



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

24th November 2023

Advent Faith Workshops

Following on from the hugely successful Advent and Lenten workshops for parents last year, we will once again be offering these this Advent. Workshops will be available for parents/children in Nursery, Year 3, 4, 5 & 6. Due to the time and effort invested in preparing the Early Years and KS1 Nativities, to which parents are invited, workshops will not take place for Reception, Year 1 and

Year 2. The dates and times of the workshops are as follows:

Nursery – Friday 8th December 2023 at 10:20am

Year 3 – Monday 4th December 2023 at 1:30pm

Year 4 – Friday 1st December 2023 at 1:30pm

Year 5 – Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 1:30pm

Year 6 – Friday 1st December 2023 at 1:30pm

So that we are able to prepare for these events, we are asking that parents complete the form, linked below, to let know who will be attending. Due to limited space, we ask that just one adult attends for each child. Thank you. Booking form: <https://forms.gle/C5Xhbg4jCacS1DHeA>

THE BIG QUESTION?

One of our school development priorities this academic year is to make our classrooms and curriculum more (cognitively) challenging and increase challenge for all. As part of this, the Junior Leadership Team, one of our pupil leadership teams, are introducing a weekly challenge question (which, for now, we're naming 'The Big Question?'). The Big Question will be a weekly question, included within our newsletter which we would like children and families to think about, discuss and formulate their own opinions about. The questions may not have one right or wrong answer and are meant to promote discussion, debate, thought and challenge. We'd then like to hear your responses to this, which can be returned in any appropriate format (written, visual, audio, media etc.). Next week, Mr Youson will be showing the children how to send in any responses via the pupil dashboard which is accessible when children log into the school website. For now, though, responses can be brought into school or emailed directly to teachers. As well as presenting a new question each week, we hope to share some of the most thought provoking responses to the previous question. To get us started, this week's Big Question is....

'Can doing something 'bad' ever be the right thing to do?'

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 17th November 2023:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
87.7%	95.5%	98.7%	98.0%	95.1%	95.7%	98.7%	95.6%	95.9%

Late marks (before the close of register) recorded for the week ending 24th November 2023:

Monday 20/11	Tuesday 21/11	Wednesday 22/11	Thursday 23/11	Friday 24/11	Total
4	0	0	0	1	5

Whole school attendance fell slightly last week with 26 children across the school missing one or more day of school. Punctuality this week has, however, been excellent on the whole.



The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

Over the next few weeks the children in KS1 and 2 will be learning about The Big Ambition and providing children with an opportunity to complete the survey in school if they would like to participate. For younger children, in Reception and Nursery, who would like to take part an adult at home can complete the survey with them. The survey and associated information can be accessed using this QR code.



Clarification : Non-Uniform Days

Monday 27th November - we are celebrating Children in Need and taking part in a 'bearpee' challenge. Children may come to school wearing Pudsey attire, yellow, spots, bear ears etc. Please keep in mind that the children will be exercising and so their outfits and footwear must be suitable for this.

Friday 1st December - this will be a non-uniform day in return for a bottle of wine, spirits, water, soft drinks or bubble bath. These will all be used on our bottle tombola at the Christmas fete.

Wednesday 13th December - this is our Christmas dinner day and children may come to school wearing Christmas attire; jumpers, shirts, dresses, tinsel, headbands etc. **There is no charge.**

CHRISTMAS FETE 2ND DEC 12 TO 3PM

SUPER STARS

Reception: Brody & Callie

Year 1: Thomas & Darcy

Year 2: Aaron & Lilah

Year 3: Teddy & Daniel

Year 4: Mark & Seth

Year 5: Jamie & Grace B

Year 6: Cameron & Darren



BBC
**Children
in Need**

Sponsorship Money

Your child's sponsorship money can now be paid in online via School Gateway. To register, please go to:

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/register>

Thank you!

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary *(Those next week are in bold type)*

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
27/11/2023	During the school day	Pudsey 1000 'Bearpees' sponsored challenge for Children in Need
29/11/2023	3:30-5:30pm	Parent 'Book Look' event. This is an opportunity for parents to come into school and see their children's workbooks, which will be on display in the classroom. This is a 'drop in' event, with no appointment necessary. Parents should enter and exit through the school hall. Please note that teaching staff will not be available for appointments at this event
29/11/2023	4:00pm	Year 6 Parents SATs information session – in the Year 6 classroom
30/11/2023	9:30am	Adoration and Benediction for Children in KS2 at Church
01/12/2023	All Day	Non-uniform day – PTA Christmas Fete – donations of bottled items welcomed
01/12/2023	1:30pm	Advent workshops Year 4 and Year 6. A parent/relative of each child is welcome to come into school to participate. Please use the following link to let us know who will be attending: https://forms.gle/C5Xhbg4jCacS1DHeA
02/12/2023	12:00-3:00pm	PTA Christmas Fete – in the school hall – all welcome!
03/12/2023	9:30pm	First Sunday of Advent – School celebration Mass – all Welcome and encouraged to attend.
04/12/2023	1:30pm	Advent workshop Year 3. A parent/relative of each child is welcome to come into school to participate. Please use the following link to let us know who will be attending: https://forms.gle/C5Xhbg4jCacS1DHeA
06/12/2023	1:30pm	Advent workshop Year 5. A parent/relative of each child is welcome to come into school to participate. Please use the following link to let us know who will be attending: https://forms.gle/C5Xhbg4jCacS1DHeA
07/12/23	Morning	Year 1 & Year 2 trip to Coventry Cathedral
08/12/2023	9:30am	Whole School Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
08/12/2023	10:20-11:20am	Nursery Advent Workshop for Children/Parents. Please use the following link to let us know who will be attending: https://forms.gle/C5Xhbg4jCacS1DHeA
12/12/2023	During the school day	Children in Nursery/Reception trip to Belgrade Theatre for "Santa Sparkly Surprise"
13/12/2023	During the School Day	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
13/12/2023	1:00pm	Nativity Performances for parents – EYFS first, then KS1
14/12/2023	9:00am	Nativity Performances for parents – EYFS first, then KS1
15/12/23	All day	Year 3 & Year 4 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
17/12/2023	9:30am	Bambinelli Sunday – children to take the Baby Jesus to be blessed at church
20/12/2023	9:30am	End of term whole school Mass
20/12/2023	6:30pm	School and Parish Carol Service at Church – All Welcome
22/12/2023	All Day	Last day of term