



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

23rd January 2026

NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 16th January 2026:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
92.7%	94.7%	98.6%	98.7%	95.3%	96.1%	100%	96.4%	96.4%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 23rd January 2026

	Mon 19/01	Tue 20/01	Wed 21/01	Thu 22/01	Fri 23/01	Total
L (before 9:15am)	0	0	3	0	2	5
U (after 9:15am)	0	0	0	1	0	1

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **260**

Number of different children late this week: **4**

StudyBugs Parental Take-up: 90% (same as last week)

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

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

Important Information About Allergies and Birthday Treats

We would like to remind everyone that we have children in school with severe allergies, particularly to peanuts and nuts. These allergies can be life-threatening and may result in anaphylactic shock if a child is exposed. For this reason, we are a strictly nut-free school. We are currently in the process of updating our allergen management policy and will share this in due course.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to carefully check the contents of their child's lunchbox each day to ensure that it does not contain nuts, peanuts, or products that may contain nut allergens. Snacks should be healthy such as fruit/vegetables, yoghurt and cheese. Please avoid cereal bars as these often contain quantities of nuts/peanuts, as do many biscuits.

We are also aware that children enjoy bringing in treats to celebrate birthdays. To help us keep all children safe, please ensure that any birthday treats follow the guidelines below:

- All treats must now be brought to school via the school office so they can be checked for allergens
- Treats must not be homemade
- No birthday/cupcakes or chocolate
- Confectionery is preferred (e.g. Haribo or Maoam)
- All items must be sealed and individually packaged
- Treats will be handed out at the end of the school day for children to take home

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to announce that we will have a Scholastic Book Fair in school next month. This was very successful last year and we raised over £1000 to buy books for our classrooms. We used the money to purchase new books for each class library and that was all down to your wonderful support. The Book Fair will be open after school (3.15-4.00) on Thursday 5th, Friday 6th, Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February. Please come along and support us!



Sunday Gospel and Reflection

Gospel Reading for Sunday 25th January 2026 – Matthew 4:12-23 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary time, Year A)

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Short reflection:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins His public ministry. He calls people to "repent", which means to turn toward God and choose a better way of living. He then invites ordinary fishermen—Peter, Andrew, James, and John—to follow Him. Immediately, they leave their nets and walk with Jesus.

What is striking is that Jesus does not choose the most powerful or important people. He calls everyday people who are willing to listen and trust Him. By following Jesus, they begin a new life—one centred on love, service, and sharing God's good news.

For children and families, this Gospel reminds us that Jesus still calls each of us today. He calls us not just in church, but at home, in the classroom, and on the playground. When we choose kindness over selfishness, include someone who feels left out, or stand up for what is right, we are responding to Jesus' call.

The disciples leave their fishing nets behind. Sometimes our "nets" might be habits or attitudes that stop us from following Jesus—unkind words, impatience, or thinking only of ourselves. Jesus invites us to let go of these things and trust Him.

Parents can help children recognise Jesus' call by talking about everyday choices and asking, "How can we follow Jesus today?" Small steps of love and courage make a big difference.

Church car park

Fr Paul very kindly allows for us to make use of the church car park, which provides ample parking for parents and carers during drop off and collection times. Without this facility, the situation on Abercorn Rd would undoubtedly be far worse, potentially causing even more congestion and inconvenience for everyone. We have been extremely disappointed to receive reports of speeding through the church car park at peak times. This not only puts the safety of children and other pedestrians at risk, but it also undermines the generosity of Fr Paul. We kindly remind everyone to drive carefully; a little extra caution can go a long way in ensuring that our school community remains safe and harmonious.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Road safety campaign - Abercorn Road

We are pleased to advise that the City Council will now be sending out traffic monitoring teams at sporadic times so they can see for themselves what most concerns parents, carers and local residents. We are hopeful their findings will be helpful in encouraging further action to be taken. Thank you everyone who has signed the petition – it has received 138 signatures so far. If you would like to sign, the link can be found here: [Link to online ePetition](#)

It's time to make some very special memories, Year 5!

Please keep Year 5 in your prayers as they prepare to depart for their residential trip to Alton Castle on Monday. We wish them a safe journey and look forward to hearing all about their faith and fun filled retreat!

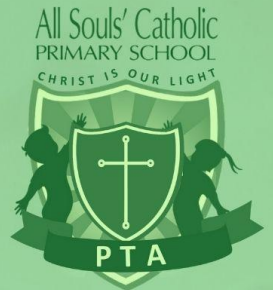


Speeding Stacking Competition

Huge congratulations to our Year 4 team for their brilliant performance at the speed stacking event. Competing against 16 schools from across Solihull, Warwickshire and Coventry, the team achieved an impressive overall **third place**, proudly bringing home the **bronze medals**. A special mention goes to **Olive Fleet**. Three special awards were presented to children who demonstrated outstanding values throughout the event, and Olive was nominated by the event staff from a total of 192 children; an incredible achievement. Well done everyone!



ST. PATRICK'S COFFEE MORNING



Save the date
Friday 13th March
9.30am to 11.30am
HOSTED BY YEAR 5 – CLASS SAINT

£1 ENTRY FOR ADULTS

QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

Mrs Rae says "If you could invent a new rule for school, what would it be and why?"

ELITE DANCE ACADEMY'S

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

£13.50

Per Person
per day

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

WoodSide Aveune Methodist Church

AGES: 5 - 11 Years | TIME: 9.00 am - 3.00pm | Price: £13.50

For more information please contact:

Contact: Jade - 07708855821 or Ben - 07807806510

To book please go to: [Bookwhen.com/elitedanceacademy](https://www.bookwhen.com/elitedanceacademy)

****Please note**** - Payment is none refundable once booked

Limited spaces - Please book early to avoid disappointment



SCHOOL FOOD UNITED

REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR SCHOOL MEALS.

Orders can be placed up until
8:00am on the day of service.

IF SCHOOL MEALS ARE NOT ORDERED, YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE
A JACKET POTATO WITH BEANS.



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

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
26/01/2026	All Day	Year 6 visit to Houses of Parliament
26/01-28/01/2026		Year 5 Retreat to Alton Castle
26/01/2026	6:15pm	First Holy Communion Preparation Session 5
27/01/2026	9:30am	Years 1 and 4 Class Mass (Changed from Years 1 & 5)
28/01/2026	PM	Year 4 Swimming
29/01/2026	3:30pm	Netball match vs Holy Family (Away)
30/01/2026	AM	Swim trials (Yrs 5/6)
03/02/2026	9:30am	Years 2 and 5 Class Mass (Changed from Years 2 & 4)
03/02/2026	3:30pm	Football match vs St Osburgs (Home)
04/02/2026	AM	Year 5 Visit to Bishop Ullathorne (Science Lesson)
04/02/2026	PM	Year 4 Swimming
05/02/2026	After school	Book fair after school – more details to follow
06/02/2026	AM	Catholic Swimming Gala
06/02/2026	After school	Book fair after school – more details to follow
08/02/2026	9:30am	School Celebration Mass
09/02/2026	PM	Year 6 Rowing Competition
09/02/2026	After school	Book fair after school – more details to follow
09/02/2026	6:15pm	First Holy Communion Preparation Session 6
10/02/2026	All Day	Safer Internet Day
10/02/2026	9:30am	Years R, 3 and 6 Class Mass
10/02/2026	After school	Book fair after school – more details to follow
11/02/2026	PM	Year 4 Swimming
11/02/2026	PM	HADO Competition
12/02/2026	All day	Year 4 River Study at Coombe Abbey
12/02/2026	3:30pm	Football match vs St Mary and St Benedict (Away)
13/02/2026	AM	Warwickshire Wildlife Trust in school (Assembly/Workshops) Years 4 & 5
14/02-22/02/2026		HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS



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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

