



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

# NEWSLETTER

## Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
95.3%	97.6%	99.0%	99.4%	98.7%	98.7%	98.1%	98.1%	95.6%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

	Mon 10/03 <sup>7</sup>	Tue 11/03	Wed 12/03	Thu 13/03	Fri 14/03	Total
L (before 9:00am)	5	9	4	2	4	24
U (after 9:00am)	1	0	2	0	2	5

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **600**

Last week's attendance was a significant improvement on the previous two weeks, with 6 out of 7 classes achieving over 97%. This was really pleasing to see. There are, however, still a number of children who are arriving late for school on a regular basis. Whilst we appreciate that traffic may play a factor for some of our families who live a significant distance from school, some of those who are late on a regular basis live within close proximity of the school. I ask parents to not underestimate the importance of children arriving on time and the impact that being just a few minutes late can have on a child's entire day.



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## Parent/Carer Questionnaire



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf23HK7Fx82bl0Fhux9cUIWlmLyuEJS5XnwcxX0ty3AsOdtSg/viewform?pli=1>

Your views are important to us and so we would be grateful if you could complete our Spring 2025 parent/carers questionnaire.

## Year 6 Speed Saining event

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Year 6 children in their Speed Saining event. We are so proud of how well the children presented their projects on their chosen saints. They were able to clearly articulate their reasons for choosing their saint and explain how they were inspired by them. We hope you enjoyed being a part of their preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.



NURSERY PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE

**Forthcoming Dates for your Diary – those next week are in bold type:**

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
17/03-19/03	All Day	Year 5 retreat to Alton Castle
17/03	6:30pm	First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Session at Church (Year 3)
18/03	PM	Year 4 Swimming Session
18/03	2pm	Year 1 Lenten Workshop for chn/parents
19/03	9:30am	Years R, 3 & 6 Class Mass
19/03	10:30	Year 6 Stations of the Cross (at St Mary Magdalene's)
19/03	12:30	Year 5/6 HADO tournament
21/03	9:00am	Year 6 Lenten Workshop for chn/parents
24/03	AM	Year 4 trip to Coombe
24/03	6:30pm	Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Session at Church (Year 6)
25/03	PM	Year 4 Swimming Session
26/03	9:30am	Years 2 & 4 Class Mass
26/03	10:30	Year 4 Stations of the Cross (at All Souls)
26/03	AM	Sportshall Athletics County Finals
27/03	AM	Year 2 Mousike Ensemble Performance
28/03	10:45	Nursery Mothers Day Tea
31/03	AM	Year 5 Mousike Ensemble Performance
31/03	2:00pm	Year 2 Lenten Workshop for chn/parents
31/03	6:30pm	First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Session at Church (Year 3)
01/04	AM	Years 4-6 Sacrament of Confession
01/04	PM	Year 4 Swimming Session
01/04	2:00pm	Reception Lenten Workshop for chn/parents
01/04	3:30pm	Year 3&4 Girls Football Tournament
02/04	10:30am	Year 3 Stations of the Cross (at St Mary Magdalene's)
04/04	AM	Year 6 visit to Belgrade Theatre 'Pig Heart Boy'
06/04	9:30am	School Celebration Mass

**CEILI FUNDRAISER**

You are warmly invited to our first ever Ceili!

Location: Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School

Date: Friday 21st March

Time: 7-10:30

Tickets cost £3

Irish dancing  
Games  
Music  
Raffle

Please email [Niamh.harris@hccmac.co.uk](mailto:Niamh.harris@hccmac.co.uk) if you are interested in booking tickets

**SUPER STARS**

Reception: Lamek & Maximillan

Year 1: Carter & Charlie

Year 2: Layla-Lee    Year 3: Rian & Milo

Year 4: Julian & Sofia    Year 5: James & Leo

Year 6: Phoebe & Abbie

**HOUSE POINTS**

Jerusalem	Nazareth	Bethlehem	Cana
3131	2840	1501	2893

**WINNERS: Jerusalem**

**A reminder that children may come to school wearing green on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March.**

# ST PATRICKS DAY COFFEE MORNING

We had a fantastic morning celebrating all things Irish at our St Patrick's Day Coffee Morning kindly organised by All Souls' PTA. Saint Patrick is the class Saint for our Year 5 children and they took part in hosting the morning by performing songs and acting out the story of the life of St Patrick. We were incredibly grateful to be joined by local musicians Jarlath Mulhern and Fiona Hoey from the Comhaltas and The Wild Mountain boys, who treated us to a live performance of Irish music throughout the morning. It was wonderful to welcome Jarlath back to All Souls as he spent his school days here. Once an All Souls boy, always an All Souls boy!

Following the musicians came a spectacular performance from the Mary McHugh School of Irish Dance. Mary teaches weekly dancing lessons at the school and pupils from Year 2 up to Year 6 put on a fantastic display for their lively audience. The morning ended with closing prayers of the faithful, read by the Year 5 children, as we prayed for St Patrick to guide us and reflected on all those in need or suffering during this time of Lent. A special thank you to the Coventry Irish Society for attending and supporting the event throughout and for offering their support to the Irish community across the city. Also, to our very own Mrs Edge who designed the leaflets and co-ordinated with the Irish Society and many of the artists to enable them to join us on the day.

Thank you to all parents, grand-parents and carers who baked cakes to help raise money for the school on the day and for everyone who donated to the raffle. To the Year 5 children for their St Patrick's day performance and for helping with cake and raffle sales and representing the school so well, Mr Youson for supporting with the lights and sound and Miss McGaffney, Miss Brady, Mrs Smith, Mrs Cannon for keeping the Irish coffees flowing on the day!

A very special thank you to Mary O'Malley and Rob Hunter for their hard work in organizing the entire event and leading on the morning, it takes a lot of time and care to co-ordinate such an event and your commitment is hugely appreciated. Thank you to all of the members of the PTA who helped in planning the day and for helping out selling raffle tickets, decorating the hall, manning the cake and coffee stalls.

Above all – thank you to everyone who attended. The PTA were very pleased with how the morning went and the monies raised for the school. We hope you all enjoyed it too!



## World Book Day 2025

Thank you to everyone who came in to join us for our All Souls 'Bookie Breakfast'. It was a lovely chance for the children to be able to share a snack and a book with each other and their parents! We saw some incredible costumes – thank you for supporting the event!



### Pilgrims of Hope

As you may be aware, Pope Francis has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, a holy year which happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church. The Church have announced that the theme for this Jubilee Year is '**Pilgrims of Hope**'. As part of this call to hope, Pope Francis asks us to consider how we can be pilgrims in the world around us and truly see, celebrate and care for God's creation. We are asking that children, with their families, research a place of pilgrimage around our world (it does not have to be a Catholic place of pilgrimage). We are then asking for this place to be celebrated through whatever media the children wish. We would love to be able to display these around school so please consider the size of the project however the way the children choose to present it is completely up to them; 3D, photos, electronic... we will find any way we can to show and celebrate the children's special projects. We are asking for these to be in school by **FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2025**.



We really do hope that all children choose to participate in this activity. May we all be Pilgrims of Hope and lead others to spread hope throughout our families, school & community.

### Lenten Fundraising

As we enter this Lenten season we are called to almsgiving, the practice of giving money or resources to those in most need. To play our part in this, we have decided to join with CAFOD and Fr Hudson's to Walk through Lent. CAFOD has been leading The Big Lenten Walk for a few years now and it is a cause that we have supported. The money we will raise by taking part in the Big Lent Walk will enable CAFOD to continue fighting global poverty and working through expert local partners to bring real life change to communities overseas. To raise the money our children and staff will be out walking once a day to reach the 200km target. At one point during Lent the children of each class will take on a longer walk to a specific place and back. This will be a pilgrimage for them and allow them to understand that going on a journey takes preparation, just as the journey through Lent calls us to prepare ourselves to be forgiven.

A payment option will be available through the School Gateway and I am hopeful that we will put our best foot forwards and give as generously.

Thank you in advance for your support and donations to this cause.



# SPORTS NEWS

Four children proudly represented our school in an archery competition. They had a fantastic time participating in five different stations, each testing a unique skill. The combined scores from these stations determined the overall winner.

Our talented team scored an impressive 137 points, securing a well-earned 3rd place finish! They were outstanding ambassadors for the school—congratulations to them all!

Six girls from Years 3 and 4 took part in a girls' football tournament at the AT7 Centre. They played four matches, winning one, drawing two, and losing one. Their skills and teamwork continue to improve with every game. Best of luck in the next tournament on Tuesday, April 1st—keep up the great work!

The Annual Catholic Swimming Gala took place on Friday, March 7th, where we took 18 children from Years 4 to 6 to compete against 15 other Catholic schools. The morning was filled with qualifying heats, with each child swimming in at least two races. We celebrated multiple Gold, Silver, and Bronze medallists, but most importantly, every swimmer contributed valuable points to our overall team score. We finished 3rd place among West Coventry schools, earning us a spot in the afternoon finals. With fewer races in the afternoon, only a selection of children competed in solo and relay events. They swam superbly, displaying great determination and skill, and secured 4th place overall. A fantastic team effort—well done to everyone!

Our Year 5/6 football team played against St. John Vianney in an exciting match on Tuesday. From the first whistle, it was a thrilling end-to-end contest, with both teams creating plenty of chances. Thanks to great teamwork, skill, and perhaps a little bit of luck (Austin in Year 5 knows what we mean!), we secured a 4-1 victory. After the match, the SJV players voted Austin as their Player of the Match—a fantastic achievement! Another brilliant team performance!

