



Christ is our light

20th March 2026

NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 13th March 2026:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
96.0%	98.7%	95.2%	99.3%	95.0%	97.3%	97.0%	96.9%	96.3%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 20th March 2026

	Mon 16/03	Tue 17/03	Wed 18/03	Thu 19/03	Fri 20/03	Total
L (before 9:15am)	1	0	0	0	0	1
U (after 9:15am)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: 30

Number of different children late this week: 1

Information shared by the DfE this week:

At primary school, children who have high attendance (95-100% attendance) in Year 6 are 30% more likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who miss just 2-4 weeks of school (90-95% attendance).

StudyBugs Parental Take-up: 96%

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

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

Year 5 and Year 6 Top Up Swimming

During the Summer term we offer weekly swimming lessons, during the school day, to children in Upper Key Stage 2 who are yet to reach the National Curriculum expectations for Swimming.

So that we can target the children who will benefit the most from these, we would be grateful if all parents of children in Year 5 and 6 could complete the following form in relation to their child.

<https://forms.gle/Hp1pZZRnP4CmuQQa7>

We will then be in touch with the parents of those invited to participate in the Summer term lessons before the end of this term.

LENTEN WORKSHOPS

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

Reception and Year 2 now available to book!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

Mr Youson says "If you could have one famous person on your team, who would it be and why?"

Sunday Gospel and Reflection

Gospel Reading for Sunday 22nd March 2026 – John 11:1-45 (5th Sunday in Lent, Year A)

At that time: The sisters of Lazarus sent to Jesus, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'

Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

Short reflection:

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the powerful story of Lazarus, a friend of Jesus who becomes very ill and dies. When Jesus arrives, Lazarus has already been in the tomb for four days. His sisters, Martha and Mary, are full of sadness—but also faith. They trust that Jesus can still bring hope, even in such a difficult moment.

Jesus is deeply moved. He shares in their sorrow and even weeps with them. Then, in an amazing miracle, Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb—and Lazarus comes back to life.

This Gospel shows us that Jesus is not distant from our struggles. He understands sadness, loss, and worry. He stands beside us in those moments and brings hope where things can feel dark.

For children and families, this story reminds us that Jesus brings new life. This might not always be a big miracle like Lazarus, but we see it in everyday ways: when friendships are healed, when we forgive someone, when we find courage again after feeling afraid, or when we choose kindness after a difficult day.

Lent is a time when we prepare our hearts for Easter—the celebration of new life. Just as Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb, He invites us to step out of anything that holds us back: fear, unkindness, selfishness, or sadness—and to live with love and hope.

Mass Dates



Tuesday 24th March – Whole School End of Term Mass
Tuesday 14th April – Whole School Mass



Places are still available for the Coventry Children's Mile – please book via School Gateway and ensure you specify your child's T-shirt size in the comments box!



Lenten Charity Event

As part of our Lenten journey, our school Chaplaincy Team has been planning a special charity event to help raise money during this important time in the Church's calendar. Lent is a time when we are called, as Catholics, to pray, fast and give to those in need. In response to this call, we will be supporting Father Hudson's Caritas, a charity that helps vulnerable people in our local community, including the elderly, the homeless, and those who may feel distressed or forgotten.

To support this wonderful cause, each class has been working hard to come up with their own enterprising ideas to raise money. There will even be a friendly competition between classes, with the class that raises the most money winning a whole class prize!

Our Lenten Charity Event will take place during the school day on Thursday 26th March, and all children from Nursery through to Year 6 will take part. Throughout the day, classes will have the opportunity to visit and enjoy a variety of stalls organised by the children and staff. The stalls will include:

- Healthy Snack Bar
- Sweet Stall
- Soft Toys Stall
- Nerf Gun Targets
- Ice Cream Stall
- Hook-a-Duck
- Guess the Baby Pictures
- Dart Board for Prizes
- A special stall ran by staff

Children are invited to bring in some money if they wish to support the event and take part in the activities. Small change would be greatly appreciated, as this will help the stalls run smoothly.

Every class will have the chance to visit all of the stalls during the day, and the children will also play an important role in helping to run them. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and creativity the children have already shown while preparing for this event.

As part of preparing for the stalls, some year groups have been asked to bring in specific items:

Reception – Children are asked to bring in individually wrapped sweets that can be sold at the stall.

Year 1 – Children are asked to bring in a soft cuddly toy (maximum of two per child). These can be pre-loved and do not have to be new.

Year 4 – Children are asked to bring in an affordable toy (around £1) that can be won as part of the Hook-a-Duck stall.

Year 5 – Children are asked to bring in a photo of themselves as a baby for our Guess the Baby Pictures stall.

We are very excited to work together as a school community to support such an important cause and to live out our faith through acts of charity.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

SPORTS NEWS

On Thursday, our American football team took on four other schools in a really fun and competitive flag football tournament. They won three out of four games, scoring some amazing touchdowns and putting in a strong defensive performance with some great stops and interceptions. All that effort paid off with a brilliant second place finish! Well done to everyone who take part – you were excellent representatives for the school! 🏈



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

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
23/03/2026	AM	Year 5 Mousike Ensemble at St John Vianney
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
24/03/2026	2:30pm	Reception Class Lenten Workshop for children and Parents
24/03/2025	PM	KS1 Gymnastics Competition
24/03/2026	3:30pm	Girls Cross Country
25/03/2026	9:00am	Year 2 Lenten Workshop for children and Parents
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	PM	Year 3 Gymnastics County Finals
26/03/2026	3:30pm	Girls' Football Match vs St John's (away) CANCELLED
27/03/2026	AM	Easter Egg Raffle
28/03/2026- 12/04/2026		EASTER HOLIDAYS
13/04/2026	6:15pm	First Holy Communion Final Preparation
14/04/2026	9:30am	Whole School Mass
14/04/2026	3:30pm	Football Match vs Stoke Heath (away)
15/04/2026	3:30pm	Football Match vs St Augustine's (away)
16/04/2026	3:30pm	Girls Football Match vs St John's (away)
17/04/2026	11:00am	One Life Music Easter Live Stream1
19/04/2026	9:30am	Sacrament of First Holy Communion Mass (Group 1)

ST PATRICKS DAY COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our wonderful St Patrick's Coffee Morning. It was fantastic to see so many members of our school community come together. Year 5 did an amazing job hosting, from welcoming guests, performing in our Story of St Patrick, dancing to Molly Malone and our special signed performance led by Amie Chester. We loved helping! A special thank you to the musicians Fiona, Jarlath and Martin and Irish Dancers from Mary McHugh's School of Irish Dance, whose traditional tunes and dances created a brilliant atmosphere throughout the morning. Thank you to the PTA for their continued support and for helping organise such a successful event. Your dedication and willingness to give your time makes occasions like this possible. Also, to Rory and the Irish Society for their time given in supporting the celebration and helping us share Irish culture with our community.



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

Or contact Jade 07708855821 or Ben 07807806510

FUN GAMES SPORTS CRAFTS DANCE MOVIES

WOODSIDE AVEUNE METHODIST CHURCH

COVENTRY CV3 6BE

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REMINDER: School closes on Friday 27th March for the Easter break. We reopen on Monday 13th April.

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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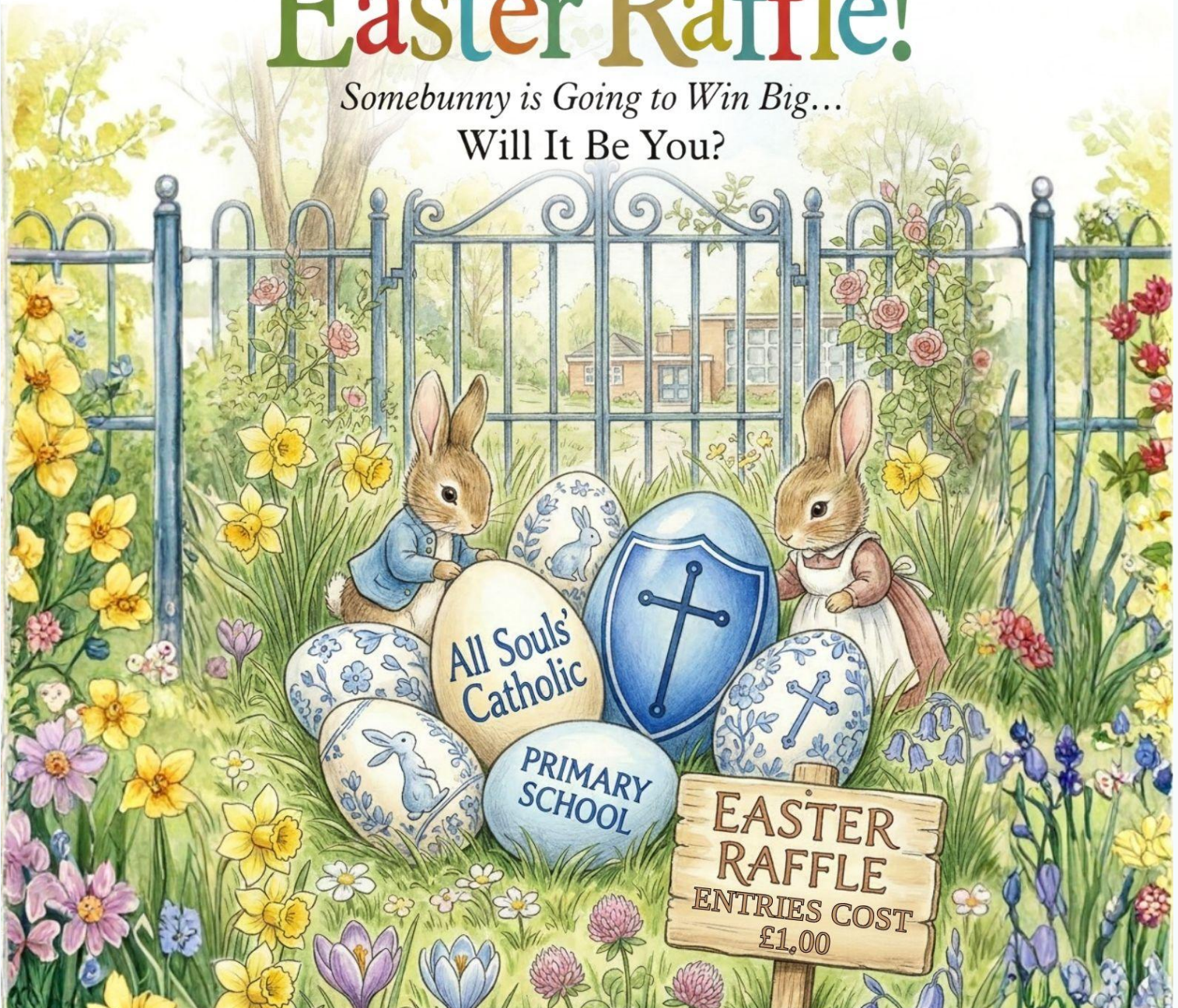


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Egg-cellent Easter Raffle!

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



FRIDAY 27TH 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 26th 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

Thursday 26th March

EASTER

Choose From

Springtime Sausage Roll

Or

Bunny Bhaji Roll

Or

Jumping Jacket Potato

Served with

Springy Fries

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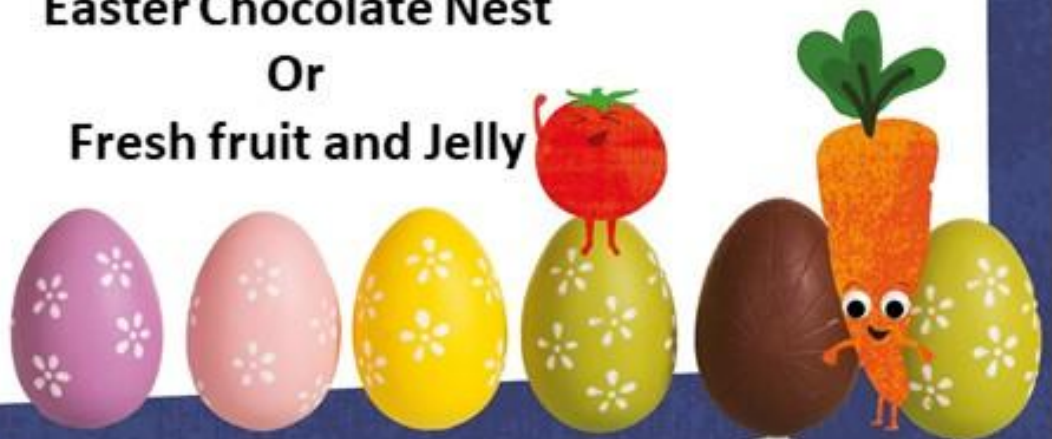
Easter Bunny Carrots

Followed by

Easter Chocolate Nest

Or

Fresh fruit and Jelly



FOODSMART
Be More
FOR BODY AND BRAIN

A healthy food meal is important for children and young people to keep healthy and improve their performance

AiP
GROUP OF
COMPANIES

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

