



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
100%	98.0%	95.5%	100%	96.6%	98.0%	99.0%	98.2%	96.3%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

	Mon 09/03	Tue 10/03	Wed 11/03	Thu 12/03	Fri 13/03	Total
L (before 9:15am)	0	0	0	1	0	1
U (after 9:15am)	1	0	0	0	1	2

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **140**

Number of different children late this week: **2**

**StudyBugs Parental Take-up: 96%**

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

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

## Club Reminders

**Irish Dancing Club:** Please note that the Irish Dancing Club has now finished and there will be no further sessions until after the Easter break. **Gymnastics:** Due to Miss Jade being busy with St Patrick's Day performances on Tuesday, Gymnastics before school and at lunchtime has now been moved to **Monday 16th March**.  
*Please can we remind you that there are no extracurricular clubs during the last week of term.*

## Bringing dogs on to the school site

A gentle reminder that dogs are not permitted on site. While we understand that many families enjoy bringing their pets along for drop offs and pickups, some of our children are weary of dogs. To help ensure that all children feel safe and comfortable at school, we ask for your cooperation in keeping dogs off site. Thank you for your understanding.

**REMINDER: School closes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March for the Easter break. We reopen on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.**

## Coventry Children's Mile 2026 - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

We are excited to share that this year's Children's Mile will take place on **Sunday 14th June at War Memorial Park**. The event is open to all children from **Reception to Year 6** and is a fantastic opportunity for the All Souls community—students, families and staff—to come together and complete a one-mile lap in a fun and supportive atmosphere. Please book your child's place via **School Gateway and include your child's T-shirt size in the comments box** when booking. Further details can be found in Mr Youson's email, sent last week. We hope you can join us!



# Sunday Gospel and Reflection

## Gospel Reading for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 – John 9:1-41 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Year A)

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.'

He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him.

Short reflection:

*In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus meets a man who has been blind since birth. Jesus gently heals him, giving him the gift of sight. Suddenly, the man can see the world around him for the very first time.*

*But the story is about more than just physical sight. It is also about learning to see with the eyes of faith. As the man begins to understand who Jesus really is, his faith grows stronger. Meanwhile, some people around him refuse to believe what has happened, even though they have seen the miracle.*

*This Gospel reminds us that Jesus helps us see more clearly—not just with our eyes, but with our hearts. He helps us recognise goodness, truth, and the needs of others.*

*For children and families, this means asking God to help us notice the important things: when someone needs a friend, when someone feels left out, or when we have a chance to do something kind.*

*Sometimes it can be easy to miss these moments if we are too busy or distracted. But when we pause, pray, and listen, Jesus helps us see the world the way He sees it—with compassion and love.*

*Parents can help children grow in this "vision of the heart" by encouraging them to look out for others and by talking about moments when they noticed kindness, courage, or forgiveness during the week.*

*This Sunday of Lent is often called Laetare Sunday, a reminder that even during our Lenten journey, the joy of Easter is getting closer. Jesus' light is already helping us see more clearly.*

Mass Dates



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 & Year 5 Class Mass  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Whole School End of Term Mass

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

Miss McGaffney says "If you could have any superpower, what would you choose and how would you use it to help others?"

# SPORTS NEWS

**FOOTBALL:** On Tuesday, our football team played Holy Family in a double-header fixture that counted for both the league and cup. The team produced an excellent performance and came away with a 4–1 victory. The players worked hard throughout the match, showing great teamwork, determination and some fantastic football. The win means that the team have now progressed to the Catholic Schools Cup Semi-Final. We are still waiting to find out who our opponents will be, but we will share more details as soon as the draw is confirmed. Well done to all the players who represented the school so well!

**GYMNASTICS:** We have now received the official results from the Year 3 Gymnastics Competition and are very pleased to announce that the team finished in 2nd place overall. This fantastic achievement means that the team has qualified for the County Finals, which will take place on Thursday 26th March in Solihull.

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

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
17/03/2026	9:30am	<b>Years 1 and 5 Class Mass</b>
17/03/2026	3:30pm	<b>Girls Football match vs Holy Family (away) (CANCELLED)</b>
18/03/2026	10:30am	<b>Stations of the Cross Year 3 (at St Mary Magdalene Church)</b>
18/03/2026	PM	<b>Year 4 Swimming Lesson (Final session)</b>
18/03/2026	3:15pm	<b>Year 6 Speed Saining Event (School hall)</b>
19/03/2026	AM	<b>Year 2 Mousike Ensemble at St Mary and St Benedict school</b>
19/03/2026	AM	<b>Nursery and Reception trip to Hoar Farm</b>
20/03/2026	All day	<b>Animal encounters in school</b>
23/03/2026	PM	Reception vision screening
23/03/2026	6:15pm	First Holy Communion Penance Service
24/03/2026	9:30am	Whole School End of Term Mass
24/03/2025	PM	KS1 Gymnastics Competition
24/03/2026	3:30pm	Girls Cross Country
25/03/2026	10:30am	Stations of the Cross Year 5 (All Souls Church)
25/03/2026	2:00pm	Years 3 and 4 Easter Performance for Parents
26/03/2026	9:15pm	Years 3 and 4 Easter Performance for Parents
26/03/2026	AM	Lenten Charities Event Day
26/03/2026	3:30pm	Girls' Football Match vs St John's (away)
27/03/2026	AM	Easter Egg Raffle
28/03/2026-12/04/2026		EASTER HOLIDAYS



**SCHOOL FOOD UNITED**

**REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR  
SCHOOL MEALS.**

# LENTEN WORKSHOPS BOOK NOW!

<https://parent-connect-school-events-3abac864.base44.app>

ELITE DANCE ACADEMY

# Easter

TUESDAY 7TH - FRIDAY 10TH APRIL | 9AM-3PM  
Ages 5 - 12 years

# ACTIVITIES

£14:00 PER DAY

Payment Required Upon Booking

Non Refundable or Transferable

LIMITED SPACES

To reserve your childrens space please visit:

[Bookwhen.com/elitedanceacademy](https://www.bookwhen.com/elitedanceacademy)

Or contact Jade 07708855821 or Ben 07807806510

FUN GAMES SPORTS CRAFTS DANCE MOVIES

WOODSIDE AVEUNE METHODIST CHURCH

COVENTRY CV3 6BE

HAVE YOU GOT A SPECIAL TALENT?

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL ARE HOLDING A TALENT SHOW  
AND NEED OUTSTANDING ACTS!



# ALL SOULS' GOT TALENT



COULD YOU BE THE WINNER OF  
ALL SOULS' GOT TALENT 2026?

PICK UP AN APPLICATION FORM FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
AND APPLY BY FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026.



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# Egg-cellent Easter Raffle!

*Somebunny is Going to Win Big...*  
Will It Be You?



**FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 9AM**

**Winners will be chosen on our spinning prize wheel!**

Entries can be purchased via School Gateway or on the gate (card payments only).

Please note, entries close on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8:45 am.**

**(You can buy multiple entries to boost your child's chances of winning, but to allow more children to win, each child can only win once.)**



CELEBRATE WITH US



# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March



Cheese Pizza or  
Veggie Nuggets

Served with potato wedges and peas



Jackets and Sandwiches available

St Patrick's Shamrock Biscuits & Cake

Yoghurts

Fresh Fruit



Please order via the  
School Food United Portal / App





# MARY MCHUGH SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

Celebrating 37 years of Irish Dance, tradition and  
Community Spirit.

Proudly serving the Irish Community and  
keeping our culture alive through Irish Dance.

**Wishing everyone a very  
Happy St Patrick's Day 2026!**



YEAR 4 PROUDLY PRESENT

SUPPORTED BY YEAR 3

# RISEN



HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN

MATTHEW 28:6-7

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH AT 2.15PM

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH AT 9.15AM

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



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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**

