Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

13th November 2026

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 6th November 2026:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
94.5%	94.0%	93.3%	97.0%	99.7%	98.0%	96.5%	**96.2%**	**96.2%**

Late marks recorded for the week ending 13th November 2026

	Mon 09/11	Tue 10/11	Wed 11/11	Thu 12/11	Fri 13/11	Total
L (before 9:15am)	2	4	2	5	6	**19**
U (after 9:15am)	0	1	0	0	1	**2**

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **410**

Number of different children late this week: **15**

StudyBugs Parental Take-up: 93%

In you aren't yet registered, please use the following link to get started:
https://studybugs.com/about/parents

As we head into the colder months, we know that coughs, colds and seasonal bugs become more common. However, it is important to remember that children can usually still attend school with mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, slight cough or common cold. We also recognise that symptoms can often seem worse first thing in the morning, and many children who arrive at school feeling a little under the weather soon perk up as the day progresses. Please be reassured that our staff will always keep a close eye on children who are feeling unwell and will contact parents and carers if we feel that a child is not well enough to remain in school.

Of course, there are times when children are genuinely too unwell to attend, and their health and wellbeing must always come first. Children with a high temperature should remain at home until it has gone and they are feeling better, while those experiencing vomiting or diarrhoea should remain off school for 48 hours after their last episode. If you are unsure whether your child should attend, please refer to the NHS guidance: **Is my child too ill for school?**, which provides clear and practical advice.

Regular attendance is so important for every child's learning, confidence and wellbeing. Every day in school provides valuable opportunities to learn new skills, build friendships, develop routines and enjoy new experiences. Even a small amount of missed time can quickly add up, creating gaps in learning that can be difficult to catch up on. Being in school every day also helps children feel settled, confident and connected to their classmates and teachers.

Our whole-school attendance so far this academic year has been lower than we would like, and we would really appreciate your support in helping us improve this. **Every day really does matter**, and by working together, we can give every child the very best opportunity to thrive, achieve and make the most of their time at school.
We also encourage families to remind children about good hygiene habits, including regular handwashing, using tissues and covering coughs and sneezes, to help minimise the spread of seasonal illnesses. With the weather becoming increasingly unpredictable, please also ensure children come to school with suitable coats and clothing so they are ready for whatever the day brings!

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make every school day count. Together, we can make a real difference to our children's attendance, learning and success!

Studybugs

NHS

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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THE GREAT ATTENDANCE RACE

Come to school, be in class, help your class win!

The class with the best attendance this half term will win a

CLASS TREAT DAY!

The race runs from
Mon 2 November – Fri 18 December 2026

- A weekly league table will show how every class is doing.
- Classes can earn points every week – there's always a chance to move up!
- Extra recognition for 99% attendance and for improvement.
- Work together as a class and be in school whenever you can!

Sunday Gospel and Reflection

Short reflection on Sunday's Gospel Reading
(Sunday 15th November 2026 – Matthew 25:14-30 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a master who entrusts his servants with different amounts of money, called talents, before going on a journey. Two of the servants use what they have been given wisely and make it grow, while the third is afraid and hides his talent in the ground.

Jesus uses this story to remind us that God has given each of us special gifts and talents. These might be things we are good at, such as music, sport, art, or learning, but they can also be qualities such as kindness, patience, generosity, and the ability to make others smile.

God does not expect everyone to have the same talents. What matters is that we recognise our gifts, are grateful for them, and use them to make a positive difference in the world.
For children, this might mean:

- using their abilities to help a friend who is struggling,
- encouraging someone who lacks confidence,
- sharing their time and talents with others,
- or being brave enough to try something new.

Sometimes, like the third servant, we might be afraid of making mistakes or feel that we are not good enough. But Jesus encourages us to have courage and trust in the gifts God has given us.
Parents can help children recognise their individual strengths and remind them that everyone has something valuable to offer. By encouraging effort, kindness, and perseverance, we help children grow in confidence and faith.

This Gospel reminds us that our talents are gifts from God, given not just for ourselves but to be shared with others. When we use them with love and generosity, we help God's goodness grow in the world.
A question to think and talk about together

What special gift or talent has God given me, and how can I use it to help someone else this week?

Class Mass

Year 2 & Year 4 Class Mass: 17th November at 9:30am
Confirmation Commitment Mass: 22nd November at 9:30am
Rec, Y3 & Y6 Class Mass: 24th November at 9:30am

First Holy Communion & Sacrament of Confirmation 2027

If you and your child attend Sunday Mass at All Souls frequently and regularly, and your child is aged 7-8 or 10-11, and wishes to prepare to receive their First Holy Communion or Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Father Paul on 02476674161, at fr.paul.burch@rcaob.org.uk, or in person.

WARM COAT REMINDER

Staff have noticed that some children have been very cold on the playground this week, with a few wearing only thin waterproof jackets. As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child comes to school each day with a warm coat, and hats /gloves if needed. **WINTER UNIFORM IS NOW COMPULSARY** – please see our website for a uniform list.

Chaplaincy Team Advent Charity Day

Following the fantastic success of our Lenten charity fundraising event, the Chaplaincy Team are delighted to announce that we will be holding another whole-school fundraising event during Advent! Our Lenten event raised an incredible over £1,000, thanks to the enthusiasm, creativity and generosity of our children and staff. Let's see if we can do it again! On **Wednesday 16th December children can bring in money to spend** at the different stalls around the site (Nursery to Y6). Stalls to be announced in the next few weeks!

Advent Charity Appeal – Supporting The Cyrenians

This Advent, our Chaplaincy Team has chosen The Cyrenians as our local charity to support through our whole-school Advent outreach project. We have been in touch with the charity to find out how we can best support them. This Christmas, The Cyrenians are hoping to provide each of their 200 clients with a gift bag filled with thoughtful treats and useful items to help make their Christmas a little brighter.

To support this wonderful initiative, we have selected a number of specific items from the charity's wish list and allocated these to different year groups. This will help us to ensure that we collect a good variety and an even distribution of items.

The allocated items are as follows:

Nursery: New winter socks
Reception: New hats or gloves
Year 1: 200g chocolate bars (nut-free)
Year 2: Biscuits (nut-free)
Year 3: Women's deodorant
Year 4: Men's deodorant
Year 5: Face and body wipes
Year 6: Hand sanitiser, soap or hand creams

We would be incredibly grateful for any donations you are able to make. Every contribution, however big or small, will help us to put together these special Christmas gift bags and bring a little joy to those who may be facing difficulties this Christmas.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Once again, we are delighted to be taking part in a diocesan-wide initiative to support families in need during the festive season, helping to spread a little kindness, hope and Christmas cheer to those who may be facing difficult circumstances. Instead of opening a door each day of Advent to receive a small gift or chocolate, we invite families to do the reverse and donate a non-perishable item each day. We would be extremely grateful for any contributions, however big or small, including toiletries, dried goods such as pasta and rice, cooking sauces, tinned foods, biscuits, crisps, and festive treats such as chocolates, Christmas puddings and other non-perishable seasonal items.

A collection box will be placed outside the school gate each morning between Monday 30th November until 11th December, where donations can be left. We kindly ask that all items are unopened and within their best-before dates.

The donated items will be brought together to create food hampers, which will be distributed through FHC projects ahead of the Christmas holidays, providing much-needed support to individuals and families within our wider community.

As a Catholic school, this initiative offers us a wonderful opportunity to put our faith into action, demonstrating the values of compassion, generosity and service to others. By joining together with schools and communities across the diocese, we can show our children the importance of helping those less fortunate and the difference that even the smallest act of kindness can make.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity. Together, we can make a meaningful difference and help ensure that more families experience the joy and warmth of Christmas this year.

Christmas Holiday Dates

School closed Monday 21st December to Monday 4th January 27 which is a teacher training day. We reopen Tuesday 5th January.

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All Souls' Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL and Community Carol Service

TUE 17TH DECEMBER 2026



SAVE THE DATE.
FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.



SPORTS NEWS

Girls Football: The girls' football team took on Holy Family on Tuesday in an exciting, end-to-end encounter. It was a fantastic game with plenty of goals and chances at both ends, but unfortunately, we just missed out, losing 5–4. There were some brilliant individual moments, with Ava and Cerys both scoring their first-ever goals in a competitive match. Ava went one better, scoring an incredible hat-trick! A fantastic achievement for both girls.

Player of the Match: Martha

Year 5/6 Football: The team took on St Thomas More in a closely contested league fixture. It was a very tight game, with both sides creating chances, but unfortunately, we just fell short, losing 2–1. The result could easily have gone our way, having hit the post twice and forced their goalkeeper into several excellent saves. There was plenty of determination and some really good football on show, and on another day we could have come away with all three points. **Player of the Match: Leo**

PTA WINTER WARMER

Saturday 28th November – 12pm to 4pm

Our PTA Winter Warmer is fast approaching! Join us on **Saturday 28th November, from 12pm to 4pm**, for a festive afternoon of fun for the whole school community. We are busy planning lots of exciting activities, including stalls, festive treats and, of course, a very special visit to Santa's Grotto!

Santa's Grotto

Children will have the opportunity to visit Santa in his grotto. Booking and payment in advance will be required, with full details on how to book and pay to be shared after half term. Keep an eye out for further information!

Donations and Non-Uniform Days

We would be incredibly grateful for the school community's support with donations to help make our Winter Warmer a success. We will be holding another non-uniform day in exchange for donations:

- **Friday 27th November – Bottle Donation Day**

Bottles could include unopened drinks, toiletries or other suitable bottled items for our fundraising activities.
As always, we completely understand that donations are only possible for families who are in a position to contribute. There is absolutely no expectation to donate, and we appreciate every bit of support, whether through donations, attending the event or helping to spread the word.

Toy Donations Welcome

We are also looking for toy donations to support our festive fundraising activities. If you have any unwanted toys in good condition that you would be happy to donate, please drop them off at the school reception between now and 28th November.

Can You Spare an Hour to Help?

An event of this size is only possible thanks to the generosity of volunteers, and we need support beyond the PTA committee to make our Winter Warmer a success. Help will be needed with setting up before the event, running activities and stalls on the day, and clearing everything away afterwards.

A volunteer sign-up invitation will be shared through the school WhatsApp groups a couple of weeks before the event. **If you are in a position to help, please consider volunteering for just one hour to do one thing.** Every contribution makes a real difference, and even a small amount of time helps take the pressure off our volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support of our PTA and the school community. We look forward to bringing everyone together for a wonderful festive afternoon!





Thank you for your generous chocolate donations – our trolley was completely full!

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The Winter Warmer

Christmas Festival

Saturday 28th November

Raffle 2026

Warm up your Winter with some fabulous prizes!

With thanks to our sponsor
Suzanne Regan
Your Coventry Estate Agent

With thanks to our sponsor
Care Associates Coventry
Est. 1995

1st 
Nintendo Switch 2

2nd
2 Tickets to a CCFC Home Game

3rd
Cov Blaze Family Ticket

4th
Sharp Home Printer donated by Sharp Services

5th 
Nails by Vivian £40 Gift Voucher

6th 
Nails by Vivian £30 Gift Voucher

7th 
Nails by Vivian £30 Gift Voucher

8th
Little Lane Play Village £20 Gift Voucher

9th
1 Free Month at LE Coaching Academy

10th
£10 Amazon Gift Voucher donated by Millwood Cleaning

All Souls School Winter Warmer Raffle
Simply purchase your raffle tickets through Zeffy for your chance to win some fantastic prizes!

As part of our **Winter Warmer on Saturday 28th November**, we're holding a raffle to help raise vital funds for our school. Every ticket purchased will help us raise money to support the school community and fund resources, activities and opportunities for our children. We have some exciting prizes up for grabs, so why not try your luck while supporting a great cause?

How to enter: Simply purchase your raffle tickets through Zeffy for your chance to win. Every ticket makes a difference, and all funds raised will go towards supporting our school and the children who benefit from the work of our PTA. **Raffle drawn at 3:30pm**. Winners do not need to be present – prizes will be held if unclaimed.

Thank you for your continued support and good luck to everyone entering!

Enter here:
Scan the QR code

Tickets £1 each



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

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
16/11	**All day**	**Odd Socks day (Anti-bulling week)**
17/11	**9:30am**	**Year 4 and 2 Class Mass**
17/11	**12:00pm**	**Year 3 Cinema Trip**
17/11	**3:30pm**	**Netball match vs St Thomas More (home)**
17/11	**3:30pm**	**Years 3 & 4 football tournament (AT7)**
18/11	**3:30pm**	**Girls football match vs Pearl Hyde (home)**
19/11	**9:30am**	**KS2 Adoration at Church**
19/11	**PM**	**Years 1 and 2 Cinema Trip**
22/11	9:30am	Confirmation Commitment Mass
23/11	PM	Years 4-6 Cinema Trip
24/11	9:30am	Years R, 3 and 6 Class Mass
24/11	PM	Sportshall Athletics Competition
24/11	3:30pm	Years 3 & 4 football match vs St Christopher's
26/11	Evening	Coventry Gotta Dance
29/11	4pm	Blessing of the Crip (in Coventry City Centre)
30/11	AM	Nursery and Reception to Warwick Arts Centre (Gruffalo)
01/12	9:30am	Years 1 and 5 Class Mass
01/12	3:30pm	Football match vs Our Lady of the Assumption (away)
02/12	PM	HADO competition
03/12	10:30am	Chaplaincy Team to attend the Good Shepherd Mass
03/12	PM	Year 6 Depart to Plas Dol-y-Moch
06/12	9:30am	School Celebration Mass
08/12	PM	Year 6 Return from Plas Dol-y-Moch
08/12	9:30am	Year 4 and 2 Class Mass
09/12	PM	EYFS and KS1 Nativities for Parents
10/12	AM	EYFS and KS1 Nativities for Parents
10/12	9:30am	Year 4-6 Confessions
10/12	3:30pm	Netball match vs St John Vianney (away)
11/12	9:00am	Year 6 Advent Workshop for Children/Parents

ENGLAND ROCKS

17TH - 19TH NOVEMBER

8AM TO 6PM

PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE!

30MIN TIME LIMIT PER PERSON!

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER STUDENT!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

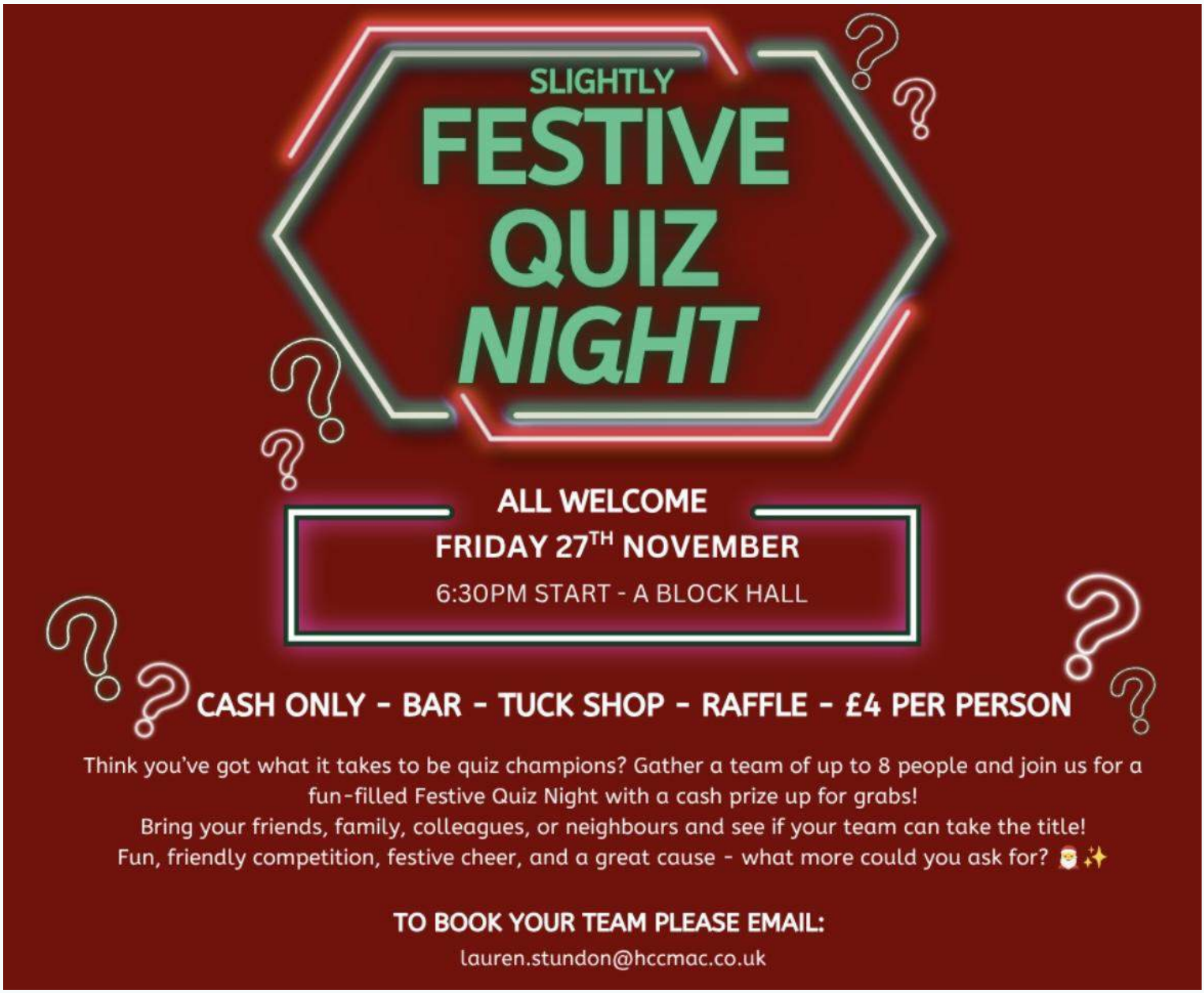
Welcome Back, Mrs Corkerry!

We are delighted to share that Mrs Corkerry will be returning to school in January following her maternity leave. To ensure a smooth and positive transition for both Mrs Corkerry and our Year 3 children, she will be joining us in school each Friday (with the exception of 18th December) in preparation for her full return in January.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Corkerry back into our school family and know that you will join us in giving her a warm welcome and supporting her as she settles back into school life. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Arundell for his support and dedication to teaching Year 3 over the past year.

Book bands

Following our recent re-standardisation of reading book bands across school, your child may have come home with a book from a different band. Please do not be concerned by this change. Reading bands have been reviewed to ensure they accurately reflect each child's current reading ability, taking into account their reading age, assessment data and reading comprehension skills. If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.



Please note corrected dates for the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity plays - see posters below.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Year 2 proudly present
supported by Year 1
Everyone loves a Baby
By Mark and Helen Johnson, Script by Sue Langwade

Wednesday 9th December at 2:10pm
Thursday 10th December at 10:00am

Tickets for the Nativity performances are now available via school gateway.
(Limit of 4 tickets per child for each performance.)

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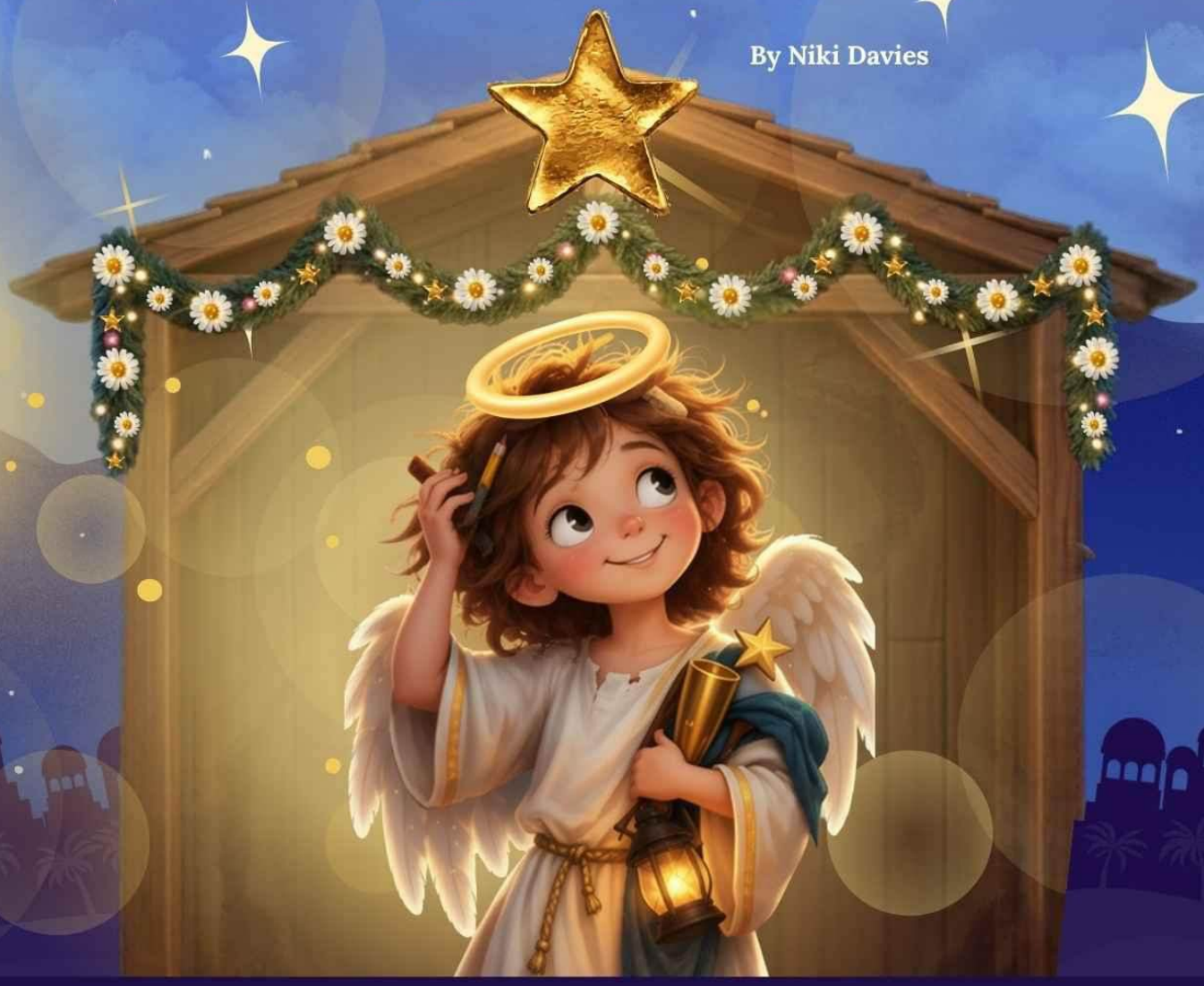
Reception proudly present
supported by Nursery

WHOOPS-A-DAISY ANGEL

By Niki Davies



Wednesday 9th December at 1:30pm
Thursday 10th December at 9:15am

Tickets for the Nativity performances are now available via school gateway.
(Limit of 4 tickets per child for each performance.)

BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL WARMLY INVITES YOU TO OUR

Seniors Christmas Party

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2026

12:00PM - 2:30PM

BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
LEASOWES AVENUE
CV3 6BH

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING 02476414515 OR EMAILING: BU-ADMIN@HCCMAC.CO.UK

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO A FESTIVE AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS TREATS, ENTERTAINMENT AND GAMES.



NURSERY ADMISSIONS

2027–2028 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, 8:30am–11:30am** during term time. Places are available on the basis of attending all five sessions.

Wraparound

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.

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To apply for a place in our Nursery:

Please scan the QR code to complete the application form.

The closing date for Nursery applications is **Friday 12th February 2027**

All Souls School, Abercorn Road, Coventry, CV5 8ED • Tel +44(0)24 7667 5836
email **admin@souls.coventry.sch.uk** **www.allsoulsschool.co.uk**

Applications can also be submitted here: https://forms.gle/3fpwyYuC5p6F8jEy7

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TERM DATES: 2026-2027

September 2026

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July 2027

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Term time	
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Teacher training	