2%	96.4%	94.5%

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

Monday 24/4	Tuesday 25/4	Wednesday 26/4	Thursday 27/4	Friday 28/4	Total
4	4	5	0	7	20

Overall, the first week of the Summer term was strong, attendance wise, with whole school attendance during that week at 96.4%. It would be great to see this now continue and grow over the weeks to come. Letters were emailed out this week to parents of all children who fall under the category of being 'persistently absent' so that they are aware that this is the case and reach out to the school for support if they feel this necessary. As we approach the summer months, I'd like to remind parents that the school is unable to authorise leave during term time for holidays unless there are 'exceptional' circumstances and holidays taken during school time will be recorded as unauthorised.

We do, however, ask that parents who intend on taking their children out of school for holidays still complete the online request form ([this link](#)) prior to any absence as is detailed in our school attendance policy. Failure to do so may result in the school applying for the issue of a penalty notice.

TCS Mini London Marathon World Record Attempt

Over 200 children took part in a sponsored world record attempt on Friday, each running at least one mile. We will find out in around 2-3 weeks if the record was broken – watch this space! We cannot thank you, your family and friends enough for your generosity; at the last count, we have raised over £1000 - absolutely incredible! A big thank you to Mr Youson for organising the event and for putting together a video with highlights from the day – to watch it, please click [here](#).

