Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

23rd October 2026

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 16th October 2026:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
93.8%	93.7%	98.0%	97.0%	97.4%	92.9%	95.8%	95.2%	96.9%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 23rd October 2026

	Mon 19/10	Tue 20/10	Wed 21/10	Thu 22/10	Fri 23/10	Total
L (before 9:15am)	2	5	2	2	2	13
U (after 9:15am)	1	1	1	1	0	4

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **410**
Number of different children late this week: **11**

StudyBugs Parental Take-up: 91%
In you aren't yet registered, please use the following link to get started:
https://studybugs.com/about/parents

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.

Class Mass

WHOLE SCHOOL: 2nd November at 9:30am
Year 1 & Year 5: 10th November at 9:30am
All are welcome!

Have you checked your free school meal eligibility?

Contact the school office for more information!

Flu Vaccination Clinic – half term

Date: Wednesday 28th October, appointments from 10am-3pm
Venue: Wayside House, Coventry, CV6 6NY

Following our recent flu vaccination session in school, uptake remains quite low. Parents and carers of children who were not vaccinated on the day will receive a text message and/or email with information on how to book an appointment. Alternatively, please click on the following link to book an appointment: Book a flu clinic appointment

If you have any questions about the flu vaccination or require support with booking, please contact the team on 02476 362100. Thank you for your continued support in helping to protect children and young people against flu.

Sunday Gospel and Reflection

Short reflection on Sunday's Gospel Reading
(Sunday 25th October 2026 – Matthew 22:34-40 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is asked a very important question: **"Which is the greatest commandment of the Law?"**

Jesus gives a beautiful and simple answer. He tells us that the greatest commandment is to **love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind**. He then adds a second commandment, which is just as important: **"You must love your neighbour as yourself."**

These two commandments are at the very heart of everything Jesus teaches us. They remind us that being a follower of Jesus is, above all, about love.

But Jesus is not simply talking about saying that we love God or that we care about others. He is asking us to **put love into action** through the choices we make every day.

Loving God means making time for Him in our lives—through prayer, gratitude, worship, and trying to follow His teachings. Loving our neighbour means treating others with the same kindness, patience, and respect that we would hope to receive ourselves.

For children, this can happen in many simple ways:

- showing kindness to someone who is feeling lonely,
- sharing with a friend who has less,
- being patient when someone makes a mistake,
- forgiving someone who has upset us,
- or helping at home without being asked.

Jesus also reminds us to love our neighbours **as ourselves**. This means recognising that we, too, are precious and loved by God. We should treat ourselves with kindness and remember that every person, including ourselves, has dignity and worth.

Sometimes loving others can be difficult. It is easy to be kind to our friends or the people who are kind to us, but Jesus challenges us to show love even when someone is different from us or when we disagree.





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 two non-uniform days in exchange for donations:

- **Friday 13th November – Chocolate Donation Day**
- **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!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

02/11	9:30am	Whole School Mass (All Souls)
03/11	3:30pm	Football Match vs Holy Family (away)
05/11	3:30pm	Netball Match vs St Osburg's (home)
08/11	9:30am	Reception Welcome Mass
09/11	PM	Silent Spooktacular Disco
10/11	9:30am	Years 1 and 5 Class Mass
10/11	11:30am	Reception Cinema Trip
10/11	PM	SPARKS visit Year 4
10/11	3:30pm	Girls Football Match vs Holy Family (away)
12/11	3:30pm	Football Match vs St Mary and St Benedict's (away)
13/11	All day	PTA Non-uniform day (Chocolate donations)
17/11	9:30am	Year 4 and 2 Class Mass
17/11	3:30pm	Netball match vs St Thomas More (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



Goodbye, Miss Sonja!

Today we said a fond farewell to our Kitchen Manager, Miss Sonja. Throughout her time with us, Sonja has consistently delivered an excellent catering service, maintained an impressive five star food hygiene rating and, most importantly, built wonderful relationships with both staff and children. As a special farewell treat, Miss Sonja organised a Golden Ticket competition, with one lucky child receiving a special prize! Her hard work, commitment and friendly presence have been greatly appreciated by our whole school community. We would like to thank Miss Sonja for her contribution to All Souls and wish her every happiness for the future. She will be greatly missed!

A message from Miss Sonja:

After 8.5 wonderful years at All Souls, it's time for me to say goodbye. It has been a privilege to watch our children grow into the strong, independent individuals they are today, and you have all made me so proud. Thank you to all the children and families for the smiles, laughter and special memories. I will miss you all dearly. Thank you for making my time at All Souls truly magical!



Please don't forget to order school meals for next term. We recommend ordering meals up to the end of term to make sure your child's meals are all booked in.

SPORTS NEWS

Football

Our school football team has played its first two matches of the season, taking on two strong opposition teams. In their opening game, they faced Christ the King, unfortunately losing 5–0, with Finlay named Player of the Match for his excellent efforts. Their second game was against St John Vianney, where the team showed improvement and scored their first goal of the season in a 4–1 defeat. Parker was named Player of the Match for his performance. Well done to the whole team for their effort and commitment in the opening fixtures. We look forward to seeing them continue to develop as the season progresses!

Tag Rugby

On Monday, our Year 4 and Year 5/6 teams took part in a rugby festival, with both teams representing the school superbly. Year 4 played in the morning, winning four games and drawing one. They put in some excellent performances, demonstrating great teamwork, sportsmanship and respect throughout. In the afternoon, our Year 5/6 team took to the field, drawing three games and losing one. They showed great determination and teamwork throughout and were unlucky not to secure a win. Well done to everyone who took part. Both teams should be incredibly proud of their efforts and the fantastic way they represented our school!





Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football

On Tuesday, eight Year 3 and 4 girls braved the rain to take part in a football tournament at the AT7 Centre. For some, it was their very first experience of playing in a football match, making their performances even more impressive! The team had a fantastic tournament, winning three games, drawing one and losing just one. They showed great determination, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout, doing themselves and the school proud. Well done to all eight girls for their efforts and for representing our school so well!

Dodgeball

On Wednesday, 14 Year 4 children split into two teams to take part in a values dodgeball competition. Alongside their performances on the court, children were rewarded for demonstrating key values, including teamwork, respect and honesty. Both teams performed superbly, showing great sportsmanship and supporting one another throughout the event. One of our teams finished in an excellent second place, taking home a well-deserved silver medal!
Well done to all 14 children for their efforts and for representing our school so positively.



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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 16th December at 2:10pm
Thursday 17th 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 16th December at 1:30pm
Thursday 17th 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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CHRIST IS OUR LIGHT
PTA
THE WINTER WARMER
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
Raffle
Tombolas
Face Painting
Saturday 28th November
12.00pm - 4.00pm
Entry Fee
Adults - £1.00
Children - Free
Bar
Hot Food
Preloved Toy Sale
Lucky Ducky
Toasted Marshmallows
Lucky Dip
Fidget Finder
External Festive Stalls
*Santa's Grotto
Includes gift, activities, Digital photo
Is it a sprout?
and much more..
*Pre booking required
further details to be shared. Limited places.

First Class Relic Visit

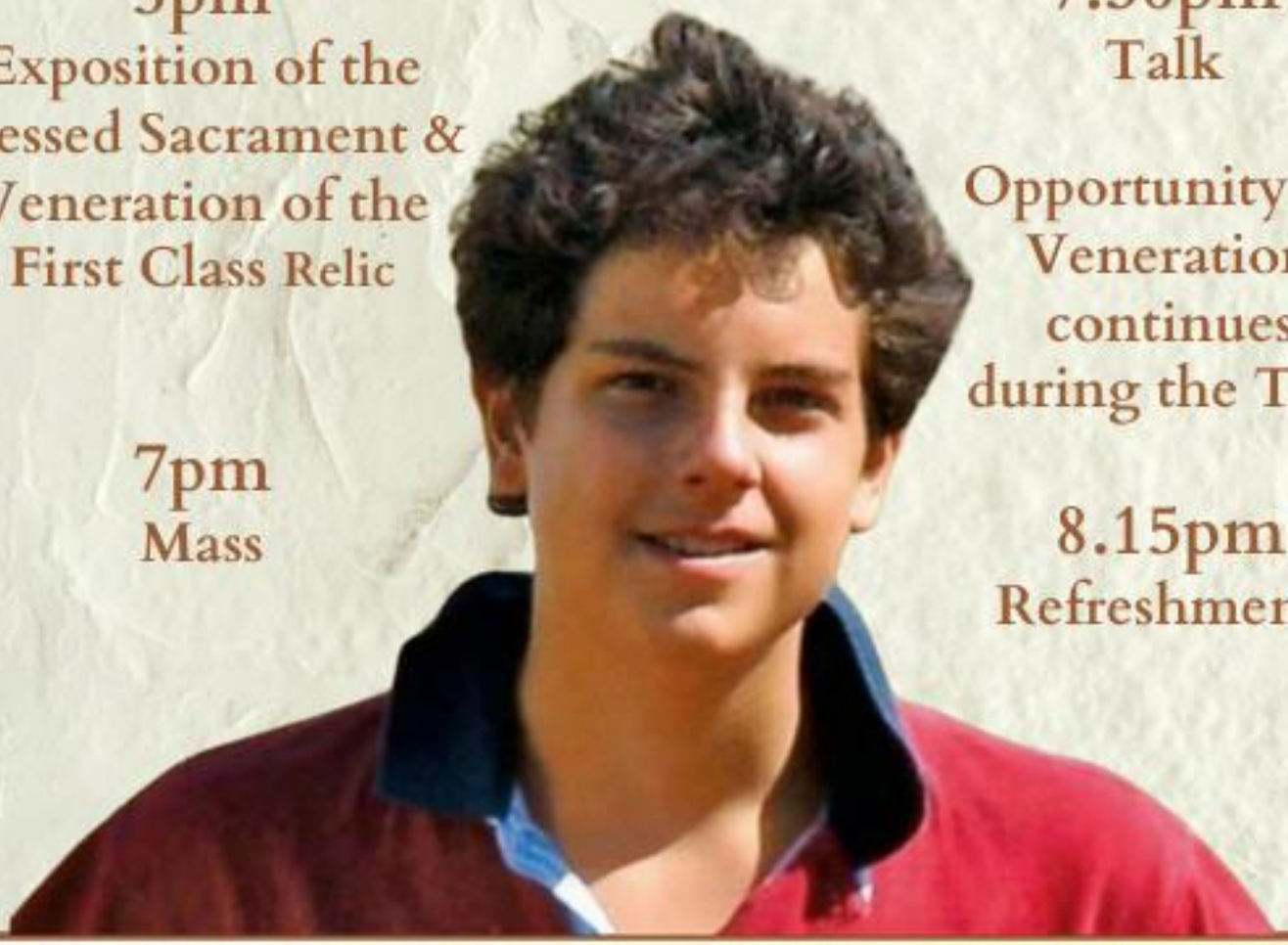
Saint Carlo Acutis

Wednesday 4th November 2026

Christ the King Catholic Church
14 Westhill Road, Coundon, Coventry,
CV6 2AA

5pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Veneration of the First Class Relic

7pm
Mass



7.30pm
Talk

Opportunity for Veneration continues during the Talk

8.15pm
Refreshments

The visit is being organised by www.ukmiracles.com in collaboration with Christ the King Catholic Church, Coventry.
The speaker will be Anna Johnstone, Guardian of the Relic and former Governess to the Acutis Family.
As seen in BBC Songs of Praise 24th August 2025
Enquiries to: ctk.covty@rcaob.org.uk



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

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

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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!

ONE WINNER FROM EVERY CLASS!

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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**



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 Chirstmas 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

Coventry Irish Society is a Registered Charity No. 1150290
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* 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

Coventry Irish Society

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

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October 2026

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February 2027

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March 2027

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April 2027

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June 2027

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July 2027

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Term time	
Holiday	
Bank holiday	
Teacher training	