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

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Dear Parents

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

We will be looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Monday 1st June**.

Year Six took their SATS tests last week and worked very well. It is a big pressure; they handled themselves brilliantly and did their very best. We are all very proud of them and Mrs Kavanagh!

We had a wonderful First Holy Communion Mass last Saturday! I hope that all of your family celebrations went well. Thank you to Father Christopher and everyone who helped to make this celebration such a success. In school, we would like to especially thank Miss Edmunds for all of her hard work 'behind the scenes' to organise the Mass and prepare the children.

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 next half term.

Y3 Sacramental Dates:

Please note the date for the **Y3** Thanksgiving Mass has been moved to **Sunday 21st June**.

Date:	Information:
Sunday 21 st June	Y3 Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of the Eucharist in church at 10.30am



Parish Multi-Cultural Evening – Saturday 11th July:

All of our children and families are invited to join with our parish for a very special evening in the parish centre on **Saturday 11th July** from **7.00 – 10.00pm**. Traditional dress is encouraged and there will be a 'shared buffet' where everyone is invited to bring a contribution. We have been asked to encourage our children to help to provide entertainment by performing a short act e.g. singing, dancing, music, poetry, jokes etc. Please complete the **form below** if anyone from your family is able to assist with this request! This will be a lovely evening. For further information, please see the attached flyer.

[PARISH MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING – FILL IN FORM](#)

PTA Summer Fayre Stalls:

We need your help at our Summer Fayre please. Just one hour of your time on **Saturday 27th June** will make all the difference.

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](#)

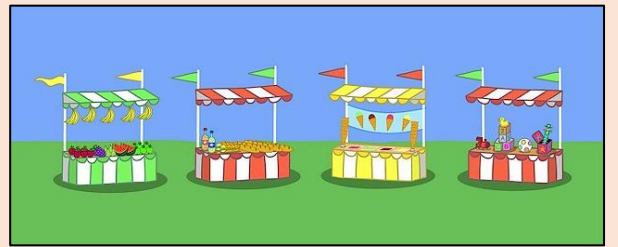


PTA Summer Fayre Stalls:

Our Parent Teacher Association would like to ask our parents if they know anyone who would like to host a stall at our Summer Fayre.

We do not need any food or refreshment stalls as the PTA are already providing these.

Please contact our PTA Chair – Joe McNamara: joe.mcnamara3@googlemail.com / 07801273086



TALENT COMPETITION AT PTA SUMMER FAYRE:

We will be once again hosting a talent competition at this year's PTA summer fayre! All of our children are invited to take part as a solo act, in a pair or small group in their class 'heat'. Singing, dancing, drama and joke-telling acts etc. are all welcome. Each class will be represented by one act: any acts who wish to take part will first of all perform in front of their own class **during the week beginning Monday 15th June**. Each class will then select which act will represent them at the final at the PTA summer fayre. Please make sure that you and your child are available from **1.00 - 4.00pm** on **Saturday 27th June** so that they will be able to take part if their class chooses them! We are really looking forward to this!

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:

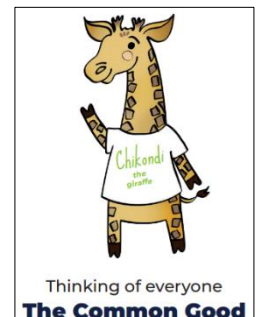
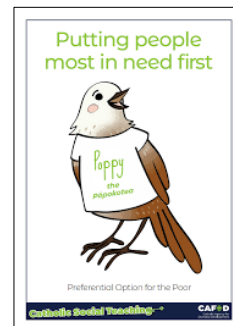


Days of the Week	Mysteries of the Rosary	<p><u>May Rosary Challenge:</u> Please see Miss Edmunds for a Rosary Challenge Sheet.</p> <p>All completed Rosary Challenge sheets returned to Miss Edmunds by Wednesday 3rd June will receive a certificate!</p>
Monday & Saturday	The Five Joyful Mysteries	
Tuesday & Friday	The Five Sorrowful Mysteries	
Wednesday & Sunday	The Five Glorious Mysteries	
Thursday	The Mysteries of Light (Luminous)	

Goldfinch Award for Values and Virtues:

Congratulations to the following children who have excelled at following the Catholic Schools Pupil Profile Values and Virtues of '**Intentional** and **Prophetic**' this half term.

They will be receiving special certificates in assembly on **Friday 5th 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.



Foundation	Y1		Y2	
Amelia L Mirha A	Laddiveer D Trinity E-D		Niall B Nathaniel M	
Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	
Henry G Leo D	Nalan H Roman S	Oscar P Lena C	Pavneet C King R-D	



Catholic Schools Pupil Profile: this half term we are growing to be '**Grateful and Generous**'.



The Wednesday Word:

Please do take time to read the ' Wednesday Word' with your child, which will be uploaded to the school website each week. [You can find it here!](#)



The Primary School Wednesday Word is an outreach project which shares Sunday's Gospel with all school families in a unique way. It is a weekly Gospel 'gift' from the school to the whole family.

Y3 Family Prayer Service:

Y3 recently led a beautiful prayer service focused on the Eucharist and preparing for Holy Communion. We listened to readings from the Bible, prayed, sang, and reflected together on Jesus' love and the importance of belonging to God's family. It was a joyful celebration that helped us prepare our hearts for this special sacrament.



Picture News – Joe Wickes Live Work out:

Last Thursday we all took part in the Joe Wickes live workout hosted by Picture News for Mental Health Awareness Week. We all know how important it is to look after our minds as well as our bodies! Well done to all who took part.

Reception Class Road Safety Walk:

Today we enjoyed a really informative road safety walk led by Sandwell Road Safety team to Great Barr Library. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers! We enjoyed learning about how to keep ourselves safe when crossing the road. We also enjoyed learning what our local library has to offer us!



Y4 Educational Visit to Bishops Wood:

Our Y4 students stepped back in time during an immersive day at Bishops Wood. The children developed their understanding of Viking history through hands on outdoor activities, learning what life was like thousands of years ago. The children explored what the longboat journey would have been like and crafted traditional pots, spun wool and hammered wire amulets.



Y5 Educational Visit to the Black Country Museum:

Y5 had a fantastic and enjoyable day at the Black Country Living Museum, where they stepped back in time to experience life during the Industrial Revolution. The children explored historic buildings, met costumed characters, and discovered how people lived and worked during this important period in British history.



Number Facts of the Week:

At Holy Name, we place a strong emphasis on pupils learning their multiplication and division facts and recalling them quickly and confidently.

By the end of Year Four, all pupils are expected to know all multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 by heart.

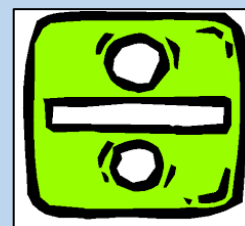
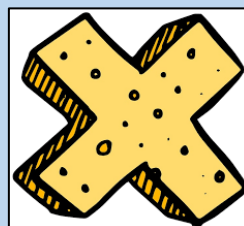
Each week, Miss Doody, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge. Be prepared - our class teachers will be testing you!

This week's multiplication and division facts are:

$$3 \times 4 = 12 \text{ or } 4 \times 3 = 12 \quad 12 \div 3 = 4 \text{ or } 12 \div 4 = 3$$

Next week's multiplication and division facts are:

$$9 \times 5 = 45 \text{ or } 5 \times 9 = 45 \quad 45 \div 9 = 5 \text{ or } 45 \div 5 = 9$$



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!)

Congratulations to the children who won this month's reading raffle in assembly this morning:

Jackson D, Javin N, Jayna B, Javaughn N, Leah B, Lena C, Emily B

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!

The next prize draw will be on **Friday 26th June.**

School Masses Next Half Term:

All **parents and parishioners** are warmly invited to join us for all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **10.00am**.

Please note: school masses now take place on **Tuesdays**.

Date:	Information:
Tuesday 2 nd June	Y4 & Y5 joining the parish for mass in church at 10.00am
Tuesday 9 th June	Y3 & Y6 joining the parish for mass in church at 10.00am
Tuesday 16 th June	No classes attending mass
Tuesday 23 rd June	Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am
Tuesday 30 th June	Y4 & Y5 joining the parish for mass in church at 10.00am
Tuesday 7 th July	No classes attending mass
Tuesday 14 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at 9.15am

Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of summer 1 st half term
Half Term Break:	Monday 25th Mary to Friday 29th May
Monday 1 st June	First day of summer 2 nd half term
Tuesday 2 nd June	Y3 & Y4 Frisbee Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 4 th June	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 5 th June	Values & Virtues Assembly in school hall at 9.05am (all parents are invited to join us)
Monday 8 th June	Y2 Educational Visit to Cadbury World
Tuesday 9 th June	Y3 & Y4 Frisbee Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 11 th June	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 12 th June	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents welcome)
Tuesday 16 th June	Y3 & Y4 Frisbee Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 18 th June	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 19 th June	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents welcome)
Sunday 21 st June	Y3 Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of the Eucharist in church on feast of Corpus Christi at 10.30am
Tuesday 23 rd June	Y6 Educational Visit to Oscott College Y3 & Y4 Frisbee Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 25 th June	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Saturday 27 th June	PTA Summer Fayre 1.00 – 4.00pm
Tuesday 30 th June	Y6 Leavers' Performance in school at 6.00pm
Friday 3 rd July	Y3,4,5,6 sports day in school at 9.15am
Monday 6 th July	Y3 Educational Visit to Botanical Gardens
Tuesday 7 th July	Infants (Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2) sports day in school at 9.15am
Saturday 11 th July	Parish Multi-Cultural Evening in Parish Centre 7.00 – 10.00pm
Tuesday 14 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at 9.15am
Friday 17 th July	Last day of summer term for pupils

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**

Pentecost (Year A)

Gospel:

This Sunday is the day of the Holy Spirit. It is called the Feast of Pentecost.



Pentecost means 50 in Greek as the Holy Spirit came to the disciples 50 days after Easter.

The disciples were alone and afraid, because their friend Jesus, who they knew was the Son of God, had been put to death.

Suddenly Jesus appeared to them and said: "Peace be with you."

The disciples were filled with joy. Jesus repeated the words: "Peace be with you."

Jesus breathed on the disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. He told the disciples he was sending them out to spread his word.

The disciples had been sad, lonely and frightened. How do you think they felt after Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit onto them?

The disciples were filled with joy, hope and courage to go out and spread the word of God. God's special message of peace for all people.

The Holy Spirit gives the disciples the courage to see that they can do what Jesus asks of them.

The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to answer Jesus' call, to do what God asks of us even when it is difficult. We each answer that call in a different way, but the Holy Spirit helps and guides us along the way.

Our Catholic Mission:

This week let's try to notice the Holy Spirit in our lives, helping us to be brave, and helping us to spread Jesus' message of peace in our world.

What will you do this week to try and spread peace in our world?

Prayer:

God of mercy,
fill us with your Spirit and guide us as we try to share your peace in our world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy