



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

7th November 2025

NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 24th October 2025:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
90.0%	92.3%	91.4%	98.4%	96.3%	98.7%	95.7%	98.2%	98.6%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 7th November 2025

	Mon 03/11	Tue 04/11	Wed 05/11	Thu 06/11	Fri 07/11	Total
L (before 9:15am)	1	2	3	0	1	11
U (after 9:15am)	0	1	1	1	0	3

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **330**

Number of different children late this week: **8**

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>

School Uniform Reminders

Please can we remind parents of the need to ensure that children arrive at school in correct and appropriate school uniform. We are noticing increasing numbers of children not in complete uniform which is then becoming both a distraction and encouraging others to do the same. We would like to draw your attention to the following points:

- **during the colder months all children should have with them an outer layer that keeps them warm and dry.** There are a number of children in school who presently do not have a coat in school. It is at the discretion of school adults to determine if it is too cold or wet for children without coats to spend time outdoors at break and lunchtime if they do not have outer layers.
- trousers, skirts and pinafores worn for school should be **charcoal grey**. There are increasing number of children arriving in black trousers and even leggings, which are not part of our school uniform.
- **Skirts** should be of knee length or very close to this. There have been instances where the cycling shorts that children have chosen to wear under their skirt are actually longer than the skirt itself. The school recommends the wearing of woollen tights under skirts, particularly during the winter months.
- **PE kits** should be in school at the very least on days where your child has PE - but ideally every day. There are some children who have not had a full PE in school now for a number of weeks.
- Only a single part of **stud earrings** should be worn. These should sit relatively flat to the ear and not dangle below.
- Children should not bring **items from home** into school as they become a distraction to learning. The school will not take responsibility for damage or loss of any items that have been brought into school.

Please do review your child's uniform and ensure that it meets the expectations of the school. Meeting these basic expectations goes a long way to ensuring a harmonious, safe and consistent environment for our children to learn and develop. If you are having difficulty in providing a full uniform - for example due to financial implications - please do speak, in confidence, to a member of the school's leadership team who will be eager to support.

Sunday Gospel and Reflection

Gospel Reading for Sunday 9th November 2025 – John 2:13-22 (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple, he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the moneychangers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So, the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Short reflection:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus enters the Temple in Jerusalem and finds people buying and selling animals, exchanging money, and treating God's house like a marketplace. With great passion, He drives out the sellers and overturns the tables. Jesus isn't angry because people are there—He's upset because they have forgotten what the Temple is really for: prayer, worship, and meeting God with a sincere heart.

For us, as parents and children, this Gospel reminds us that God's "house" isn't just a building. Our hearts are also meant to be a place where God lives. Sometimes our hearts can become crowded, filled with worries, pride, selfishness, distractions, or unkindness. When Jesus "cleans the Temple," He shows us that He wants to help clear away anything that gets between us and God.

With the same passion and enthusiasm that Jesus demonstrated, we too are called, as individuals, families and a school community, to make space for God. If Jesus were to walk into the 'temple' of our hearts, what would He want to gently clean out – and what beautiful things would He find in there?

Reminder: Mass Dates

School Celebration Mass – Sunday 9th November 2025 at 9:30am

Reception Welcome Mass – Sunday 16th November 2025 at 9:30am

Confirmation Commitment Mass – Sunday 23rd November 2025 at 9:30am

Fr Paul would like to remind parents and carers using the church car park to drive slowly, carefully and respectfully. There have been increasing numbers of near misses and instances of dangerous and inconsiderate driving/parking.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

Mrs McGrath says: "If you could invent something to make life easier, what would it be?"

Christmas Holiday Dates

School closed Monday 22nd
December to Monday 5th
January 2026 - we reopen on
Tuesday 6th January 2026

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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Support needed for the PTA's Winter Warmer event

The PTA will be holding two further non-uniform days: Friday 21st November - in return for bottle donations and Friday 5th December - in return for hamper items (further details will be shared nearer the time).

We are also accepting toy donations for our pre-loved toy stand - please bring these into the school office.

If you are able to offer any assistance on the day, please contact a member of the PTA.

Thank you for your support!

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

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
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	9:00am	Parliament Outreach Assembly (KS2)
11/11/2025	10:00am	Years 1 and 5 Class Mass
11/11/2025	3:00pm	Football match vs St Christopher's (away)
11/11/2025	4:30pm	Nursery Maths information session for parents
12/11/2025	AM	Panathlon Sports Competition
12/11/2025	PM	Years 3 & 4 Cinema Trip
12/11/2025	6:00pm	PTA AGM at school (please note the change of date)
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
19/11/2025	11:00am	Reception Cinema Trip
21/11/2025	All Day	Non-uniform day PTA – Bottle donations for Winter Warmer
21/11/2025	AM	BDES Jubilee Year Finale Event
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

Our new Darts Club



Mr Youson has been working hard behind the scenes to contact a range of darts suppliers, asking for donations to help improve our darts club. Thanks to his persistence, we've been incredibly lucky to receive a fantastic selection of equipment, including professional lighting, safety surrounds for the boards, and plenty of high-quality darts.

Our next step is to make darts a more permanent feature within the school hall. We'll soon be transforming the old climbing wall into a purpose-built darts area designed specifically for our players. This new space will allow more pupils to take part easily - perhaps we'll even discover the next Luke Littler among our budding players!



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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL



POPPY APPEAL 2025

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND CARERS
FOR SUPPORTING THIS YEAR'S POPPY APPEAL.

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY,

WE RAISED AN IMPRESSIVE **£217.30**
FOR THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

HELPING TO SUPPORT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.



COVENTRY BLITZ:

#85YEARS

REMEMBERING TOGETHER

Remembering Together, Learning Forever.

REMEMBERING
THE COVENTRY
BLITZ

Nursery and Reception
proudly present

I Spy Christmas

By John Kenward, Ruth Kenward



**TICKETS FOR THE NATIVITY PERFORMANCES ARE NOW AVAILABLE VIA SCHOOL GATEWAY
(LIMIT OF 4 TICKETS PER CHILD FOR EACH PERFORMANCE)**

**TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER AT 1:30PM
WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 9:15AM**



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Year 2 proudly present
supported by Year 1

THE BIG Little NATIVITY

BY MARK, HELEN & NAOMI JOHNSON



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TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER AT 2:15PM
WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 10:00AM



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The Winter Warmer

Raffle

Craft
Stalls

Preloved
Toy Sale

Glitter
Tattoos

Dart
Competition

Tombolas

Hot
Food

Bar

Friday 5th Dec

3.30pm - 6.00pm

Entry Fee

Adults - £1.00
Children - Free

*Santa's Grotto
Plus Special Guest's
£5.00

Includes gift,
activities, Digital
photo

*Pre booking required
further details to be
shared. Limited places.

and much more..

SPECIAL DAY



World Kindness Day!
Thursday 13th November

Main 1

Beef Burger

Main 2

Lovely Vegan Sausage Roll
Jackets/Deli options still available

Veg

Wonderful Wedges
Bright Baked Beans
Cheerful Corn

Dessert

Kind Caramel Mousse

A healthy food meal is important for children and young people to keep healthy and improve their performance



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY
SCAN THE QR CODE



DON'T MISS OUT!
LIMITED GENERAL TICKETS
NOW ON SALE

HOSTED BY
MAGGIE
GALLAGHER

DJ
RORY
RYAN



SAT 20TH DECEMBER
3PM - 10PM

CTK PARISH CENTRE

★ JOIN US FROM 3PM ★

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

★ DON'T MISS OUT! ★

LIMITED GENERAL TICKETS NOW ON SALE - GRAB YOURS HERE: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/1ZG6P2JXG7FZH4AR8](https://forms.gle/1ZG6P2JXG7FZH4AR8)

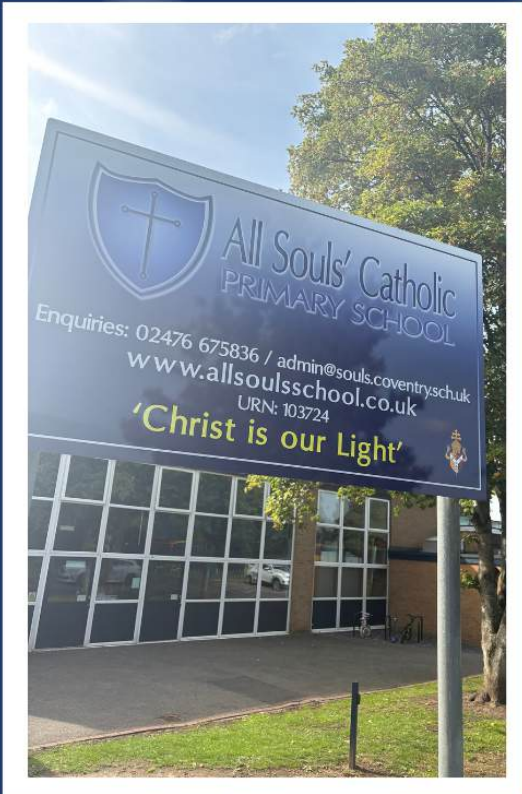
£22.50
FAMILY TICKET
(up to 4)
*Extra Adult or Child
£5 each



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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

