



Christ is our light

**All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

2nd October 2026

NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 25th September 2026:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
94.5%	94.7%	99.0%	89.7%	99.3%	95.2%	98.7%	95.9%	96.8%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 2nd October 2026

	Mon 28/09	Tue 29/09	Wed 30/09	Thu 01/10	Fri 02/10	Total
L (before 9:15am)	3	4	7	5	3	22
U (after 9:15am)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **210**

Number of different children late this week: **14**

StudyBugs Parental Take-up: 91%

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

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

HARVEST MASS DONATIONS

On Tuesday 6th October we will be attending our annual harvest mass where the children will bring forward their donations to support the food banks and families within our parish and community. We would be most grateful if children could bring a non-perishable item to school with them on this day. Please give as generously as you can.

WEAR IT YELLOW DAY

On Friday the 9th October children are invited to come to school wearing yellow attire to raise awareness, start conversations and raise funds in aid of Young Minds to enable more children to have access to mental health support when it is needed without delay. Stand out, wear yellow (clothes or accessories) and donate what you can. Together we can support young people's mental health, when they need it – no matter what.

Suggested donation is £1 and can be made via School Gateway.

Good luck Mr Rolison & Mrs Kerry!

Mr Rolison and Mrs Kerry will be taking part in a charity run around the Alton Towers estate, raising funds for the Kenelm Youth Trust, who provide young people with life changing opportunities, including the wonderful Alton Castle Catholic Retreat. If you would like to support them and help raise money for this fantastic cause, please visit their fundraising page: <https://givestar.io/gs/all-souls-run-alton-towers> And there's a little extra incentive... they'll be completing the race in costume! The person who makes the highest donation will have the chance to suggest the theme for their costumes! Every donation, big or small, will be hugely appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Sunday Gospel and Reflection

Short reflection on Sunday's Gospel Reading

(Sunday 2nd October 2026 – Matthew 21:33-43 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about a landowner who carefully plants a vineyard. He looks after it, protects it, and then entrusts it to some tenants while he goes away.

When the time comes for the harvest, the landowner sends his servants to collect the fruit that belongs to him. Sadly, the tenants refuse to listen and treat the servants cruelly. Finally, the landowner sends his own son, believing they will respect him—but they reject him too.

Through this parable, Jesus teaches us about God's love and trust. Like the landowner who lovingly prepared the vineyard, God has given us so many wonderful gifts: our families, our friends, our talents, our school, our faith, and the beautiful world around us. God trusts us to care for these gifts and to use them well.

Jesus also speaks about producing good fruit. He does not mean fruit that grows on trees or vines! The "fruit" God hopes to see in our lives is love, kindness, forgiveness, generosity, honesty, and compassion.

For children, producing good fruit can happen in very ordinary moments. We bear good fruit when we:

welcome someone who feels left out,
use our talents to help others,
forgive rather than hold a grudge,
care for God's creation,
or choose kind words instead of hurtful ones.

Sometimes we might forget that everything we have is a gift. We can begin to think only about what we want. This Gospel invites us to remember that God has entrusted His world and His people to our care.

Parents can help children recognise their gifts and encourage them to think about how those gifts might be shared. A kind heart, a listening ear, a cheerful smile, or a willingness to help can all produce wonderful fruit.

God has planted so much goodness within each of us. Our challenge is to help that goodness grow and to share its fruits with the people around us.



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Open Evening October 13th & 14th 2026

On Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October we will be holding our Autumn term parent meetings where parents will have the opportunity to discuss how their child has settled this term and their progress so far.

Appointments on the Tuesday will be available between 3:30pm and 6:20pm and on the Wednesday between 1:30pm and 4:00pm. All appointments are scheduled for 5 minutes and take place in the school hall. We are trialling holding one of these sessions during the afternoon so that parents who otherwise may have childcare difficulties can speak to staff without children present. Please note that no children will be allowed to be released early for parents who make appointments during the school day.

Appointments can be booked using the school booking system available below:

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

Our Warwickshire Wildlife Trust Project - we're a wilder school!

Year 3 had a fantastic first day working with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust! The children began the day with an exciting assembly, learning more about our local wildlife and the importance of protecting nature. They then became wildlife detectives, taking part in bug hunts and nature surveys around our school grounds, carefully observing and recording the creatures and habitats they discovered. It was brilliant to see the children's curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored our outdoor spaces. We are now looking forward to the next phase of the project, where we will begin turning their ideas into action and making our school an even better place for wildlife.



SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL: What an incredible first match for our All Souls Netball Team! The team played brilliantly against Holy Family, showing fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. It was an incredibly close game, with the final score ending in a 4-4 draw! We are especially proud that 6 out of our 8 players were playing their very first netball match representing All Souls. Even more impressively, many of our players have only been playing for three weeks, so they have worked incredibly hard to learn the rules, positions and skills of the game in such a short space of time. A special well done to Max, who was awarded Player of the Match for his fantastic performance! A huge thank you also goes to the rest of our team who stayed to support their teammates from the sidelines. Your encouragement, enthusiasm and team spirit made a real difference and showed what being part of the All Souls team is all about. Mrs Kerry and Miss Hayden are incredibly proud of every single member of the team. They have already shown such enthusiasm, resilience and a fantastic team spirit. We are so excited to see what the future holds for our All Souls netball team and cannot wait to watch them continue to grow, develop and, most importantly, enjoy representing our school! Well done, All Souls — what a fantastic start!

FOOTBALL: Our Year 5 and 6 girls played their first game of the season away at St John Vianney, with many girls playing 7-a-side football for the first time. They put in a fantastic performance, narrowly losing 2-1 and coming so close to securing a draw in the final moments, hitting the post with just 30 seconds to go! Well done to Thea (Year 6), who was voted Player of the Match by St John Vianney.

Have you checked your free school meal eligibility?
Contact the school office for more information!

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

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
04/10	9:30am	School Celebration Mass
06/10	9:30am	Whole School Harvest Mass
06/10	3:30pm	Football Match vs Christ the King (home)
08/10	AM	Year 6 visit to Coventry Market
09/10	All Day	Wear it <u>Yellow</u> day (World Mental Health day)
13/10	9:30am	Years 2 and 4 Class Mass
13/10	3:30pm	Football Match vs St John Vianney (home)
19/10	AM	Years 3 and 4 Rugby Tournament
19/10	PM	Years 5 and 6 Rugby Tournament
20/10	9:30am	Years 3 and 6 Class Mass
22/10	9:30am	Whole School Rosary Service
24/10-01/11	HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS	

PhD Research Survey

A member of staff within the Archdiocese is undertaking research as part of a PhD and is keen to hear the views and experiences of parents and carers whose children attend Catholic primary schools. The research is a survey which should take no longer than 5 minutes.

The findings from this research will be used to help **enhance and support Catholic education**, so we would be very grateful for your participation. **Parents and carers of all faiths, and those of no faith, are warmly encouraged to take part** – your views and experiences are important.

Participation is entirely voluntary, and consent can be withdrawn at any time.

To find out more and take part, please click here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/YcKE9XC8vC>

Thank you for supporting this valuable research.

'Walk with Mary' Pilgrimage

Year 5 had a wonderful morning taking part in Dan and Emily's 'Walk With Mary' pilgrimage hosted by Holy Family at their beautiful church. The morning was a great opportunity for our children to come together with our Catholic community and reflect on the life and faith of Mary.

Dan and Emily from OneLife Music lead us in prayer and song throughout the pilgrimage and the children enthusiastically sang hymns, offered up their own prayer petitions, participated in games and prayed together; bringing their hopes, worries and thanksgivings before God.

It was particularly special to see our Year 5 children alongside children from other Catholic schools in the city reminding us that, although we are part of individual school communities, we are also part of one wider family of faith.

The children represented our school beautifully and took part with enthusiasm, reverence and joy. It was a memorable morning of faith, prayer, music and community, and a wonderful way for Year 5 to walk together with Mary and with our fellow Catholic schools.

More photos from the morning are available on the website.



THE SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS

SILENT SPOOKTACULAR DISCO



MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2026

RECEPTION WILL ENJOY THEIR PARTY DURING THE SCHOOL DAY (2-3PM)

YEARS 1, 2 AND 3 - 3:15PM TO 4:15PM

YEARS 4, 5 AND 6 - 4:30PM TO 5:45PM

PAYMENT VIA SCHOOL GATEWAY

REC TO YEAR 3 SHOULD SEND THEIR COSTUMES/PARTY CLOTHES INTO SCHOOL SO THEY CAN GET CHANGED BEFORE THEIR PARTY STARTS. PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO TIME RESTRICTIONS, STAFF ARE NOT ABLE TO ASSIST WITH FACE PAINT AND HAIR.

COSTUMES OPTIONAL! PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARE APPROPRIATE: NO WEAPONS, BLOOD OR FROM TV/FILMS THAT ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN (E.G., SQUID GAMES, HORROR FILMS). THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

RECEPTION

**£2
PER CHILD**

*INCLUDES SQUASH, SWEETS



**All Souls' Catholic
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ALL OTHER YEARS

**£4
PER CHILD**

*INCLUDES SQUASH, SWEETS
AND BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND,
A TRAY OF CHIPS

DESIGN
A CARD!



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ONE
WINNER
FROM EVERY
CLASS!

Christmas Card Competition!

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, the one who brings light into the world and offers hope to all. We invite all children to take part in our Christmas Card Design Competition!

Let your creativity shine and share the joy of Christmas, the love of Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas with everyone.

All entries must be
returned by:
MONDAY 2ND
NOVEMBER

Christ is our Light!

A light
of hope,
a season
of love

Each winning design will be:

- ★ Turned into our official school Christmas card
- ★ Shared with our local community
- ★ Celebration and recognition in assembly
- ★ Win a delicious Christmas chocolate treat

Don't forget to write your name
and year group on your design!

How can your Christmas card show the joy, hope, peace and love that Jesus brings?

- ★ Love – Mary, Joseph & Baby Jesus
- ★ Joy – Angels celebrating
- ★ Peace – The peaceful Nativity
- ★ Hope – The Star of Bethlehem
- ★ Light – Jesus brings light to the world
- ★ Togetherness – Everyone worshipping Jesus
- ★ The Gift – Jesus, God's gift of love

Be creative and bring the Christmas story to life!

"For unto us a child is born..." Isaiah 9:6



***TICKETS WILL GO ON
SALE TO MEMBERS FIRST**

**BECOME A MEMBER TODAY
SCAN THE QR CODE**



FOR FURTHER DETAILS

**HOSTED BY
MAGGIE
GALLAGHER**

**DJ
RORY
RYAN**



CHRISTMAS FAMILY DAY

**SAT 19TH DEC
3PM - 8PM**

CTK PARISH CENTRE

£25.00

FAMILY TICKET
(Up to 4 People)

*Extra Adult or Child
£6 each

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

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE TO MEMBERS FIRST, BEFORE BEING RELEASED TO NON-MEMBERS

***TICKETS - PLEASE CONTACT MRS EDGE**



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TERM DATES:

2026-2027

September 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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28	29	30				

October 2026						
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November 2026						
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December 2026						
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January 2027						
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February 2027						
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March 2027						
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29	30	31				

April 2027						
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May 2027						
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31						

June 2027						
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28	29	30				

July 2027						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Term time

Holiday

Bank holiday

Teacher training

