



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

3rd October 2025

NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 26th September 2025:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
100%	99.3%	98.6%	100%	98.4%	100%	99.3%	99.4%	98.5%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 3rd October 2025

	Mon 29/09	Tue 30/09	Wed 01/10	Thu 02/10	Fri 03/10	Total
L (before 9:15am)	2	3	3	7	3	18
U (after 9:15am)	1	0	1	0	1	2

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **300**

Number of different children late this week: **15**

StudyBugs Parental Take-up: 88% (same as last week)

In you aren't yet registered, please use the following link to get started:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>



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Open Evening

October 15th & 22nd 2025



Booking is now open for our October parents' evenings which will take place on Wednesday 15th and Wednesday 22nd October 2025. These are an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled into the academic year. Appointments will be held in person, in the school hall and are 5 minutes in length. Children's exercise books are not available and on display on this occasion, but there will be an opportunity for you to see these towards the end of the Autumn term. Where you have multiple children in school, please complete the form for each child separately, using the link below or QR code. Please do make a note of the time you have booked as, in recent times, we have had a significant increase in the number of parents contacting to check the time that they have booked. Thank you. <https://forms.gle/fj7j9iuaTSoX1wReA>

Remembrance Day - 9th November 2025

There will be a Remembrance Day Service and Parade on Sunday 9th November 2025 at 10.30am in the War Memorial Park. Each year the service ensures that memories of ex-service men and women from WW1, WW2 and more recent wars are not forgotten. It would be lovely to see our children and their families share in this event.



First Holy Communion Preparation Dates

Father Paul is pleased to share dates for First Holy Communion preparation sessions. All sessions take place in the parish room and parent/carers should attend with their child.

Sunday 19 th October 9.30am 'Enrolment Mass'	Monday 20 th October 6.15-7.00pm Parents' meeting 1
Monday 10 th November 6.15-7.00pm Preparation session 1	Monday 24 th November 6.15-7.00pm Preparation session 2
Monday 8 th December 6.15-7.00pm Preparation session 3	Monday 5 th January 6.15-7.00pm Parents' meeting 2
Monday 12 th January 2026 6.15-7.00pm Preparation session 4	Monday 26 th January 6.15-7.00pm Preparation session 5
Monday 9 th February 6.15-7.00pm Preparation session 6	Monday 23 rd February 6.15-7.00pm Preparation session 7
Monday 9 th March 6.15-7.00pm Preparation session 8	Monday 23 rd March 6.15pm Penance service (First Confession)
Monday 13 th April 6.15-7.00pm Final preparations for First Holy Communion Mass	Sunday 26 th April 9.30am First Holy Communion Mass
Sunday 19 th April 9.30am First Holy Communion Mass	

Years 1 to Y6 will be attending a Harvest Mass at 9:30am on Tuesday 14th October – everyone is welcome to attend. We would be most grateful for donations of non-perishable items that can be donated to local food banks – e.g, tinned goods (fish, vegetables, soup, meat, fruit), long life milk (UHT) and juices, pasta, rice, cereals, squash and toiletries. These can be brought in to school on the 13th or first thing on the 14th.



My Heart is Ireland. ♥

Volunteering with the Coventry Irish Society is more than simply giving my time – it's a way of honouring my grandparents and family, and keeping their roots alive. I grew up surrounded by stories, traditions, and a deep sense of pride in where my family came from, and being part of this society allows me to carry that forward in a meaningful way.

In my role as the artistic, marketing, and creativity volunteer, I'm proud to contribute my skills, share ideas, and create projects that celebrate Irish culture within the Coventry community. I love being able to combine creativity with heritage, turning ideas into events and initiatives that bring people together.

For me, this is more than volunteering. It's about connection – to my roots, to my family's history, and to a wider community that values and protects Irish identity. Every project I work on feels like a tribute to the generations before me, and a way of ensuring those traditions live on for the future.

This role allows me not only to celebrate my heritage with pride but also to give back to a community I deeply value. It is both personal and purposeful and I couldn't be more grateful to be part of it.

Kerry Ryan (Edge)

Congratulations, Mrs Edge!

Many of us are already aware that Mrs Edge has a remarkable gift for creating beautiful artwork that brightens and enriches our school environment. What you might not know, however, is that her creativity and generosity extend far beyond the classroom. In her own time, Mrs Edge is deeply involved with the Coventry Irish Society, where she devotes countless hours to supporting the organisation and its community work.

Just last weekend, her dedication was recognised in a very special way: Mrs Edge was invited to attend a gala dinner, where she was presented with a recognition award celebrating her hard work, commitment, and passion for the society.

With so many of our families proud of their Irish heritage, it is truly inspiring to see one of our own team members playing such an important role in supporting and preserving this vibrant community. We are incredibly proud of Mrs Edge and delighted to share this well-deserved achievement with you all.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

Mrs Corkerry would like to know if you could give a gift to everyone in the whole world, what would it be and why?

Penalty Notices for irregular school attendance/unauthorised absence

Please see attached to this week's newsletter a leaflet for parents in relation to updated guidelines concerning the issue of penalty notices from the Local Authority. Please do take the time to read this information as expectations around school attendance continue to be increased on a local and national level.

I would like to draw your attention to a few key pieces of information regarding penalty notices. Guidance states that schools should consider requesting a penalty notice in the following circumstances:

Leave of absence during term time - totalling 10 sessions (5 or more school days) which may be consecutive or non-consecutive

Unauthorised absence - totalling 10 sessions (5 or more school days) over a 10-week rolling period (please note that arriving late after the close of register is recorded as an unauthorised absence)

Combined absence - where a leave of absence and additional unauthorised absence have occurred during a 10-week rolling period.

From August 2024, Penalty Notices will be issued by post to home addresses. The Penalty Notice is:

- £80 if paid within 21 days (per parent, per child)
- £160 if paid in full after the 21 days but within 28 days. (per parent, per child)

if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate:

- £160 within 28 days (per parent, per child)

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a Parenting Order or Prosecution will be considered.

Please note that the school does not receive any financial gains from penalty notices. The school is committed to adhering to the national guidelines in relation to penalty notices which is detailed in the school attendance policy, which has been agreed by school governors and is available on the school website.

Fan the Flame Pilgrimage

We had a wonderful morning at the Fan the Flame pilgrimage with OneLife Music. Over 20 schools across Coventry took part in the pilgrimage at Holy family church, as part of the Jubilee Year celebrations.

We explored being Pilgrims of Hope as we spent the morning, with Dan and Emily of OneLife Music, in prayer and song; re-establishing our relationship with God, with one another and with all of creation.

The children had an exciting morning taking part in lots of activities and proudly presented their hand-made school banner displaying their individual artwork to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Thanks to everyone who helped us to prepare for the day especially Dan and Emily of OneLife Music for such an incredible pilgrimage experience!



Author Visit - Aaron Ashmore

We were delighted to welcome Coventry author Aaron Ashmore to All Souls this week. The children enjoyed hearing Aaron talking about Coventry, his books and his journey to becoming an author. He was then asked lots of fabulous questions by the children who then received their signed books. You can view his online store, that sells Coventry themed books, badges, games and much more here: [Etch & Pin - Coventry Gifts](#)



Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a weather appropriate coat. As a large number of children arrived without a coat today, we had to make break and lunchtime indoors as we were unable to allow children without coats outside due to the unpredictable rainy weather. Thank you for your support!



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NURSERY ADMISSION

2026-2027 NOW OPEN

About our School Nursery

All Souls' Nursery, in the heart of Chapelfields, provides a stimulating and supportive environment where children can grow, thrive, and discover their potential. With a creative curriculum, dedicated 'Forest School,' and generous outdoor space, we offer the perfect setting for learning through exploration and fun.

We offer five morning sessions each week, **Monday to Friday, 8:30 – 11:30am** during term time. Places are available on the basis of attending all five sessions.

For families requiring extended care, our on-site pre-school, **All Sorts**, offers a lunch club and afternoon sessions, with wraparound care available from **7:45am to 6:00pm, Monday to Thursday**, and from **7:45am to 4:30pm on Fridays** (subject to availability). For further information, please contact All Sorts on 024 7671 1973.

**To apply for a place in our nursery,
please complete the form
or scan the QR code below.**

<https://forms.gle/qhhSsfW8ST2T7VYs9>

The closing date for Nursery applications is

Friday 13th February 2026





We're really pleased to let you know that All Souls has teamed up with Junior Park Run! Junior Park Run is a free, weekly community event where children can run or walk 2k every Sunday morning at 9am. It's open to children aged 4–14, along with their families and friends of all ages - so adults pleased get involved as well.

Each morning starts with a fun warm-up near the children's play area by the War Memorial. The atmosphere is positive, welcoming, and inclusive – there's no time limit, and no one ever finishes last. Everyone is encouraged to take part!

Our first group run will be on **Sunday, 12th October**, and we'd love as many children (and parents!) as possible to join us. After this date, teachers may not always be present, but we hope many of you will continue to attend regularly.

Whilst children are at the event, they will remain the responsibility of parents, not teaching staff. It is therefore important that an adult is either running with them or present for the duration of the event.

If you'd like to take part, please register using the link below (each participant will need their own account):

[Register here](#)

Once registered, please:

1. Print or download your unique barcode so your run can be recorded.
2. Join the All Souls Catholic Primary School group (you'll find this option under the Groups tab in your account).

If you already attend Junior Park Run, you can still join our school group.

Finally, if you are planning on coming along, could you please email me to let me know how many will be attending? The organisers would like an idea of expected numbers.

We hope to see lots of you there — it's a brilliant way to keep active, build confidence, and have fun together as a school community.

Below is a link to the course rules and guidelines

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FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025

In The Main Hall
3.30PM - 6.00PM

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS

SILENT SPOOKTACULAR DISCO



THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2025

RECEPTION WILL ENJOY THEIR PARTY DURING THE SCHOOL DAY (2-3PM)

YEARS 1, 2 AND 3 - 3:15PM TO 4:30PM

YEARS 4, 5 AND 6 - 4:45PM TO 6:00PM

PAYMENT VIA SCHOOL GATEWAY

REC TO YEAR 3 SHOULD SEND THEIR COSTUMES/PARTY CLOTHES INTO SCHOOL SO THEY CAN GET CHANGED BEFORE THEIR PARTY STARTS. PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO TIME RESTRICTIONS, STAFF ARE NOT ABLE TO ASSIST WITH FACE PAINT AND HAIR.

COSTUMES OPTIONAL! PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARE APPROPRIATE: NO WEAPONS, BLOOD OR FROM TV/FILMS THAT ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN (E.G., SQUID GAMES, HORROR FILMS). THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

RECEPTION
£2
PER CHILD

*INCLUDES SQUASH, SWEETS



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ALL OTHER YEARS
£4
PER CHILD

*INCLUDES SQUASH, SWEETS
AND BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND,
A TRAY OF CHIPS

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SALE TO MEMBERS FIRST

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MAGGIE
GALLAGHER

DJ
RORY
RYAN



SAT 20TH DECEMBER
3PM - 10PM

CTK PARISH CENTRE

JOIN US FROM 3PM

£22.50
FAMILY TICKET
(up to 4)
*Extra Adult or Child
£5 each

FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL
STALLS, ACTIVITIES & FACE PAINTING & MORE!

A MAGICAL VISIT FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS
PRESENT FOR EVERY CHILD

IRISH CHRISTMAS DISCO
WITH DJ RORY RYAN | 7 PM - 10 PM

CATERING FOR CHILDREN | BATCHES & SNACKS ON SALE FOR ADULTS

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE TO MEMBERS FIRST, BEFORE BEING RELEASED TO NON-MEMBERS

*TICKETS - PLEASE CONTACT HAYLEY.MCCARTHY87@HOTMAIL.CO.UK OR BEHIND THE BAR

Would you like to know more about your children's behaviour?

Would you like to know how to support your child's emotional regulation?

Friday 3 October 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday 17 December 6:00-8:00pm

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour is an introductory workshop designed to provide parents/carers with a valuable insight into your child's development and practical strategies to help you to help your child.

Two hour workshop delivered both face-to-face and virtually by Coventry's Positive Parenting Team.

Suitable for parents of children aged 2-10 yrs.

To find out more e-mail:
parenting@coventry.gov.uk

To book a place visit:

[coventry.gov.uk/
parentingrequestform](https://coventry.gov.uk/parentingrequestform)

