

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

## **Newsletter 20: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are all 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.

Thank you very much for your PTA donations last week.

### **PTA Summer Fayre Stalls:**

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.



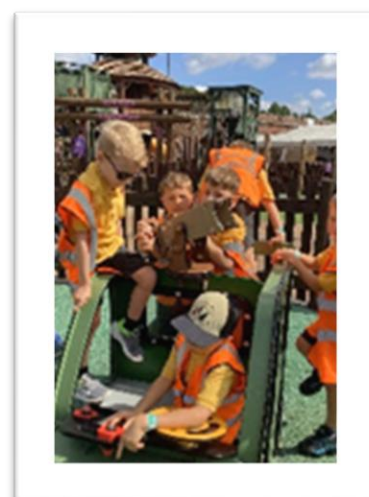
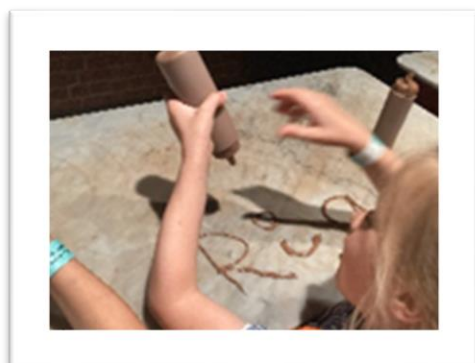
Please complete this form if you are able to help for an hour on the day. It will really make a difference!!

### **SUMMER FAYRE VOLUNTEERS FORM**

PTA Chair Joe McNamara: [joe.mcnamara3@gmail.com](mailto:joe.mcnamara3@gmail.com) / 07801273086

### **Y2 Educational Visit to Cadbury World:**

Y2 really enjoyed their visit to Cadbury World on Monday this week. They learnt about the history of the factory, the importance of rainforests for cocoa beans and how the delicious chocolate is made. Their favourite part was the 4-D cinema!



### **Late Collection at Hometown & After School Clubs:**

I would like to thank all of our families who collect their children promptly at 3.15pm each day; however, we do have some children who are regularly being collected from school much later than 3.15pm and we are also experiencing some children being regularly collected late from after school clubs. This is placing unnecessary pressure on staff who have many duties and meetings to attend to after school. We will be monitoring this and will withdraw places from after school clubs if necessary. Please remember that the after school Helping Hands provision is always available to parents – but you must provide Helping Hands with your details before seeking to make a booking. Thank you.



### **KS2 Pupils Cycling to School:**

We have received some requests from parents about the possibility of bikes and / or scooters being stored on the school premises if their child cycles to school. Our governors would like our **current Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5** parents to complete the form below, if this is of interest, so that a decision can be made about this. There is no plan at the moment to include infant pupils. The start date would be from September 2025 if we are able to proceed. Thank you.

## **KS2 CYCLE TO SCHOOL FORM**

### **KS2 'Mini Monster Tales' Writing Competition:**

Mrs Kavanagh would like to invite our junior pupils to take part in our Mini Monster Tales writing competition!

Every junior pupil is invited to let their imagination roam free by designing and creating their very own monster and then writing a mini saga, a story told in up to 100 words.

From a cute fluffball with a nasty bite to a giant monstrosity who just wants to make friends, the possibilities are endless!

All entries to be handed in to Mrs Kavanagh by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**



### **Reception Class Drawing/ Writing Competition:**

'This Is Me' is a fantastic drawing/ writing competition for our Reception children. Your child could draw a picture of themselves, their family, a pet, or their favourite animal or toy.

All entries to be handed in to Mrs Kavanagh by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**



### **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.

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 2.40pm</b>	<b>Y1 &amp; Y2</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am</b>	<b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2.40pm</b>	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2.40pm – NEW DATE</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6</b>



### 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**.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Information:</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 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y6 Leavers' Mass</b> in school at <b>9.15am</b>

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Information:</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Reception</b> Educational Visit to Sandwell Valley <b>Y3 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b> music showcase in school at <b>9.15am</b> <b>Y5 &amp; 6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b> <b>KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents welcome)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fayre <b>1.00 – 4.00pm</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Induction meeting for September 2025 Reception <b>Parents</b> at <b>9.15am</b> <b>Y3 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b> <b>Y6 Leavers' Performance</b> in school at <b>6.00pm</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4</b> music showcase in school at <b>2.40pm</b> <b>Y5 &amp; 6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b> <b>KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y3,4,5,6</b> sports day in school at <b>9.15am</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Induction meeting for September 2025 Nursery <b>Parents</b> at <b>9.15am</b> <b>Y5 Bikeability</b> begins in school
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Reception, Y1, Y2</b> sports day in school at <b>9.15am</b> <b>Y3 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y5 &amp; 6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b> <b>KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Nursery</b> sports day in school at <b>11.00am</b> Induction meeting for September 2025 Nursery & Reception <b>Parents &amp; Pupils</b> at <b>1.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6</b> music showcase in school at <b>2.40pm – NEW DATE</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Nursery</b> end of year party – pupils to come to school in party clothes
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Nursery</b> Graduation Ceremony at <b>11.00am</b>

Date:	Information:
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y6 Leavers' Mass</b> in school at <b>9.15am</b> Last day of summer term

### **Term Dates 2025-26:**

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

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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

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**

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year C)

## Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

In this Sunday's gospel, the disciples want to send the crowd away to find food and shelter. But Jesus says that the disciples have to feed the people themselves.



Why does Jesus want the disciples to feed the people?

Jesus wants them to care about the people they meet and whether they are hungry or not. He wants God's love to be shown through the disciples.

So what happens next? What does Jesus say and do?

Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, blessed them, broke them up and asked the disciples to share them around.

In the gospel, everyone, all 5000 people, eat the bread and the fish, and there is plenty left over, twelve baskets full!

What do you think the disciples and other people said to each other when this happened?

Imagine you are in the crowd of people who have come to Jesus. You were hungry and had no idea where you would find food. But then because of Jesus' miracle you get given something to eat by the disciples.

How do you feel? What would you like to say to Jesus after you've eaten some bread and fish?

## Our Catholic Mission:

Even though there is enough food produced in the world to feed everyone there are many people who go without food every day – both here in the UK and in other countries. The food in our world is not shared out fairly.

We are all members of one global family. We are all parts of one body – the body of Christ. So if one person is hungry, it is like we are all hungry.

Just like Jesus asks the disciples to feed the crowd in today's reading, we are also asked to do what we can to make sure that everyone has enough to eat.

What do you think we can do to help make sure everyone can get enough food to eat each day?

Try to do one thing this week to help someone who is hungry.

## Prayer:

God of all creation,  
you gave us this world,  
you gave us your Son,  
help us to be free of hunger  
and to be filled with your love.  
Amen.

*Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy*