

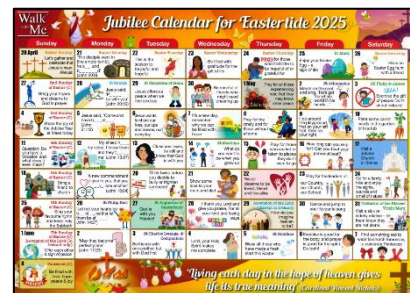
**"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."**

## Newsletter 18: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families have all had a good week and enjoy the half term break next week

Please remember to continue to follow your Eastertide 'Walk with Me' calendar to provide a daily focus for your family during this very special season of the church's year.



### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Staff Training Day:**

School will be closed to all pupils on this date.

### **May - The Month of the Rosary:**

May is one of the special months of the year where we focus our minds, hearts and prayers on Mary, our Mother. During the month of May we aim to pray the rosary each day. Each day has a link to the mysteries of the rosary.

Days of the Week	Mysteries of the Rosary	<b><u>May Rosary Challenge:</u></b> Please see Miss Edmunds for a Rosary Challenge Sheet.  All completed Rosary Challenge sheets returned to Miss Edmunds by <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b> will receive a certificate!
Monday & Saturday	The Five Joyful Mysteries	
Tuesday & Friday	The Five sorrowful Mysteries	
Wednesday and Sunday	The Five Glorious Mysteries	
Thursday	The Mysteries of Light (Luminous)	



### **PTA UPDATE:**

We need your help at our Summer BBQ please. Just one hour of your time on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June** will make all the difference. In particular we need contacts in Y5. We can help with the costs of the Y6 prom for 2026. There will be a social event for all helpers straight after the BBQ in the Great Barr Club to say thank you.

Please contact Joe McNamara: [Joe.mcnamara3@googlemail.com](mailto:Joe.mcnamara3@googlemail.com) / 07801273086

### **Goldfinch Award for the Catholic Schools Pupil Profile:**

Congratulations to the following children who have excelled at following this half-term's values and virtues of '**Compassionate** and **Loving**' this half term.

They will be receiving special certificates in assembly on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9.05am**. All parents are invited to join us for this assembly. **N.B.** Nursery pupils will be given their certificates in class.



Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2
Archie S-S Kymani M-R	Nancy M Simran B	Mia M Lydia R	Christabel A Javaughn N
Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Calia Kolar Rowan Green	Isla F Yaye D	Chimamanda A Mahan S	Jessica C William N

### V.E. Day Dance Workshop:

On the 8<sup>th</sup> May all children took part in a very special dance workshop to celebrate 80 years since V.E day. All children in Reception to Year 6 learnt 1940's dances including the jive in order to bring the spirit of V.E. day to life! In our wonderful commemoration to 80 years since the end of WW2 the children danced the day away! They were all absolute stars!



### Y6 Bikeability:

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time taking part in the Bikeability programme this week! With smiles all around, they enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to learn essential cycling skills and gain confidence riding safely on the road.

The sessions were not only educational but also great fun, and it was wonderful to see the children supporting one another as they practised their new skills. A big thank you to the instructors for their guidance and encouragement and well done to all the pupils for their positive attitude and determination.

### 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.

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June at 2.40pm	Y1 & Y2
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am	Nursery & Reception
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July at 2.40pm	Y3 & Y4
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July at 2.40pm	Y5 & Y6



### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – HOLY NAME PARISH – HELP FOR FAMILIES:**

The St Vincent de Paul society in the parish of Holy Name have asked for this information to be shared with our families:

The aim of our society is to seek and find those in need and provide them with practical support and friendship in a spirit of justice, while tackling the causes of poverty. The help we give **is not limited to Catholic families** - poverty, loneliness and the need to share problems are as urgent and relevant to all communities in Great Barr just as they are in the rest of the country.

To access this help, please contact the Parish Office, and leave your name and contact telephone number and ask for the SVP to contact you. The SVP will then take it from there:



**Parish Office: 0121 357 1351 holynam.bham@rcaob.org.uk**



**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!**

**School Masses Next 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 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y3 and Y6</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y4 and Y5</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Infants'</b> mass in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y3 and Y6</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Infants'</b> mass in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y4 and Y5</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
<b>FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y6 Leavers' Mass</b> in school at <b>9.15am</b>

**Diary Dates:**

Date:	Information:
<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – STAFF TRAINING DAY</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	All pupils back in school after half term break <b>Y3 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y5 &amp; 6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents welcome)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y3 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y5 &amp; 6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents welcome)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y2 Educational Visit to Cadbury World</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y1 &amp; Y2 music showcase in school at 2.40pm</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Nursery &amp; Reception music showcase in school at 9.15am</b>
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>PTA Summer Fayre 1.00 – 4.00pm</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Y6 Leavers' Performance</b> in school at <b>6.00pm</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4 music showcase in school at 2.40pm</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y3,4,5,6 sports day in school at 9.15am</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Reception, Y1, Y2 sports day in school at 9.15am</b> <b>Y3 &amp; 4 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 music showcase in school at 2.40pm</b>

Date:	Information:
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery sports day in school at 11.00am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of summer term

Yours sincerely

*A. Neenan*

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**

## Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

### Gospel: John 14:23-29

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus gives his disciples a very special gift.

Jesus gives his disciples peace. And he tells his disciples not to be afraid.

Can you think of a time when you were fighting with someone? How did you feel?

Can you remember a time when other people were arguing near you? How did you feel then?

Can you remember a time when you stopped fighting with someone and made friends with them again? Or when the argument near you ended and the people forgave each other? How did that feel?

### Our Catholic Mission:

How will you share the gift of peace this week in your community? And around the world?

### Prayer:

Living God,  
may we bring the light of your peace to those we meet.  
Help us not to get angry with others,  
but to find a peaceful way to solve our problems,  
so that the world may be a peaceful place for everyone to live in.  
Amen.

*Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy*

