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

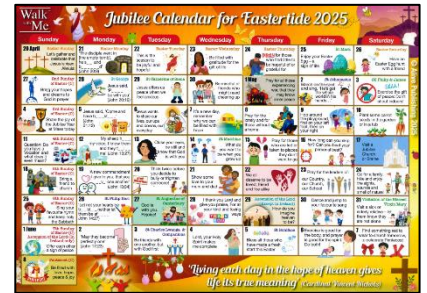
Newsletter 19: Friday 6th June

Dear Parents

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

Please remember to continue to follow your Eastertide 'Walk with Me' calendar until this Sunday 8th June which is the Feast of Pentecost - the last day of the Easter season.

On the Feast of Pentecost, the priest's vestments and cloths in church will be red. This symbolises the fire of the Holy Spirit which descended upon those present at Pentecost.



Parent Governor Election:

Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Jayne Logue, has written to all parents this week seeking nominations for the very important role of parent governor. Please read the letter and return the acknowledgement slip to school (paper copies will be sent out on Monday). Please note that **you do not have to be a baptised or practising Catholic** to serve as a parent governor.

It is really important for us to have parent representation on the governing body, even more so in the near future when our school will be joining The St Gabriel the Archangel Multi-Academy Trust in September.

Please note that the reply slip is not for nominations it is merely an acknowledgement that you as a parent have been informed that an election will be taking place.

If you would like to discuss the role of parent governor with a serving member of our governing body, then please leave your contact details with the school office and a governor will make contact with you at the earliest opportunity. Please consider carefully whether this is a role which you may be able to take up. Thank you.

Virtues and Values for this Half Term - 'Faith-filled and Hopeful':

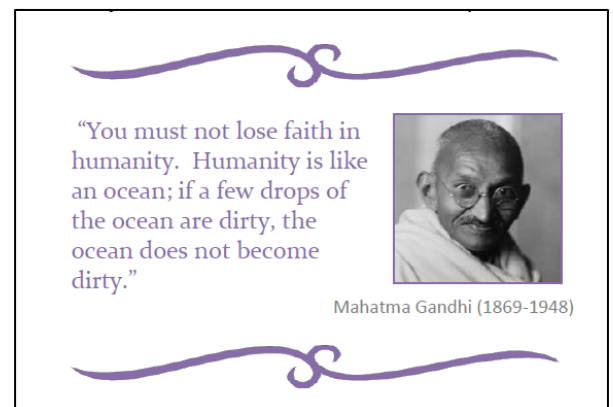
This half term, the Jesuit virtues which will be reflecting on in school are: '**Faith-filled** and **Hopeful**'. Our reflection and study of the Jesuit virtues helps us to enable our pupils to live and learn for the greater glory of God and the common good.

In our whole school assembly this morning, Miss Edmunds explained that pupils in a Jesuit school are growing to be **faith-filled** in their **beliefs** and **hopeful** for the future.

To be **faith-filled** is crucial to human wellbeing – **faith** in myself, my emotions and judgements; **faith** in others and their **faith** in me; **faith** in my family and the communities to which I belong; and, ultimately, **faith** in God.

God invites us to have **faith** in him and in his son, Jesus Christ. This **faith** grows if we work at a relationship with God in prayer, by trying to live out the gospel values, and by being part of a community of **faith**.

Hope grows out of **faith** and love – the stronger **faith** and love are, the stronger our **hope** will be.



Children learn to hope by seeing and hearing **hope-filled** adults. They learn not to be frightened to step out into the darkness of the unknown but to draw on their own character strengths, and of those around them, to face challenges with courage and resolve.

When we have strong **faith** and love today, we have hope for tomorrow. Christianity teaches that God is a God of **hope**: his Christ walks before us, giving us the gifts (the graces) and courage we need to follow.

Thank you for your valued commitment to supporting the Catholic life of our school.

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 27th June 2025.**

PTA – Donation Days:

We will be asking for donations over the next few weeks as part of the preparation for the annual PTA summer fayre which is taking place on **Saturday 28th June** from 1.00 – 4.00pm.

Please remember to purchase your raffle tickets - the top prize is **£100!**

Next **Friday 13th June**, the PTA are asking for **SWEETS**. All donations will be gratefully accepted.

On Friday 20th June, the PTA are asking for **BOTTLES** (soft drinks or alcohol).

All donations will be gratefully accepted!



PTA Summer Fayre Stalls:

We need your help at our Summer BBQ please. Just one hour of your time on Saturday 28th 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@googlemail.com / 07801273086





TALENT COMPETITION AT PTA SUMMER BARBEQUE:

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 16th 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 28th June** so that they will be able to take part if their class chooses them! We are really looking forward to this!

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.

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



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**.

Date:	Information:
Wednesday 4 th June	Y3 and Y6 joining the parish for mass in church at 11.30am
Wednesday 11 th June	Y4 and Y5 joining the parish for mass in church at 11.30am
Wednesday 18 th June	Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am
Wednesday 25 th June	Y3 and Y6 joining the parish for mass in church at 11.30am
Wednesday 2 nd July	Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am
Wednesday 9 th July	Y4 and Y5 joining the parish for mass in church at 11.30am
FRIDAY 16th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at 9.15am

Date:	Information:
Tuesday 10 th June	Y3 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 12 th June	Y5 & 6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 13 th June	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents welcome)
Monday 16 th June	Y2 Educational Visit to Cadbury World
Tuesday 17 th June	Y3 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 18 th June	Y5 & 6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 20 th June	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents welcome) Y1 & Y2 music showcase in school at 2.40pm
Tuesday 24 th June	Y3 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 26 th June	Nursery & Reception music showcase in school at 9.15am Y5 & 6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 27 th June	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents welcome)
Saturday 28 th June	PTA Summer Fayre 1.00 – 4.00pm
Tuesday 1 st July	Induction meeting for September 2025 Reception Parents at 9.15am Y6 Leavers' Performance in school at 6.00pm
Thursday 3 rd July	Y3 & Y4 music showcase in school at 2.40pm
Friday 4 th July	Y3,4,5,6 sports day in school at 9.15am
Monday 7 th July	Y5 Bikeability begins in school
Tuesday 8 th July	Reception, Y1, Y2 sports day in school at 9.15am
Friday 11 th July	Nursery sports day in school at 11.00am Induction meeting for September 2025 Reception Parents & Pupils at 1.30pm
Wednesday 9th July	Y5 & Y6 music showcase in school at 2.40pm – NEW DATE
Friday 18 th July	Last day of summer term

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 C)

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

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 gospel reading is part of the last conversations Jesus has with his disciples before he dies and so he is preparing them to live without his leadership.

Jesus tells them that if they love him, they will do as he has asked them.

What has Jesus asked the disciples to do?

He has asked them to love one another as he has loved them. And he says that if they do this, then God will send the Holy Spirit to be with them forever. The Holy Spirit will teach the disciples everything they need to know once Jesus has left and will remind them of Jesus' words while he was with them.

Jesus also says that if we love him, his Father will love us and make his home in us. What do you think this means?

How can you make a home ready for God? (e.g. in your hearts, lives or to prepare your own home...)

How would you make God feel welcome?

Our Catholic Mission:

How will you show your love for God in the coming week?

How will you make a welcoming home for God and for others in the coming week?

Prayer:

All powerful and ever-loving God,
give us your Spirit,
give us your courage,
so that we may follow you and love you all the days of our lives.
Let us share this love with others.
Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy