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All Souls' Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

20th November 2026

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 13th November 2026:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
92.8%	98.0%	98.7%	96.3%	99.4%	98.3%	99.7%	98.4%	96.3%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 20th November 2026

	Mon 16/11	Tue 17/11	Wed 18/11	Thu 19/11	Fri 20/11	Total
L (before 9:15am)	5	3	4	1	1	14
U (after 9:15am)	0	0	1	0	0	1

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **280**

Number of different children late this week: **12**

StudyBugs Parental Take-up: 93%

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

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE NEW 'SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR' ROAD MARKINGS & DROPPED KERBS

We are pleased to confirm that, following our continued efforts to raise concerns with Coventry City Council, and with significant support from local Councillors, new 'SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR' road markings have now been installed on Abercorn Road. These markings have been carefully positioned to improve safety outside the school, particularly around the blind bend opposite our driveway. They are intended to ensure that traffic can flow safely and freely, whilst preventing vehicles from stopping or parking in this area and obstructing the pavement.

Unfortunately, we have already been disappointed to witness a significant number of parents and carers disregarding these new markings, with vehicles continuing to stop or park in the restricted area. **We kindly remind all parents and carers that these markings are there for a reason – to protect the safety of our children, families and other road users.** Please be aware that Civil Enforcement Officers will now be visiting the area regularly. A number of drivers have already received Penalty Charge Notices for inappropriate parking in recent weeks.

We have worked hard, alongside local Councillors and residents, to secure these improvements, and it is frustrating to see them being disregarded so soon after their installation.

PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK OUR NEIGHBOURS' DRIVEWAYS!

We are receiving daily complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking. Please consider how frustrating it would be if someone blocked your driveway, preventing you from leaving for work or school. We ask all parents and carers to park responsibly and respect our neighbours. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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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!

Lunchtime Reminder – Packed Lunches



Over recent months, we have noticed an increase in the number of children eating only small amounts of the food provided in their packed lunches, with some attempting to throw away significant amounts of uneaten food. To help keep parents informed, staff will ask children to return any uneaten food to their lunchboxes to take home, so that you can see how much they have eaten during the school day. Whilst staff will continue to encourage children to eat their lunches, please understand that it is not possible for us to monitor every child's food intake individually. We are also making some changes to how lunchtime rubbish is disposed of. Alongside our existing food waste bin, we will be introducing an additional bin specifically for wrappers and packaging. This will help us to manage waste more effectively and encourage children to dispose of their rubbish responsibly.

We would appreciate your support in talking to your child about eating their lunch and ensuring that they understand the importance of eating at lunchtime. Thank you for your continued support.

The School Council presents

Parliament Week

23rd November to 27th November

The School Council will be donating £50 to each class from the funds we have raised!

During Parliament Week, every class will have the opportunity to discuss and debate how they would like to spend their £50.

How it will work:



Each class will discuss the options, debate the ideas and then vote for their preferred choice by writing it on a ballot slip. The School Council will count the votes and announce what each class will be spending their £50 on.

The School Council are looking forward to sharing the results of the votes with each class!

Sunday Gospel and Reflection

Short reflection on Sunday's Gospel Reading
(Sunday 22nd November 2026 – Matthew 25:31-46 – Christ the King, Year A)

In this Sunday's Gospel, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, which marks the final Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. Jesus tells us that when we care for those who are hungry, thirsty, lonely, sick, or in need, we are actually showing love to Him.

Jesus says, **"In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."** These powerful words remind us that Jesus is not a king who rules through wealth or power. He is a **King of love, kindness, compassion, and service**. He asks us to recognise His presence in the people around us, especially those who need our help.

For children, this message can be lived out through simple everyday actions:

- including someone who feels lonely or left out,
- sharing with those who have less,
- helping someone who is finding things difficult,
- showing kindness to someone who is upset,
- or giving our time to someone who needs a friend.

Jesus reminds us that even the smallest acts of kindness matter. We do not need to do extraordinary things to make a difference. When we treat others with love and respect, we are showing our love for Jesus.

Parents can help children understand this Gospel by encouraging them to notice the needs of others and to think about how they might respond. Simple acts of generosity, thoughtfulness, and care within family life can help children recognise that serving others is an important part of following Jesus.

As we celebrate Christ the King, we are reminded that **Jesus wants to reign in our hearts**. We welcome Him as our King whenever we choose love over selfishness, kindness over unkindness, and generosity over indifference.
A question to think and talk about together

How can I recognise Jesus in the people around me this week, and what small act of kindness can I do to show them His love?

Class Mass

Confirmation Commitment Mass: NOW TO BE CONFIRMED
Rec, Y3 & Y6 Class Mass: 24th November at 9:30am



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.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 3 & 4 Girls – Football Festival

Our Year 3 and 4 girls took part in a football festival on Tuesday, playing three games and finishing with one win, one draw and one defeat. The girls played brilliantly all evening, showing great teamwork, effort and plenty of enthusiasm. A really enjoyable evening and a great effort from everyone!

Year 5 & 6 Girls – Chris Rose Cup

Our Year 5 and 6 girls got their Chris Rose Cup campaign off to a flying start on Wednesday with a fantastic 6–0 win against Pearl Hyde in the first round. It was a brilliant team performance, with everyone playing their part and some great football on show. The performance was so good that the whole team was named Player of the Game! Well done!

PTA WINTER WARMER

Saturday 28th November – 12pm to 4pm

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 – we now have plenty so please do not bring any more to school. Thank you!

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.

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!

SHOE BOXES NEEDED!

Year 2 are in need of shoe boxes (with a separate lid) for an upcoming project. If you have any at home, we would be grateful if these could be sent in with your child and either dropped off in to the Year 2 classroom or the school office. Thank you!



Well done, Mr Rolison & Mrs Kerry!

Huge congratulations to Mr Rolison and Mrs Kerry on completing their 5k charity run for Alton Castle last weekend! Despite a -2.5 temperature and a very early Sunday morning start, they crossed the finish line in an impressive 34 minutes and raised an incredible £450 for the Kenelm Youth Trust. A massive thank you to everyone who supported and donated to their fundraiser – it is very much appreciated!









The ELSA Study

The ELSA Study is screening children and young adults from across the UK for type 1 diabetes. With a simple finger stick blood test, we can find out if a child/young adult is in the very earliest stages of diabetes, before they become poorly or need to start on insulin. The study is open for expressions of interest: www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk





Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
23/11	**PM**	**Years 4-6 Cinema Trip**
24/11	**9:30am**	**Years R, 3 and 6 Class Mass**
24/11	**PM**	**Sports Hall Athletics Competition**
24/11	**3:30pm**	**Years 3 & 4 football match vs St Christopher's**
26/11	**10:30am**	**Nursery Advent Workshop for Parents/Children**
26/11	**Evening**	**Coventry Gotta Dance**
27/11	**All Day**	**Non-uniform day (bottle donations gratefully received) PTA**
28/11	**12-4pm**	**PTA Winter Warmer**
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	AM	Year 4 trip to Social Climbing
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
14/12	PM	Years 5 and 6 visit to Planet Ice (Ice staking)
15/12	9:30am	Whole School Mass
15/12	6:00pm	School and Parish Community Carol Service
15/12	3:30pm	Football match vs Christ the King (home)
16/12	3:30-4:30pm	Open book evening (exercise books available for parents to see)
17/12	3:30pm	Girls Football match vs St Thomas More (away)
18/12	All Day	Last day of term



We apologise for the error in last week's newsletter and would like to confirm that our **Community Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 15th December – 6pm to 7pm.** Children who are singing at the service should arrive at **5:45pm** and make their way to the Parish Room. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers. We warmly invite all our families to join us for what is always a truly joyous and special evening, bringing our school community together in celebration of Christmas and providing a wonderful way to mark the end of the Autumn term.
We look forward to seeing you there!

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The Winter Warmer

Christmas Festival

Saturday 28th November

Raffle 2026

Warm up your Winter with some fabulous prizes!

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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

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Reception proudly present
supported by Nursery

WHOOPS-A-DAISY ANGEL

By Niki Davies



ALL SOULS PRIMARY SCHOOL ABERCORN RD COVENTRY CV5 8ED T 024 76 676758

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.)

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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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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

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