



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

28th November 25

NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 21st November 2025:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
92.0%	97.1%	90.7%	100%	95.9%	89.7%	98.7%	94.9%	97.6%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 28th November 2025

	Mon 24/11	Tue 25/11	Wed 26/11	Thu 27/11	Fri 28/11	Total
L (before 9:15am)	4	2	3	0	2	11
U (after 9:15am)	2	0	1	0	1	4

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **265**

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

StudyBugs Parental Take-up: 90% (+2%)

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

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

Please do not use our fixed play equipment

We would like to remind all families that our play equipment must not be used before or after school – this includes all climbing frames, the astro turf, the goals on our field and the new sandpit. Unfortunately, an injury occurred this week that required a hospital visit. During the school day, our play equipment is supervised by staff and is used according to strict health and safety guidelines. Outside of these times, it is not monitored and therefore should not be used by any children, and this includes younger siblings. The safety of our children is paramount, and we would appreciate your support. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

Mrs McGrath says: "If you could travel in a time machine, where would you go first?"

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). The remaining sessions are as follows:

Year 3: 4th December at 9:00am

Year 4: 5th December at 9:00am

Year 5: 3rd December at 2:00pm

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 1hr 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 30th November 2025 – Matthew 24:37-44 (The 1st Sunday of Advent, Year A)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Short reflection:

This Sunday we begin Advent, a special season of waiting and preparing our hearts for Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples to "stay awake," not because He wants them to lose sleep, but because He wants their hearts to be ready, open, and attentive to God. Jesus uses everyday examples - people eating, drinking, working in the fields - just living their normal lives. The message he gives us is simple: God often comes to us in ordinary moments. We don't want to be so distracted or rushed that we miss Him. For families, this Gospel reminds us that Advent isn't just about counting down the days to Christmas. It's about noticing where Jesus is already present - at home, at school, in acts of kindness, in quiet prayer, or in helping someone who needs a friend. Children can learn that "staying awake" means:

- *being kind even when it's hard,*
- *taking a moment to pray during the day,*
- *paying attention to others' feelings,*
- *choosing what is right, even when no one is watching.*

In our homes we can support this by creating small Advent moments at home - lighting the Advent wreath, saying a short prayer before bed, or asking, "Where did we see God today?" These little practices help our hearts stay awake and ready for Jesus' coming at Christmas.

Mass Dates

School Celebration Mass - Sunday 7th December at 9:30am

Reverse Advent Calendar - Starting on Monday

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 by Father Hudson's Caritas. 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.

Healthy hydration when at school

We understand how important it is for children to stay hydrated throughout the day, and we know that some children find it difficult to drink plain water. We also appreciate that some families choose to add squash to their child's water bottle to encourage regular drinking. However, we have noticed that the strength of some of the squash being sent into school is very high. While staying hydrated is vital, overly concentrated squash can have a negative impact on children's health and dental hygiene. It's also worth noting that children often refill their bottles with plain water during the day — and they do drink this too — which is great to see and supports healthy hydration habits.

We kindly ask that, if you choose to send squash, it is very heavily diluted, helping children stay hydrated in a healthier way while still encouraging regular drinking.

Chaplaincy Team Advent Project – Supporting Our Local Care Homes

This Advent, our Chaplaincy Team has chosen to support local care homes in our community. This decision was inspired by one of our members, whose loved one has benefited greatly from the care provided by these homes, and who felt strongly about giving something back.

We have contacted eight local care homes to ask what their residents would most appreciate. Using their suggestions, we hope to create eight Christmas hampers—one for each home. To make this manageable, we have divided the requested items across the classes. Our children will also be making and writing Christmas cards in school to accompany the hampers and bring some festive cheer to the residents.

Any support you can offer with the items listed below would be very much appreciated:

Items by Class:

- **Nursery** – Toiletries (deodorant, body sprays, shampoo, toothpaste, shower gels)
- **Reception** – Biscuits
- **Year 1** – Sweets (jelly or boiled)
- **Year 2** – Christmas items (mince pies, cake, chocolate, etc.)
- **Year 3** – Toiletries (deodorant, body sprays, shampoo, toothpaste, shower gels)
- **Year 4** – Biscuits
- **Year 5** – Chocolate
- **Year 6** – Christmas items (mince pies, cake, chocolate, etc.)

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us share kindness & joy with our local community this Advent.

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE EVENT; PLEASE CONTACT THE PTA OR THE SCHOOL IF YOU CAN ASSIST – THANK YOU!

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)

Christmas Holiday Dates

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



Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
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
03/12/2025	9:30am	Nursery & Reception Trip
03/12/2025	2:00pm	Year 5 Advent Parent/Child workshop
04/12/2025	9:00am	Year 3 Advent Parent/Child workshop
05/12/2025	All Day	Non-uniform day PTA – Hamper item donations for Winter Warmer
05/12/2025	9:00am	Year 4 Advent Parent/Child workshop
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)
15/12/2025	9:30am	Whole School End of Term Mass (Note the change of date)
17/12/2025	6:30pm	School and Parish Community Carol Service

CHRISTMAS BREAK SAFETY CONTACTS

Emergency contact numbers :

- If a child is in immediate danger or left alone, you should contact the **Police 101** or **999**.
- **Coventry's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub:** 024 76788555
- **EDT** (Out of hours Social Care): 024 76832222 (State that you have concerns about a child and want to speak to Children's Social Care).
- **CAMHS (Coventry):** 02476 961 366
- **CAMHS (Nuneaton):** 02476 641 799
- **Safe To Talk:** <https://www.safetotalk.org.uk/> or 0800 111 4998
- **Childline:** 0800 1111
- **MIND (Coventry Wellbeing Hub):** 024 7655 2847
- **NSPCC:** 0808 800 5000
- **NSPCC FGM Helpline:** 0800 028 3550





Coventry and Nuneaton Deanery



Blessing of the Christmas Crib



Broadgate

The Christmas Crib Dedication will take place on
Sunday 1 December, the first Sunday of Advent.
The crib is located in Broadgate next to Lady Godiva statue and
over looked by the two Cathedrals.

4pm

Sunday 1 December 2024

Photo - Eve MacDonald Taken 28/11/21



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and
Community
Carol Service

17TH DECEMBER, 6.30PM



SAVE THE DATE. FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.



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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..

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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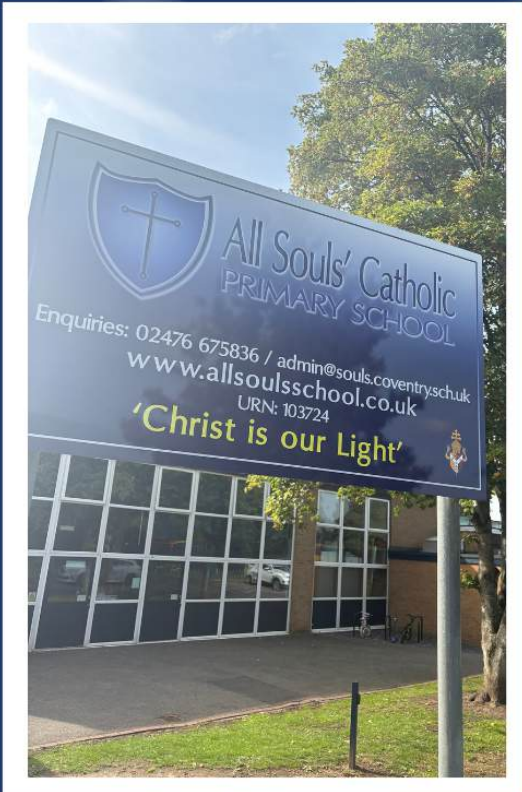
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NURSERY ADMISSION

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

