

"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

Newsletter 21: Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are all well.

Thank you for sending the children into school in their P.E. kits at the start of the week to try and keep them cooler during the day. It was very hot, but the children managed this really well.

Please check the diary list at the end of the school newsletter for details about masses and sports days as well as other school events which are taking place this half term.

PTA Summer Fayre Fundraising:

Thank you to our amazing PTA who held their annual Summer Fayre last Saturday. £2800 was raised for school. Thank you to everyone who helped out and attended on the day - especially our PTA chair: Mr McNamara and PTA treasurer: Mrs McNamara.



Sports Days:

Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit, trainers and a sun hat on these days along with a **labelled** full bottle of water. Please note that no earrings or other jewellery should be worn. Parents are welcome to come and join us at all of our sports day events.



Y6 Leavers' Performance:

We had a super performance in school on Tuesday evening when our Y6 leavers' play 'Blast from the Past!' took place. There was fantastic acting, singing and dancing and some wonderful outfits – some items may have been 'borrowed' from some of our parents' wardrobes! It was a fantastic show – we were so proud of you! Thank you especially to our stage director, Mrs Kavanagh, for preparing the children so well!

Reception Educational Visit:

Last week Reception class enjoyed a fantastic visit to RSPB Sandwell Valley. The children enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities- including a woodland walk, bird watching and a minibeast hunt in the minibeast meadow!



Reception and Nursery Music Showcase:

Miss Edmunds and Mrs Andrews would like to thank all of the parents who came to our Reception and Nursery music showcase last Thursday. The children did really well singing "Heads, shoulders, knees and toes" and "Incy, Wincy Spider" to such a big audience! We also enjoyed showcasing our skills in playing the glockenspiel in Reception and playing shaking eggs and maracas in Nursery whilst singing to "Big Bear Funk" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star".



Y1 and Y2 Music Showcase:

Miss Doody and Miss Rackham would like to thank all of the parents who joined us for our showcase yesterday. The children were very proud of themselves and enjoyed sharing what they had learnt in school. Y1 enjoyed singing 'Round and Round' and Y2 loved singing 'I Wanna Play in a Band'. We then showcased our musical talents on the glockenspiels with Year One playing 'In the Groove' and Year Two playing 'Zootime'. Your support is always greatly appreciated!



Sandwell School Nurse Visits:

On Monday we were visited by the Sandwell School Nursing Service who presented workshops to Y2 – Y6 about a number of important themes including keeping safe, healthy eating, growth and development and emotional health. Please ask your children what they learnt from these sessions!



Reception and Nursery Animal Man Visit:

This week we have been very lucky in Early Years! Both classes had a great session with "The Animal Man". The children learned lots about a variety of creatures and had the opportunity to stroke and hold fascinating creatures such as hissing cockroaches, a royal python, a blue tongued skink, and a kinkajou! Thank you to Mrs Andrews for organising a great event!



Glee Club Performance – Friday 11th July:

During assembly on Friday 11th July the children who attend Glee Club with Miss Doody and Mrs Berry will be performing. All parents are invited to join us. Thank you for your continued support.

School Places Available:

We have a number of school places in our classes in school.

Please contact the school office or apply for a place via Sandwell LA:

[Apply for a school place | Sandwell Council](#)



Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:

Our Reading Challenges are a great way to ensure your child is reading a range of texts which are age-related (with some challenging texts too!)

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link accessible on your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC' / 'Y1 RC' etc and they are also available on the school website – just click:

'Curriculum and Gallery > Reading' and scroll down to 'Reading Challenge'.

Or click on the links here: [Y6](#) [Y5](#) [Y4](#) [Y3](#) [Y2](#) [Y1](#) [Reception](#)

Every time your child reads a book from the specially selected list, they just need to complete an entry on the form and they will automatically be entered into a prize draw!

The more books that you read the more chances that you have to win!

Hot Weather:

Please send your child into school with a suitable hat and a labelled bottle of water to help to reduce the potential for any ill effects which could possibly result from hot weather conditions. Please also make sure that your child has a **coat** in school in case the weather changes!



Music Showcases:

We are very pleased to invite parents into school next half term when our children will be performing some of the songs that they have learnt this year in their music lessons. We hope as that as many parents as possible will be able to join us for these performances.

Monday 14th July at 2.40pm – NEW DATE	Y5 & Y6
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School Masses this Half Term:

All **parents and parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

Date:	Information:
Wednesday 9 th July	Y4 and Y5 joining the parish for mass in church at 11.30am
FRIDAY 18th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at 9.15am

Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Monday 7 th July	Induction meeting for September 2025 Nursery Parents at 9.15am Y5 Bikeability begins in school
Tuesday 8 th July	Reception, Y1, Y2 sports day in school at 9.15am Y3 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 10 th July	Y5 & 6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 11 th July	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents welcome) including Glee Club performance Nursery sports day in school at 11.00am Induction meeting for September 2025 Nursery & Reception Parents & Pupils at 1.30pm
Monday 14th July	Y5 & Y6 music showcase in school at 2.40pm – NEW DATE
Tuesday 15 th July	Y3 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 17 th July	Nursery end of year party – pupils to come to school in party clothes Y5 & 6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 18 th July	Nursery Graduation Ceremony at 11.00am
Friday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at 9.15am Last day of summer term

Term Dates 2025-26:

Pupils will return to school after the summer holiday on **Tuesday 2nd September**. We will be closed to pupils for training days on these dates (further dates to be advised):

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Friday 12th September 2025
- Monday 20th July 2026

2025-26	Term starts:	Half Term Holiday:	Term Ends:
Autumn	Monday 1 st September Tuesday 2nd September for pupils	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st November	Friday 19 th December
Spring	Monday 5 th January	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February	Friday 27 th March
Summer	Monday 13 th April	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	Friday 17 th July (for pupils) Monday 20 th July (for staff)

Yours sincerely

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Mr A.G. Neenan

Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

Mass at Holy Name Church:

Saturday 12.30pm

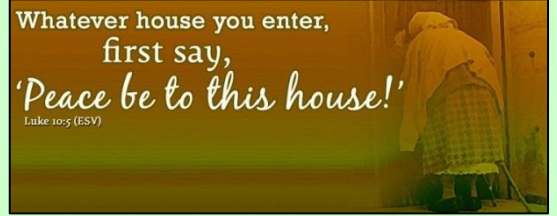
Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Whatever house you enter,
first say,
'Peace be to this house!'
Luke 10:5 (ESV)



In this Sunday's gospel, 72 people are sent out on a mission by Jesus to towns and villages all over the place. They are sent on ahead to prepare the way for Jesus and his disciples.

Jesus tells these 72 people that there is much work to do, but not enough people to do it. "The harvest is great, but the labourers are few." He is asking for their help.

Jesus tells them to travel light without a purse, bag or sandals and not to greet anyone they meet on the road as they are in a hurry. There is no time to waste.

Imagine you are one of these people - how do you feel about this mission? How do you think the 72 people felt when they heard Jesus' words and warnings?

The 72 followers are told that they may not be welcome in every town. Not everyone will want to hear their message. Why do you think this might be?

They were going into towns where people were busy with other things.

The disciples are asking them to change their life and to follow Jesus now. But the people might be too busy to listen. Or not ready to change their ways.

Can you think of things in your life that stop you from spending time with Jesus?

What are these things? (e.g. latest toys, computer games, money, clothes, TV...)

When we focus on things rather than people what happens?

Why is it important to follow Jesus and share the good news?

Do we always show welcome to other people? Or can we be like those who turned the 72 away?

Think about how you welcome visitors at home and at school. Do you offer them a drink or something to eat? Do you give them a special chair to sit in? What do you do?

Some people around the world are forced to leave their homes because of fighting, floods or because there is no food or work where they live. They travel to other countries in search of a safe home and a better life. Is it easy to be welcoming to people who come to our country in search of a safe home? What could we do to try to be welcoming?

Our Catholic Mission:

This week try to make sure that you are always welcoming to others. What will you do? And how will you go out and follow Jesus, sharing his good news with others?

Prayer:

Christ our Messiah,

you call us to follow you.

Help us to be welcoming to others

and spend time on the important things in life.

Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy