



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

21st November 2025

NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 14th November 2025:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
97.3%	97.1%	93.8%	99.4%	98.4%	95.8%	99.3%	97.3%	97.9%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 21st November 2025

	Mon 17/11	Tue 18/11	Wed 19/11	Thu 20/11	Fri 21/11	Total
L (before 9:15am)	0	2	0	5	6	13
U (after 9:15am)	1	0	0	0	0	1

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **190**

Number of different children late this week: **10**

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>

WARM COAT REMINDER

Staff have noticed that some children have been very cold on the playground this week, with a few wearing only thin waterproof jackets. As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child comes to school each day with a warm coat, and hats or gloves if needed, to help keep them comfortable during outdoor play.

Winter Uniform Now Compulsory

Winter uniform is now compulsory, and children should no longer be wearing shorts. Please refer to our uniform policy for full details. We also strongly recommend that pupils wearing skirts pair them with tights to help keep warm during the colder weather. Thank you for your cooperation.

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>

Sunday Gospel and Reflection

Gospel Reading for Sunday 23rd November 2025 – Luke 23:35-43 (Feast of Christ the King)

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

Short reflection:

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King—not a king with a palace, soldiers, and a crown of gold, but a King who rules with love, mercy, and forgiveness. In the Gospel, Jesus is on the cross, and instead of anger or revenge, He offers compassion. One of the criminals beside Him recognises who Jesus truly is and says, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus replies with a promise full of hope: "Today you will be with me in paradise."

This moment shows us what kind of King Jesus is. He is a King who never stops loving, even in suffering. He is a King who sees goodness in people others might ignore. He is a King who forgives before we even know how to ask. His kingdom isn't about power—it's about hearts that choose love, humility, and trust in God.

For families, this Gospel invites us to think about the kind of "kingdom" we build at home and at school. When we choose kindness instead of teasing, forgiveness instead of holding grudges, and courage instead of fear, we make space for Christ the King to reign in our hearts. Children learn that Jesus' kingdom is built one loving choice at a timesharing, including others, speaking gently, and standing up for what is right.

Ask yourselves this 'If Jesus is the King of my heart, what choices can I make this week that show I belong to His kingdom of love?'

Mass Dates

Confirmation Commitment Mass
Sunday 23rd November 2025 at 9:30am
School Celebration Mass – Advent
Sunday 7th December at 9:30am

Reverse Advent Calendar – Coming Soon!

This year, we are taking part in a diocesan-wide initiative to collect non-perishable food items. Donations may include dried goods (such as pasta or rice), sauces, tinned foods, biscuits, crisps, and any festive food items suitable for Christmas; a box will be placed out of the gate each morning for you to place donations in.

These contributions will be used to create hampers that will be distributed through FHC projects before the holidays. Together, our shared effort can make a meaningful difference to many families. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to join with others across the diocese in showing the positive impact we can make when we act for justice and support those in need.

Christmas Hampers for Local Care Homes

Our Chaplaincy Team is beginning preparations to create Christmas hampers for residents in our local care homes. This special project helps us share kindness and festive cheer with members of our wider community. More details on how families can get involved will be shared soon.

SPORTS NEWS



GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday, our Year 3 and 4 girls' football team braved the cold weather to take part in their first tournament of the year. For many of the girls, this was their first ever competitive football match, but you would never have known it from the way they played. They showed fantastic effort, great skill, and excellent teamwork throughout the event.

The team played four matches in total, securing one win, one draw, and two narrow losses. Every player gave their all and represented the school brilliantly. We're incredibly proud of their determination and positive attitude.

Their next tournament is coming up in December; we can't wait to see how they continue to progress!

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:

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 5th December – 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)



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and
Community
Carol Service

17TH DECEMBER, 6.30PM



SAVE THE DATE. FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.



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Late Pick-Up Procedure

Starting immediately, classroom doors will close at **3:25pm**. Any child not collected by this time will be taken to the school office, where they will need to be picked up. A late collection form will be required for collections after 3:25pm.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

Mrs Alford say: "If you could only eat one food for the rest of the year, what would it be? Why?"



All Souls were featured singing in a very special live stream for the Jubilee Schools Celebration Day. It was a vibrant celebration of the impact of a Jubilee Year that's been packed full of faith, learning and transformative action. A special mention to Mr Noonan (dad of Lachlan – Year 4) who came in to film the children!

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

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
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 1 & 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	<u>Years 5 & 6 visit to Planet Ice (Ice Skating)</u>
16/12/2025	9:30am	Whole School End of Term Mass
17/12/2025	6:30pm	School and Parish Community Carol Service

Nursery and Reception
proudly present

I Spy Christmas

By John Renward, Ruth Renward



**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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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! ★

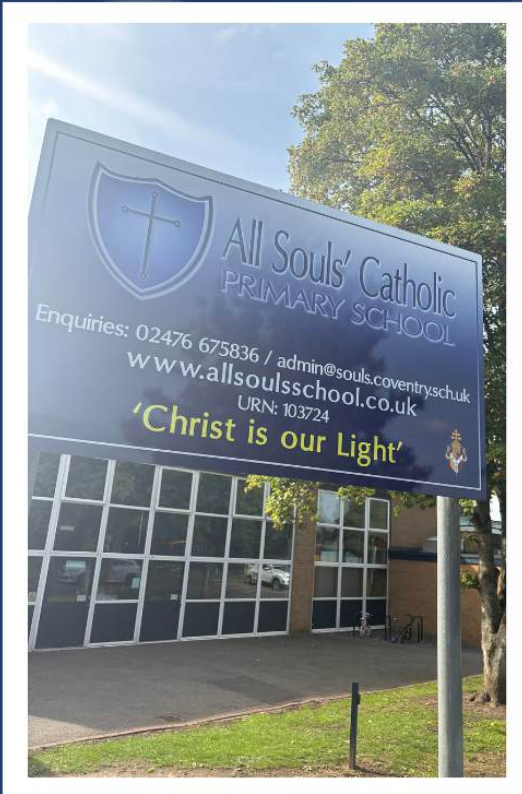
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NURSERY ADMISSION

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

