



Christ is our light

14th November 2025

NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 7th November 2025:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
96.7%	97.4%	96.2%	98.1%	97.2%	97.7%	98.7%	97.4%	98.0%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 14th November 2025

	Mon 10/11	Tue 11/11	Wed 12/11	Thu 13/11	Fri 14/11	Total
L (before 9:15am)	5	2	5	0	7	19
U (after 9:15am)	2	0	1	1	0	4

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **610**

Number of different children late this week: **12**

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>

Clarification regarding Spelling homework in KS2

Having met as a staff recently to discuss consistency of approach to the teaching and assessment of Spelling across KS2, we would like to now clarify this with parents.

Each week, children in KS2 will be asked to learn the spelling of 5 words, by heart, from the statutory word lists for their relevant year group. These are words which children need to demonstrate that they can spell the majority of in order to meet age related expectations for English at the end of their year group/phase. These will be shared with children/parents and assessed by teachers on a weekly basis with these scores retained to form part of an overall assessment of progress in English.

In addition, within dedicated Spelling lessons and subsequent opportunities throughout the week to practice, children will be taught spelling rules and patterns in a structured order as per Appendix 1 of the National Curriculum for English. Again, children are required to demonstrate an accurate application of these in order to be assessed as working at age related expectations. With this in mind, weekly spelling assessments will include 5 words which require children to apply the spelling rule or pattern that has been taught. These words will not be predetermined as this encourages children to learn the spelling of the word, not the rule or pattern. Where appropriate, children will, for these 5 words, be provided, as part of the assessment activity, the 5 'root' words which they should apply the rule to, so that it is their understanding of the rule that is being assessed.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this, please direct them to your child's class teacher.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

Miss Hayden says: "If animals could speak, what would they say about humans?"

Sunday Gospel and Reflection

Gospel Reading for Sunday 16th November 2025 – Luke 21:5-19 (33rd Sunday of Ordinary time, Year C)

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

Short reflection:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' friends are admiring the beautiful Temple in Jerusalem—its strong stones, its decorations, its importance. But Jesus gently reminds them that even the strongest buildings will not last forever. What does last, He says, is God's love and the courage we show when things feel difficult or uncertain. Jesus tells His disciples that life won't always be easy. There will be challenges, worries, and moments when they might feel afraid. But He also gives them a promise: "Not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives." In other words, God never forgets us. God stays close, giving us strength to keep going, even when things are tough.

For families, this Gospel reminds us that while we enjoy beautiful things—our homes, our school, our toys—what matters most is the love we show, the faith we hold, and the trust we place in God. These are the "strong stones" that last.

Children can learn that when they face problems—friendship worries, schoolwork struggles, or moments of feeling left out—Jesus is with them, helping them stand firm. Parents can model this by showing calm, prayerful trust during family challenges, reminding children that God walks with us through everything.

Reminder: Mass Dates

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.

Reception Welcome Mass

Sunday 16th November 2025 at 9:30am

Confirmation Commitment Mass

Sunday 23rd November 2025 at 9:30am

Advent Children/Parent sessions

As in previous years, Nursery and KS2 classes will be holding Advent workshops for children and parents (Reception and KS1 will not as they are preparing for their Nativity performances). These are on the following days/times:

Nursery: 27th November at 10:30am **Year 3:** 4th December at 9:00am

Year 4: 5th December at 9:00am

Year 5: 3rd December at 2:00pm

Year 6: 27th November at 9:00am

Please use the following link to book your place. Please note that this is a new system which we are testing for booking - so apologies in advance if there are any glitches. Each session will last approximately 1 hr and we ask that parents arrive no more than 10 minutes before the start time. So that there is enough space in classrooms, we ask that just one adult signs up per child. Thank you. <https://parent-connect-school-events-3abac864.base44.app>

SPORTS NEWS



On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 team played against St Christopher's in the Harry Shaw Cup. It was a fantastic end-to-end game, though we were unfortunately 2-0 down at half-time. The second half saw the team come out stronger, and they managed to bring the score back to 2-2. However, with just five seconds left on the clock, St Christopher's scored the winner, sending them through to the next round. Player of the Match was Flynn from Year 6.

On Wednesday morning, four lucky children from KS2 took part in a Panathlon event at the Xcel Centre. They joined up with Eastern Green to make a team of eight and competed in a range of activities including curling, basketball, and bowling. They all walked away with a medal after finishing in a fantastic 3rd place. Well done to all involved — you represented our school brilliantly!



Children in Need 2025

It was great to see so many fabulous outfits today for Children in Need 2025. Donations directly to the charity can be made [here](#) via their website. A special mention to Arthur in Year 1 who made some very impressive biscuits for his class!





Future Dates for the Weekly Newsletter

Updated 14/11/2025

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

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
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
24/11/2025	ALL WEEK	UK Parliament Week
25/11/2025	9:30am	Years R, 3 & 6 Class Mass
25/11/2025	3:30pm	Football Match vs SJV (away)
25/11/2025	Evening	Coventry Gotta Dance (Albany Theatre) - Dancers
27/11/2025	All day	No Pens Day – Speech and Language UK
27/11/2025	9:00am	Year 6 Advent Workshop for children/parents
27/11/2025	10:30am	Nursery Advent Workshop for children/parents
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
05/12/2025	All Day	Non-uniform day PTA – Hamper item donations for Winter Warmer
05/12/2025	After school	PTA Winter Warmer
07/12/2025	9:30am	School Celebration Mass – Advent
08/12/2025	PM	Year 4 Dodgeball Competition
08/12/2025	6:15pm	First Holy Communion Preparation Session 3 (Year 3) at Church
09/12/2025	PM	EYFS Nativity 1:30pm, KS1 Nativity 2:15pm (Doors open at 1:20pm)
09/12/2025	3:30pm	Football Match vs CTK (away)
10/12/2025	AM	Sports hall Athletics Competition
10/12/2025	All day	Years 3 & 4 Trip to Think Tank, Birmingham
10/12/2025	AM	EYFS Nativity 9:15am, KS1 Nativity 10:00am (Doors open at 9am)
11/12/2025	AM	Years 4-6 Sacrament of Reconciliation
15/12/2025	PM	Years 5 & 6 visit to Planet Ice (Ice Skating)
16/12/2025	9:30am	Whole School End of Term Mass
17/12/2025	6:30pm	School and Parish Community Carol Service

Christmas Holiday Dates

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

PTA Update & Support Request for the Winter Warmer event

As you know, the PTA's **Annual Winter Warmer** will take place on **Friday 5th December**, from **3:30pm to 6:00pm** in the school hall.

To help make the event a success, we would really appreciate your support with the following:

Friday 21st November – Bottle Donation & Non-Uniform Day

Children may come to school in their own (school-appropriate) clothes — no theme required. In return, we kindly ask for a **bottle donation** (for example, wine, soft drinks, sauces, toiletries, etc.).

Ongoing – Preloved Toy & Game Donations

Thank you so much for the wonderful donations we've already received for our **Preloved Toy Stall!** Further donations are very welcome — please ensure toys and games are **complete, in good working order, and in good condition.**

Friday 29th November – Hamper Donations & Non-Uniform Day

In exchange for another non-uniform day, we'd be very grateful if pupils could bring in an item to help **fill our Christmas hampers**. There is **no obligation** to donate — all pupils may enjoy the non-uniform day regardless.

There's no set theme, but **Christmas-themed clothing** is welcome!

To ensure a great variety, each class has been assigned a **donation category**:

Class	Suggested Items
Nursery	Non-perishable food items (e.g. pasta, tea bags, coffee, tinned goods)
Reception	Chocolate, fudge, or seasonal sweets
Year 1	Cakes or bakes (Christmas pudding, mince pies, seasonal cakes)
Year 2	Biscuits or cookies
Year 3	Jams, chutneys, or marmalades
Year 4	Savoury treats (crisps, olives, crackers, popcorn, dried fruit — no nuts please)
Year 5	Bottles (alcoholic drinks, squash, cordials, tea, coffee, long-life juices, etc.)
Year 6	Non-food items (candles, bubble bath, shower gel, books, mugs, tea towels, Christmas crackers)

The PTA is **hugely grateful** for your continued generosity — through ticket sales, donations, and support — all of which help make our Winter Warmer such a special community event.

We can't wait to welcome you to what promises to be a **wonderful festive afternoon!**

We would like to thank all those who attended our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting on Wednesday evening. Your participation and continued support are greatly appreciated and play a vital role in strengthening our school community.

During the meeting, we reviewed the achievements and activities of the past year, discussed upcoming initiatives, and held elections for key PTA positions. We are pleased to announce the newly elected committee for the year.

- **Chairperson:** Mary O'Malley
- **Vice Chairperson:** Rob Hunter
- **Secretary:** Rhian Chester
- **Treasurer:** Mark Russell

With our total income now exceeding £6,000, we are required to apply for charity status — a process that is already underway. Achieving charitable status will bring several benefits to the PTA and help us make even more of a positive impact within the school community. Further information on this will be shared in due course.

We extend our sincere thanks to our committee members for their dedication and contributions over the past year.

We look forward to another successful year of collaboration between parents, teachers, and the school community.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Mary O'Malley
PTA Chair

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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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..

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**



Rudolph's Rockin' Disco

SAT 20TH DECEMBER
3PM - 10PM

CTK PARISH CENTRE

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

★ 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! ★

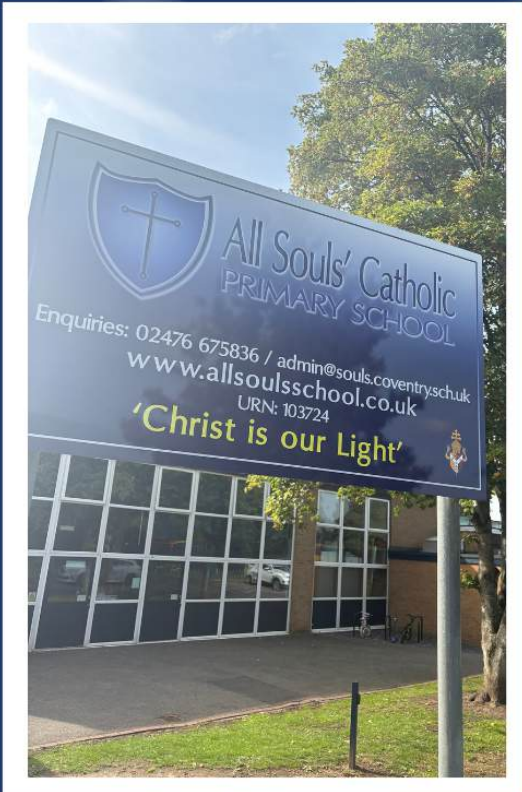
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NURSERY ADMISSION

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

