Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

6th November 2026

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 23rd October 2026:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
88.6%	94.7%	94.3%	94.3%	96.8%	93.9%	95.2%	95.5%	96.2%

Late marks recorded for the week ending 6th November 2026

	Mon 02/11	Tue 03/11	Wed 04/11	Thu 05/11	Fri 06/11	Total
L (before 9:15am)	5	2	2	4	1	14
U (after 9:15am)	1	1	1	1	0	4

Minutes of education lost this week through lateness: **140**
Number of different children late this week: **6**

StudyBugs Parental Take-up: 93%
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

Year 1 & Year 5: 10th November at 9:30am
Year 2 & Year 4: 17th November at 9:30am
All are welcome!

Have you checked your free school meal eligibility?

Contact the school office for more information!

Support Our Alton Towers 5K Runners!

Mr Rolison and Mrs Kerry are taking on the **Alton Towers 5K run** to raise funds for the **Kenelm Youth Trust**. As a school, we have been fortunate to benefit from the Trust's incredible support for many years, particularly through the wonderful opportunities and experiences our children enjoy during their visits to Alton Castle. By raising funds for this fantastic charity, we hope to help ensure that these memorable experiences can continue to benefit our pupils and many others for years to come. If you are able to, we would be incredibly grateful if you could show your support by sponsoring Mr Rolison and Mrs Kerry. Every donation, no matter how small, will make a difference.

Sponsor the team here!

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.

Sunday Gospel and Reflection

Short reflection on Sunday's Gospel Reading
(Sunday 8th November 2026 – Matthew 25:1-13 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about ten bridesmaids waiting for a wedding celebration. Each carries a lamp, but only five have brought enough oil to keep their lamps burning. When the bridegroom finally arrives, some are ready to welcome him, while others are not prepared.

Jesus uses this story to remind us of the importance of **being ready to welcome Him into our lives**. Just as the lamps need oil to keep burning, our faith needs care and attention to help it grow.

We keep the light of our faith shining through prayer, kindness, forgiveness, and love. Being ready for Jesus does not mean worrying about the future. It means trying to live each day in a way that reflects His teachings.

For children, this can happen through simple actions:

- taking time to pray and thank God,
- including someone who feels left out,
- helping at home or at school,
- forgiving others and making kind choices.

Sometimes we forget to pray or make the wrong choice, but God always invites us to begin again. What matters is that we keep trying to grow in faith and love.

Parents can help children develop small habits of faith, such as bedtime prayers, attending Mass together, or sharing something they are grateful for each day.

This Gospel reminds us that **faith is something we live every day, not just on special occasions**. When we make room for Jesus in our hearts, we keep His light shining brightly in our lives.

A question to think and talk about together

What can I do each day to keep the light of my faith shining and show that I am ready to welcome Jesus?



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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!

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!

Contact us

FREE PARENTING SUPPORT AVAILABLE!

Email: familyrelationships@coventry.gov.uk

Website: coventryfamilies.co.uk/parenting-support

To request a place on any programme or workshop visit coventryfamilies.co.uk/parenting-support and click the 'Book Your Place' tab or scan the QR code

Access online programmes by registering here www.togetherness.co.uk and entering Coventry's FREE access code: SPIRES3

SCAN TO BOOK!

Coventry City Council

See guide attached to the newsletter!

Please note corrected dates for the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity plays - see posters below.

Can you help with the zipline installation?
Contact Mrs Rae for more info!

A new British champion – congratulations, Mr Arundell!

Mr Arundell recently competed at the **ADCC British Para Jiu-Jitsu Championships**, where he was crowned **British Para Champion!** Competing in the intermediate division against experienced athletes, including those of higher belt grades, he secured the championship by winning every match by submission. He trains at Gracie Barra Coventry, balancing a demanding training schedule with his full-time teaching commitments. As someone who has lived with cerebral palsy all of his life, becoming a British champion is a particularly meaningful achievement. It represents years of perseverance, hard work and a determination to challenge the limitations that others might perceive. More than anything, this achievement sends a positive message to our pupils about **resilience, ambition and believing in their own potential**, regardless of the challenges they may face. We're very proud of you, Mr Arundell!









Silent Disco – please read

We are very excited for our **Silent Disco on Monday 9th November!** Please note that this event is now **SOLD OUT.**
Reception (2:00pm – 3:00pm): Children should bring their party costumes to school in a named bag. Staff will be on hand to help children get changed; however, please note that they will be unable to apply face paint or style hair. Sweets and squash will be provided. Children should be collected at the usual school finishing time of **3:15pm**.
Years 1, 2 and 3 (finishing at 4:15pm): As with Reception, children should bring their costumes to school in a named bag. Staff will assist with changing where needed but will be unable to apply face paint or style hair. Squash will be provided during the disco, and children will be sent home with their sweets and a tray of chips at **4:15pm**.
Years 4, 5 and 6 (4:30pm – 5:45pm): Children should arrive dressed and ready to party at **4:30pm!** Chips and sweets will be served at the beginning of the session, leaving the remaining hour free for dancing and fun! Squash will also be provided. Please collect your child promptly at **5:45pm**. **A few important reminders:** Please ensure that costumes are appropriate for a primary school setting. Costumes must not include weapons, blood, scars or anything that could be considered offensive or frightening. **Please collect your child promptly at the designated finishing time.** Our discos are supported by staff who have kindly volunteered their time, and we would appreciate your cooperation in ensuring they are not unnecessarily delayed. Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to a fantastic afternoon!

SPORTS NEWS



NETBALL: A fantastic performance from our netball team, who showed great determination and teamwork to turn their match around against St Osburgs and secure a brilliant 3-2 victory! The team demonstrated resilience, kept their heads up and battled right until the final whistle. A special congratulations to Finlay, who was awarded Player of the Match. Well done, everyone!

FOOTBALL: Our Year 5/6 boys' football team put in a fantastic effort against Holy Family in a closely contested match. The boys showed great teamwork, determination and resilience, with the game ending in a narrow 2-1 defeat following an unfortunate own goal in the closing moments. Despite the result, there were plenty of positives to take away, and the boys should be incredibly proud of their performance. Keep your heads up, boys – onwards and upwards!





Friday 13th November is also Children in Need. Any non-uniform is permitted; however, children are more than welcome to come to school in Pudsey themed attire – e.g., yellow, spots, pyjamas. Please keep in mind that we will still be spending time outside so outfits and footwear must be suitable. If you would like to donate to Children in Need, please use the following link:

BBC Children in Need Donation Page

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

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
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)**
16/11	All day	Odd Socks Day (Anti-bulling week)
17/11	9:30am	Year 4 and 2 Class Mass
17/11	3:30pm	Netball match vs St Thomas More (home)
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	Sports hall 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 Crib (in Coventry City Centre)

Want some guidance on supporting your child's wellbeing or behaviour?

New Pause Parenting App available FREE for parents in Coventry

Step 1

Download the app here or visit www.mypause.org

Step 2

Enter the code **CV999** for free access



Step 3

Enter a challenge you want help with



Step 4

Get a personal plan with videos and ideas just for your family



Coventry City Council

BEST START IN LIFE

child friendly COV

COVENTRY BEST START FAMILY HUBS

www.mypause.org



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

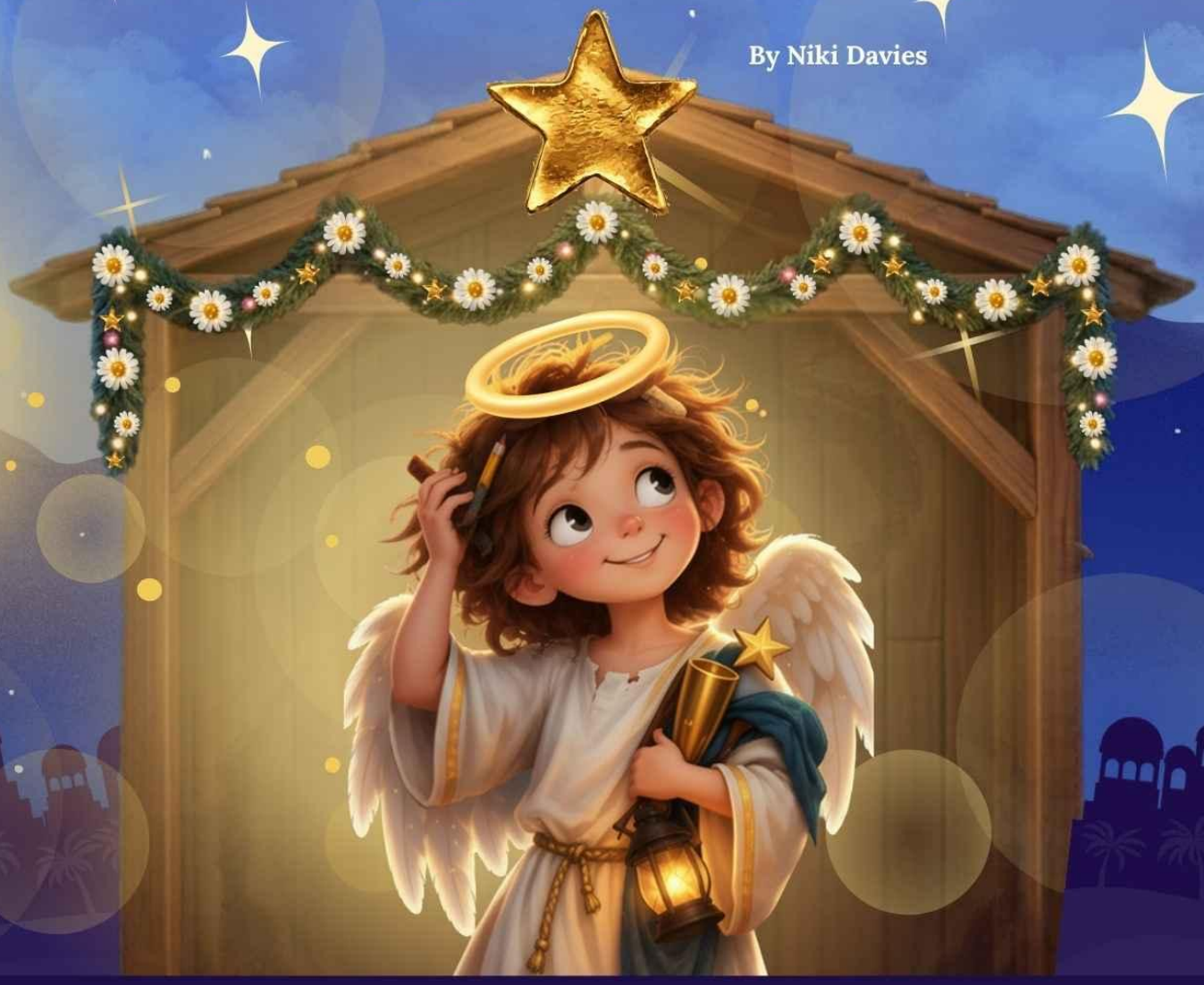
Tickets for the Nativity performances are now available via school gateway.
(Limit of 4 tickets per child for each performance.)

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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

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CHRIST IS OUR LIGHT
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THE WINTER WARMER

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Raffle

Tombolas

Face Painting

Saturday 28th November

12.00pm – 4.00pm

Entry Fee
Adults – £1.00
Children – Free

Hot Food

Bar

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?

*Pre booking required
further details to be shared. Limited places.

and much more..



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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February 2027

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March 2027

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April 2027

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May 2027

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June 2027

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July 2027

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Term time	
Holiday	
Bank holiday	
Teacher training	