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

Newsletter 3: Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents

We had an absolutely amazing number of parents and grandparents join us this morning for our special Service of Commitment which was celebrated by Father Christopher. It was wonderful to have so many of you with us.

Thank you to Miss Edmunds for preparing this prayer service and also for preparing all of the badges and certificates for our new Catholic School Councillors, Spiritual Councillors, House Captains and God's Eco Warriors. We will be sharing photographs in our next newsletter!

All Y1-Y6 parents are warmly invited to join us for our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings next week. We are really looking forward to meeting with you! School staff will supervise pupils during these meetings which all begin at 3.30pm. Please see the information below for further details.

School Places Available:

We have school places available in our **Y1** and **Y2** classes.

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

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

Y1 – Y6 'Meet the Teacher' Parent Sessions:

We would like to invite our **Y1-Y6** parents into school to meet our class teachers who would like to share information about routines and expectations for the year ahead and help parents to find out more about the curriculum for your child's year group.

These sessions are for parents only, but school staff will be available to supervise children while these sessions take place. It is expected that each session will be **25-30 minutes** in duration. All sessions will begin at **3.30pm**.

Date:	Year Groups:
Monday 5 th October	Y5 & Y6
Tuesday 6 th October	Y3 & Y4
Wednesday 7 th October	Y1 & Y2

Class Information:

The school website has been updated with your child's class information document. This document explains the P.E. and homework arrangements for your child's class. It also provides links to our curriculum overviews which outline what your child will be learning this year.

Please visit our website: **[Curriculum and Gallery](#)** and click on the year group links on the left side of the page.



Catholic Social Teaching:

Each week in assembly we focus on a Catholic Social Teaching principle. We will be linking them to how we can enact these in the world and what we can do to make a big difference.

This half-term we will be discussing the following principles in assembly:

Date	CST Principle	CAFOD Animal
05.10.26	Solidarity	Shristi the Sun Bear
12.10.26	Preferential option for the poor	Poppy the Pōpokatea
19.10.26	Distributive justice	DJ the dolphin



Yellow Polo Shirts:

If your child does not have a 'Holy Name' yellow polo shirt(s), emblazoned with the school badge, then please contact the school office as we have pre-loved uniform in school that we can pass onto families. A small donation for this uniform is welcome, but this is optional.

Please remember that our parish Saint Vincent De Paul Society are very keen to help families with providing school uniform.

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 next prize draw will be at the end of October!**

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

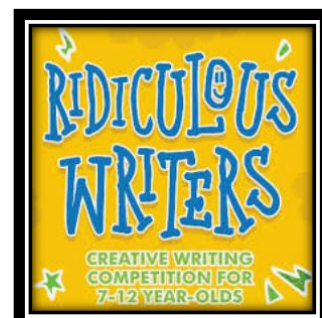
Parent Consultation Appointments:

This term's parent consultation meetings will be taking place **in the school hall** on **Monday 19th** and **Wednesday 21st October** between **3.30pm** and **5.45pm**. Our classrooms will be open for you to view your child's work.

Please remember that these meetings are for **parents and teachers only**: there is no provision for children to be supervised at school. **We therefore ask you NOT to bring children back into school on these evenings.**

KS2 Ridiculous Writers Competition:

Calling all creative Y3,4,5,6 writers! Please create a wacky character (like a dancing penguin or sporty pineapple) and write a mini saga of up to 100 words about their adventures. The goal is to have fun, be silly and original. Entry forms available from Mrs Kavanagh. Deadline for completed entries is **Friday 9th October!**



School Masses this Half Term:

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

Date:	Information:
Tuesday 6 th October	NO MASS IN SCHOOL
Tuesday 13 th October	Harvest Mass: Whole school in school hall at 9.15am
Tuesday 20 th October	Y4 and Y5 joining the parish for mass in church at 10.00am

Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Monday 5 th October	Y5 & Y6 'Meet the Teacher' in the school hall at 3.30pm
Tuesday 6 th October	Y3 & Y4 'Meet the Teacher' in the school hall at 3.30pm Y3/4 Tri-golf 3.15 – 4.15pm
Wednesday 7 th October	Y1 & Y2 'Meet the Teacher' in the school hall at 3.30pm
Thursday 8 th October	Y4 swimming Y5/6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 9 th October	Celebration Assembly 'Gifts from God' in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents welcome)
Tuesday 13 th October	Y3/4 Tri-golf 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 15 th October	Y6 Retreat Day at Alton Castle – pupils to be in school at 8.10am Y4 swimming Y5/6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Monday 19 th October	Parents' Evening 3.35 – 5.45pm in school hall
Tuesday 20 th October	Y3/4 Tri-golf 3.15 – 4.15pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Y4 Educational Visit to Thinktank Parents' Evening 3.35 – 5.45pm in school hall
Thursday 22 nd October	Y4 swimming Y5/6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm PTA MONSTER BALL 5.30 – 6.30pm: Reception, Y1, Y2 6.45 – 7.45pm: Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Friday 23 rd October	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – STAFF TRAINING DAY
Half Term Break:	Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
Monday 2 nd November	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – STAFF TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 3 rd November	All pupils back in school after half term break

Yours sincerely

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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**



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us a story about a man who takes good care of his vineyard. He plants grapes in it, builds a fence and a tower and a press for making wine from the grapes. Then when he goes away he asks some other people to look after it for him. These people are his tenants.



When the time comes for the wine to be ready, the man sends his servants to collect it. What happens to the servants?

Eventually the man sends his son because he thinks the tenants will respect and listen to him. What do the tenants do to the man's son? How do you think the man felt when he heard what the tenants had done?

The tenants were greedy and wanted to keep all the wine for themselves. They didn't want to share it with anyone, not even the man who owned the vineyard.

Do you think this is what Jesus wants us to be like? What does Jesus want us to do?

Jesus told this story so that people could understand more about God and what Jesus had come to do on earth. The different characters in the story represent God, the prophets – who were God's messengers to the people – and Jesus.

Who do you think the man who owned the vineyard is?

Who do you think the servants are who the man sends to deliver a message to the tenants?

Who do you think the son in the story is?

Like the man who gave the vineyard to his tenants to look after, God has given us the earth and all that is in it. God also sent his Son Jesus to show us how to live.

Our Catholic Mission:

The bad tenants in the gospel story thought only about themselves. Jesus asks us to think about other people too, to use the resources of the earth wisely so that everyone can have their fair share and enjoy the wonders of God's creation now and in the future.

What will you do to take care of the earth now and in the future?

Prayer:

Creator God,
may we listen to your word.
Teach us to care for each other and for all creation
so that all people may have what they need.
Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy