



To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

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School Newsletter – 19

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As we move into the final four weeks of the school year, there is a real sense of excitement and pride across our school community. This is always a special time, filled with opportunities to celebrate the many achievements of our children and reflect on a year of hard work, growth and joy.

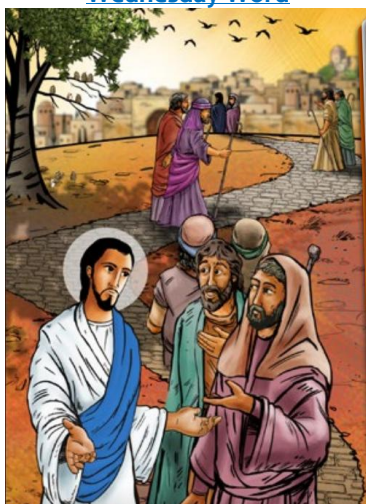
I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported preparations for our Summer Fayre. The generosity of our parents, staff and the wider community never ceases to amaze me - your time, donations and effort make events like this possible. They are not only great fun but also an important way of strengthening our school community. This weekend, we also take a moment to celebrate Father's Day. We give thanks for all fathers and father figures in our community - those who guide, support and encourage our children each day. Whether it is through quiet acts of care, words of wisdom, or simply being there when it matters most, the role you play is deeply valued. We recognise that families take many forms, and we are grateful for all those who offer love, stability and guidance in the lives of our children. In addition, this week, we have also marked World Refugee Day. This provides an important opportunity for us, as a Catholic school, to reflect on our mission to 'Live as Jesus Taught Us' - showing compassion, understanding and solidarity with those who may be facing hardship or displacement.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The weeks ahead will be busy and full of celebration, and we look forward to sharing these final moments of the school year with you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

Wednesday Word



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is sending out his disciples to heal and to preach the good news. Even if they are met with hostility and persecution, they must be true to Jesus. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming truth and exposing falsehood. Now his disciples must courageously do the same.

Most of us require courage at some time in our lives, so it's good and helpful to nurture courage in our children. As our children mature, it's essential for them to be brave and have the courage to say 'no' when necessary, even if it means going against the crowd or speaking up for truth.

Sports Days

Next week, we will be hosting our Sports Day (please see the Key Dates section of the newsletter). We are looking forward to welcoming parents and friends to these events. Entrance to Sports Day will be through the blue gate by the portacabin - access will be 10 minutes prior to the start times as detailed in the dates section below.

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Parent Pay

As we approach the end of term, we would ask everyone to check the balance on their ParentPay account and clear any outstanding amounts. You might also find it useful to set up balance alerts on your ParentPay account. This can be done by going into communication / message alerts on your account - please note there is a charge of 6p for any text alerts. Email alerts are free of charge.

Olton Friary Link

To hear all about the wonderful events that take place at the Olton Friary please follow this link below that will lead you to their notice page on their website:
<https://www.oltonfriary.org.uk/weekly-notices/>

Dates for 2025/26

Further dates will be added throughout the term



- 20.6.26 – Summer Fayre @ Olton Friary – 12pm – 3pm
- 20.6.26 – World Refugee Day
- 21.6.26 – Father's Day
- 24.6.26 – UKS2 Sports Day – 9.15am
- 24.6.26 – FS Sports Day – 10.30am
- 24.6.26 – LKS2 Sports Day – 1.15pm
- 24.6.26 – KS1 Sports Day – 2.15pm
- 30.6.26 – Provisional Sports Day if required due to weather
- 7.7.26 – Year 6 Production – 10am
- 10.7.26 – Festival of Faiths and Culture Day
- 16.7.26 – Year 6 Leaver's Awards – 10am
- 17.7.26 – Year 6 Leaver's Mass at Friary – 10.15am
- 17.7.26 – Year 6 Leaver's Celebrations – 12.45pm
- 17.7.26 – School finishes at 2pm for Summer Holidays

Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

For further information, please visit the National Online Safety website.



Read to the Beat! Summer Reading Challenge – free at your local Solihull library!

Your child (age 4–11) can join the Summer Reading Challenge this summer. It's fun, free and helps keep up reading skills over the holidays!

- Set a reading goal
- Read whatever they like – books, eBooks, audiobooks
- Earn stickers, rewards, a medal and a chance to enter a prize draw to win a voucher for Touchwood, Waterstones or The Entertainer.

Find out more about it on the Solihull Libraries website:

[Children and young people's library services | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

It starts on the 11th July and runs throughout the summer holidays.



Free School Meals & Pupil Premium – Important Update

From next academic year, there are some changes nationally to how Free School Meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium (PP) are identified and funded. While the details are still being finalised, it remains very important that families who may be eligible apply. Even if your child already receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, registering for FSM can still provide additional funding for the school through Pupil Premium. This funding is used to support children with resources, enrichment opportunities and targeted support. We strongly encourage all families to check their eligibility using the FSM checker link below. It is quick, confidential and could make a real difference:

<https://edportals.solihull.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/SynergyWeb/ApplyforServiceOnline.aspx>.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE) Update

From the next academic year, there are some updates to the national RSE curriculum. Many of these elements are already reflected within our current provision here at school, including our diocesan-approved Ten:Ten programme, *Life to the Full*, which we use to support the teaching of Relationships and Health Education in line with Catholic teaching. As always, we are committed to ensuring that our curriculum is age-appropriate, delivered sensitively and supports the partnership between home and school. Parents who would like to find out more about the updates and how they are reflected in the Ten:Ten programme are welcome to visit the website below for further information:

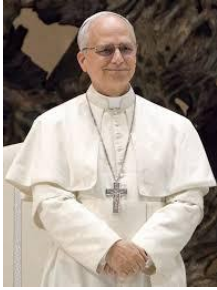
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/the-hub/curriculum-primary-schools-03-2026/>

Year 5 Commitment Mass



We warmly invite our Year 5 parents to attend the Year 5 Commitment Mass on Monday 6th July at 1.30pm. This marks the beginning of the children's journey as Confirmandi, as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Popel Leo's Prayer Intention for June: Sport and Peace



In June, we join Catholics around the world in praying that sport may be an instrument of peace, bringing people together in friendship, understanding and dialogue across cultures and nations. Inspired by the Pope's message, we give thanks for the gift of sport - the joy of playing together, the friendships formed, and the opportunities to grow in respect, teamwork and solidarity. May all sporting activities in our school community reflect these values, helping our children to learn that, both in life and in sport, we are stronger when we support one another.

Gaelic Football Tournament



We are incredibly proud of our Gaelic football team, who reached the final after a series of determined and impressive performances. The team showed great resilience, teamwork and sporting spirit throughout the competition, representing our school with pride.

In the final, they faced a strong Our Lady of the Wayside side and, despite a committed and spirited display, were narrowly defeated. The players should be commended for their effort, teamwork and positive attitude from start to finish.

Well done to all involved – reaching the final is a fantastic achievement, and we are very proud of you!

Bags of Hope

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REFUGEES

- Socks
- Wipes
- Hat
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Water
- Chocolate
- Deodorant Spray
- Bar of Soap
- Flannel

DISABILITY

- Wipes
- Tissues
- Fidget Toy
- Hand Cream
- Lip Balm
- Stress Ball
- Tote Bag
- Face Cream
- Fluffy Socks
- Soft Tooth Brush

HOMELESSNESS

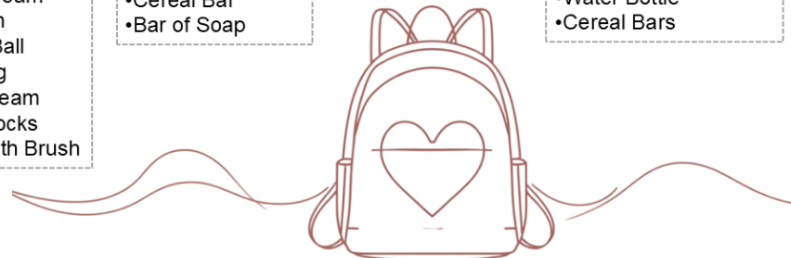
- Socks
- Hat
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Water
- Tissues
- Wipes
- Gloves
- Cereal Bar
- Bar of Soap

Older People

- Tissues
- Wipes
- Tin of Soup
- Blanket
- Word Search
- Denture Tablets
- Chocolate
- Denture Pot
- Deodorant Spray
- Flannel

Children & Families

- Colouring Book
- Crayons
- Food Voucher
- Shower Gel
- Children's Toothpaste
- Small Game eg Uno
- Chocolate / Sweets
- Bed Socks
- Water Bottle
- Cereal Bars



As part of a diocesan initiative, our school is taking part in the **Bag of Hope Appeal**, supporting individuals and families who are experiencing hardship across our local communities. We are inviting each class to work together to fill a backpack with essential items that could support someone for a week - our Bags of Hope will be blessed by His Grace before being distributed across the Diocese as a sign of hope, care and compassion for those in need.

We would be very grateful for any donations of items from the shopping lists – please see attached. Each class will be focusing on a particular area of need and will share details of this and the items they are collecting. All donated items should be brought into school by **Wednesday 24th June**, ready for collection and distribution.

Thank you for your support in helping us make a difference to those who need it most. Through this project, our children will have the opportunity to live out our values of faith, generosity and service, while bringing hope to others in our wider community.