

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

## **Newsletter 5: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are all well. Thank you to all of the parents who joined us in school yesterday for a special prayer service to welcome our new Reception pupils and their families. Thank you also to all of the parents who joined us for our Celebration Assembly this morning.

### **Harvest Mass – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October:**

We will be collecting donations of pre-packed and tinned food to present to the Great Barr Food Bank as part of our harvest almsgiving. Please send in any suitable produce in preparation for our **Harvest Mass at 9.15am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please remember that all parents and family members are invited to join us for this special celebration.** Thank you in advance for your generosity



### **Rosary Challenge:**

October is the month of the Rosary. This October we would like to invite your child to take part in a challenge. To take part in this challenge your child should pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. Begin each decade of the Rosary by carefully listening to a scripture passage (please follow the links below). Then, pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary (ten times) and finish with the Glory Be. As you pray please try to remember the words from scripture and pay attention to how God speaks and moves in your heart.



[The Joyful Mysteries](#)

[The Luminous Mysteries](#)

[The Sorrowful Mysteries](#)

[The Glorious Mysteries](#)

To complete the challenge your child will need to complete a Rosary challenge log sheet which they can collect from Miss Edmunds. Please encourage your child to hand in any completed challenge logs to Miss Edmunds by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** to receive a certificate.

### **Coat Reminder:**

Please ensure that you send your child into school with their coat everyday as the weather is very unpredictable!

### **Number Fact of the Week:**

It is really important for our pupils to learn their multiplication facts as quickly as possible. By the end of Y4, it is expected that all pupils will be able to instantly recall all of these up to 12 x 12.

Every week, Mr Shanahan, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge to learn a specific number fact.

Be prepared: when he sees you around school he will be testing you!

This week's number fact is:

$$8 \times 7 = 56$$

or

$$7 \times 8 = 56$$



### **Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:**

Just like last year, our reading challenges are up and running! It is 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: [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!

All of these books will support your child's love of reading and further enhance their vocabulary and encourage a love of reading.

**The first raffle will take place at the end of October!  
All children should aim to have entered at least once by then. Good luck!**

**PTA AGM – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm:**

Holy Name Parent & Teacher Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting **online** on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm**. All parents are warmly invited to attend to review the actions of the PTA during the 2022-23 school year and plan for the coming year. All parents will be emailed a joining link for the meeting with next week's newsletter.

**Parent Consultation Appointments - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October:**

Please remember to book an appointment with your child's class teacher via School Cloud – please refer to the letter which was emailed to parents last Friday.

**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:
FRIDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Mass: Whole school in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>NO SCHOOL MASS</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Infants'</b> mass in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>

**Diary Dates:**

Date:	Information:
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Y2</b> Archery Club <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Y5</b> Educational Visit to National Space Centre <b>Y3 &amp; Y4</b> Archery club <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b> <b>Y1</b> Stories & Sounds Club <b>3.15 – 4.00pm</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Y4</b> Swimming (AM) <b>KS2</b> French Club <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Mass: Whole school in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b> (all parents welcome)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Y5</b> Bikeability all week (in school) <b>Y2</b> Archery Club <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4</b> Archery club <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b> <b>Y1</b> Stories & Sounds Club <b>3.15 – 4.00pm</b> Parent Teacher Association AGM online at <b>6.30pm</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Y6</b> Residential at Alton Castle
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Y4</b> Swimming (AM) <b>KS2</b> French Club <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents' Evening <b>3.35 – 6.00pm</b> in school hall
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4</b> Archery club <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b> <b>Y1</b> Stories & Sounds Club <b>3.15 – 4.00pm</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening <b>3.35 – 6.00pm</b> in school hall
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Y4</b> Swimming (AM) <b>KS2</b> French Club <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b> <b>PTA Monster Disco</b> <b>5.00 – 6.00pm:</b> Reception, Y1, Y2 <b>6.30 – 7.30pm:</b> Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Staff Training Day</b>
<b>Half Term Break:</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>

**Term Dates 2023-24:**

We will be closed for a training day on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**. The children's last day in school this half term will be **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**.

<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Term starts:</b>	<b>Half Term Holiday:</b>	<b>Term Ends:</b>
<b>Autumn</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December
<b>Spring</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>Summer</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

**Happy birthday to:**

Elizabeth M (Y6), Aoife L (Y5), Olivia T (Y3) and Amelia C (Reception) who all have a special day to celebrate next week.

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**

## 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*