



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

24th October 2025

NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 17th October 2025:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
98.3%	98.7%	97.5%	98.1%	98.1%	98.1%	98.7%	98.2%	98.6%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 24th October 2025

	Mon 20/10	Tue 21/10	Wed 22/10	Thu 23/10	Fri 24/10	Total
L (before 9:15am)	2	3	1	2	3	11
U (after 9:15am)	1	0	2	0	0	3

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **320**

Number of different children late this week: **7**

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>

Attendance Celebration

This half term, our school achieved one of the highest attendance rates across the city. As a well-earned reward, the children enjoyed an afternoon of extra play, with a wonderful range of activities on offer including baking, crafts, gaming, LEGO, and Forest School. It was a fantastic celebration of their hard work and brilliant start to the year!



SPORTS NEWS

On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 football team played in the first round of the Catholic Primary Schools Cup against St Anne's. The team put in a brilliant performance, showing great teamwork, determination, and skill throughout what was a very tough match. Their hard work paid off with a fantastic 3–0 victory, securing a well-deserved place in the second round of the cup. Rudy (Year 6) was named Player of the Match by the opposition. Well done, everyone — a great start to the competition!

On Wednesday, eight children from Year 5 took part in a Values Dodgeball Tournament. In this event, winning wasn't the main focus — instead, teams earned points for demonstrating respect, honesty, and teamwork throughout their matches. Although we didn't come away with a win, the children gave it their all and truly embodied the spirit of the competition. They showed fantastic sportsmanship and represented the school brilliantly — well done, everyone!

Also on Wednesday, nine children from Year 6 took part in an exciting HADO competition, splitting into three teams. HADO is an augmented reality version of dodgeball, combining technology with physical activity — and the children absolutely loved it! They had a fantastic time learning how to use the AR equipment and bringing their dodgeball skills into a whole new setting. One of our teams even made it through to the final of their group, narrowly missing out on the win after a very close match. A brilliant experience for all involved — well done, Year 6!

Our Year 5 and 6 football team were back in action — this time with a new group of children taking part. They faced a very strong Earlsdon side, and for several of our players, it was their first ever competitive match! The team played brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork, and developing skills throughout the game. Although the final score didn't go our way, with a 5–1 loss, we were incredibly proud of how the children conducted themselves and the determination they showed right to the final whistle. Well done, everyone — a fantastic effort!



SCHOOL NOW CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER - HAVE A WONDERFUL HALF TERM!

October Half term

This is a message from West Midlands Police for parents and carers about robbery, antisocial behaviour, and personal safety for young people.

Police and schools across the West Midlands are committed to working together to protect our young people from becoming victims of robbery and violent crime. We also want to reduce antisocial behaviour around fireworks, especially in the darker nights.

As we head into October half term, we are urging everyone to talk to their child about staying safe over Halloween and Bonfire Night.

We have seen an increase in criminals targeting young people who carry iPhones, wireless headphones or digital devices. Thieves are forcing young people to log out of their iCloud to prevent the phone being tracked after it's stolen. By enabling two-factor authentication on iCloud or your child's phone, can make thieves lose interest in taking their phone.

Increasing the security on your child's iPhone and iPad:

1. Firstly, talk to your child about enabling two-factor authentication on their devices to help keep them, and their phones, safe from theft and exploitation.
2. Reassure them that turning on location and enabling better privacy settings allows them to communicate with their friends and family safely and securely.
3. Turn on two-factor authentication for your child's Apple Account: On your iPhone or iPad: Go to Settings > [your name] > Sign-In & Security. Tap Turn on Two-Factor Authentication. Then tap Continue and follow the onscreen instructions.
4. Discuss with your child who they would like to add to their 'trusted contact list' and encourage them to save these numbers in their emergency contacts list in case they get into trouble.
5. Add your child's devices to your 'Family' by heading to your Apple ID settings and adding the devices.
6. From the 'Family' group you can enable content and privacy restrictions and two-factor authentication, as well as location sharing.

For further information visit: [Use parental controls on your child's iPhone and iPad - Apple Support](#)

If your child has an Android phone there are additional security settings, you can put in place to make sure the location of their phone and data is secure. Visit your phone provider website for further crime prevention advice.



Staying safe around Halloween and Bonfire Night:

We want everyone to go out and enjoy the festivities of Halloween and Bonfire Night, but this can be a worrying time for those most vulnerable in our communities. Before your child heads out with their mates, be sure to talk to them about how to respect others and how to get help if they find themselves in trouble.



You can download our [parent's guide](#) to Halloween and firework safety. Here are some top tips to give your child:

1. Plan a safe and familiar route and stick with friends.
2. Make sure phones are charged, location on, and kept out of sight.
3. Wear high-visibility clothing or something recognisable so friends and family can spot you in a crowd.
4. Attend a public firework display when you can and never handle adult fireworks.
5. Organise a safe meet-up place in case you lose each other at an outdoor event.
6. Never point fireworks at people, animals, emergency service vehicles, buildings, or roads.
7. Tell them that police can arrest and prosecute anyone using fireworks dangerously.
8. If someone has a 'no trick or treating' card in their window do not approach the property or ring the bell.



What to do if you are concerned about your child or a young person you know:

Talk to them in a safe and quiet location that feels comfortable for both of you.

You may wish to contact a member of the Pastoral Team at school if you feel your child isn't listening or is at risk. You can reach out your school's officers to seek advice. They can talk through your concerns and plan a way forward together.

If you or your child has been a victim of crime or their life is in danger, call 999 immediately. Alternatively, you can call 101 if the crime has happened and you want to report this to the police.

You can contact Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Thank you, **West Midlands Police**.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

Mr Cooke says: 'Is it ever OK to tell a lie?'

School Celebration Mass

Our next School Celebration Mass is on **9th November 2025 at 9:30am** – it would be wonderful to see as many of our children and their families as possible in attendance.

Sunday Gospel and Reflection

Gospel Reading for Sunday 26th October 2025 – Luke 18:9-14 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ‘Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: “God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, unfaithful, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.” But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.’

Short reflection:

This parable reminds us that what matters isn't simply doing lots of good things, or comparing ourselves favourably with others but coming to God - and coming to one another - with honesty and humility. It invites us to look at our hearts: Are we thankful for what God has done (and is doing) for us? Do we truly recognise our need for God's grace and the value of others, or do we find ourselves quietly judging or comparing? When we pray or when we speak with our children, it's a beautiful thing to say: “Thank you, God, that you love us” rather than “Look how good I/we are.” And as children, it's a gift to learn to say: “God, help me” rather than just trying to be better than someone else.

We can all model this to our children by admitting when we've done things wrong, asking forgiveness, and showing our children that being humble doesn't mean being weak - it means being real and open to God's love and mercy.



The City of Birmingham Orchestra join forces with their youthful counterparts for a programme that includes Shostakovich's so-called *Leningrad Symphony* First aired in 1942, as Hitler's forces lay siege to an unbreakable Leningrad (now St Petersburg), the heroic work marches towards a firm resolve, and has since come to represent a wider defiance and resilience, and human survival against the odds. Fresh from their 2024-2025/ 20th anniversary season, the CBSO Youth Orchestra is a hotbed of next generation talent. Made up of talented musicians from across the Midlands aged 13-21, they regularly perform alongside major conductors and soloists.

Tickets are free for U19's - full details here: [CBSO & CBSO Youth Orchestra: Side by Side | Warwick Arts Centre](#)

PTA Non-Uniform Days

The PTA will be holding two further non-uniform days on Friday 21st November (bottle donations) and Friday 5th December (hamper items) in support of the Winter Warmer. Further details will be sent nearer the time. Thank you for your generous chocolate donations today – they are very much appreciated!

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

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
25/10-2/11	ALL DAY	HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS
04/11/2025	9:30am	Whole School Mass
09/11/2025	9:30am	School Celebration Mass
10/11/2025	6:15pm	First Holy Communion Preparation Session 1 (Year 3) at Church
11/11/2025	10:00am	Years 1 and 5 Class Mass
11/11/2025	3:00pm	Football match vs St Christopher's
12/11/2025	AM	Panathlon Sports Competition
12/11/2025	PM	Years 3 & 4 Cinema Trip
14/11/2025	All Dat	Non-uniform day – Children in Need
16/11/2025	9:30am	Reception Class Welcome Mass
17/11/2025	PM	Years 5 & 6 Cinema Trip
18/11/2025	9:30am	Years 2 & 4 Class Mass
18/11/2025	PM	Years 1 & 2 Cinema Trip
18/11/2025	After school	Years 3 & 4 Girls Football competition
21/11/2025	All Day	Non-uniform day PTA – Bottle donations for Winter Warmer
23/11/2025	9:30am	Year 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass
24/11/2025	6:15pm	First Holy Communion Preparation Session 2 (Year 3) at Church
25/11/2025	9:30am	Years R, 3 & 6 Class Mass
27/11/2025	All day	No Pens Day – Speech and Language UK
28/11/2025	1:45pm	Year 6 depart for residential to Plas Dol-y-Moch
01/12/2025	11:00am	Adoration at Church (Years 4 & 5)
02/12/2025	9:30am	Years 3 & 5 Class Mass
02/12/2025	1:15pm	Year 6 return from their residential to Plas Dol-y-Moch

Silent Disco Fun!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Silent Disco – the children had great fun! After costs, we raised £250 which will be invested into future events! Special thanks to Mr Gadhia, dad of Lily & Siva, who once again loaned us some fab lighting!



**CHALLENGE
YOURSELF**

FOR
BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED

CHILDREN IN NEED 2025

NON-UNIFORM DAY

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO
WEAR SPOTS/PUDSEY ATTIRE
ON FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER.

WE WILL NOT BE ASKING FOR DONATIONS,
HOWEVER, YOU MAY WISH TO DO SO
DIRECTLY

TO CHILDREN IN NEED: [DONATE HERE](#)

WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING A
SURPRISE GUEST VISIT
ON FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER.

SCAN TO DONATE ONLINE



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COME AND JOIN OUR

STEEL PAN

MUSIC GROUP

MONDAY
4.30 - 5.30PM

EARLSDON METHODIST CHURCH



- HAVE FUN
- MAKE FRIENDS
- MAKE MUSIC
- LEARN NEW SKILLS

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TO SIGN UP



AGES 7+

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GALLAGHER

DJ
RORY
RYAN



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3PM - 10PM

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(up to 4)

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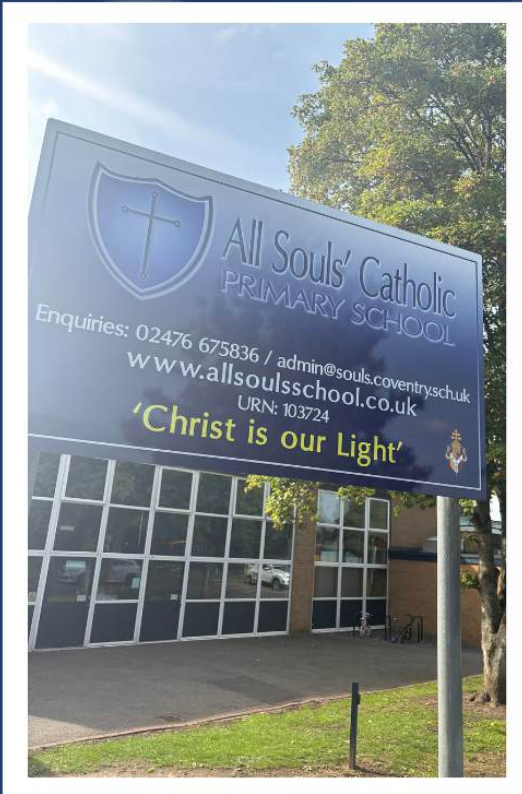
£5 each



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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

