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Friday 15th November



MASS TIMES THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

17th November — 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.45am Led by Year 5. (Children's Liturgy—please come along as a family)

10.30am

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first couple of weeks of this half-term have flown by. Lots has been happening and we're already well into our planning for the Advent Season. Please see the back for our schedule for you to put dates into your diary.

We would also like to remind you about our SIFA Fireside Appeal. During the month of November, we are asking for your support again by collecting supplies for men who are homeless. We are asking our families for second hand coats, warm tops and sleeping bags. (Please ensure they are clean). We are also looking for donations of men's toiletries, socks and underwear.

SIFA are also putting packs together for 'people who are sleeping rough'.



For rough sleeper packs

- Cereal
- Chocolate
- Cereal bars/biscuits
- Crisps
- Soft drinks



Your generosity would make such a difference, no matter how small.

St Teresa said "The Little Way is about being both small and doing the Smallest actions with great love."

It has been lovely to welcome Father John into school to celebrate whole school Masses with us. We've had two since our last newsletter: Harvest Mass in late October and a Mass for the Holy Souls this week.



Best wishes,

Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie

L. Flanagan and S Hainie

loving hopeful
 attentive learned curious
 faith-filled prophetic wise
 generous eloquent grateful
 intentional compassionate
 active
 truthful

This half term, the children are focussing on the virtues **intentional** and **prophetic**; **intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

Our Catholic Social Teaching focus this half-term is **dignity of the human person**.

We remember that each person is made in the image and likeness of God. We want every person to grow and flourish in every aspect of their being.

The latest Wednesday Word is happiness <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/fairness?pid=MTA101634&v=154.3>

human
 Community Participation Solidarity Work
 CallCare Dignity Person Rights Workers
 Creation Family Option Responsibilities Vulnerable
 God's Life



In preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, Year 6 children led at Parish Masses last weekend and were formally enrolled onto the programme. Congratulations!



Thank you and well done to children from Year 5 who led 8.45 Mass at Church on Sunday just before half-term.



RE Inspire Workshops

It was so lovely to welcome family into school for our RE Inspire Workshops. The theme of *God's creation* led to so many wonderful ideas. The children have told us how much they love working at school with loved ones from home.



Online Safety

We were delighted to welcome *Positive Social* into school, who delivered an informative workshop to Year 6 about keeping safe when online.



Fire Service

Year 4 were thrilled when they had a visit from some local firefighters. They learned lots about keeping safe and were really inspired.



Other Faiths

Year 1 and Year 3 have been learning about **Hinduism**.



Judaism

EYFS and Year 4 have been learning about Judaism.





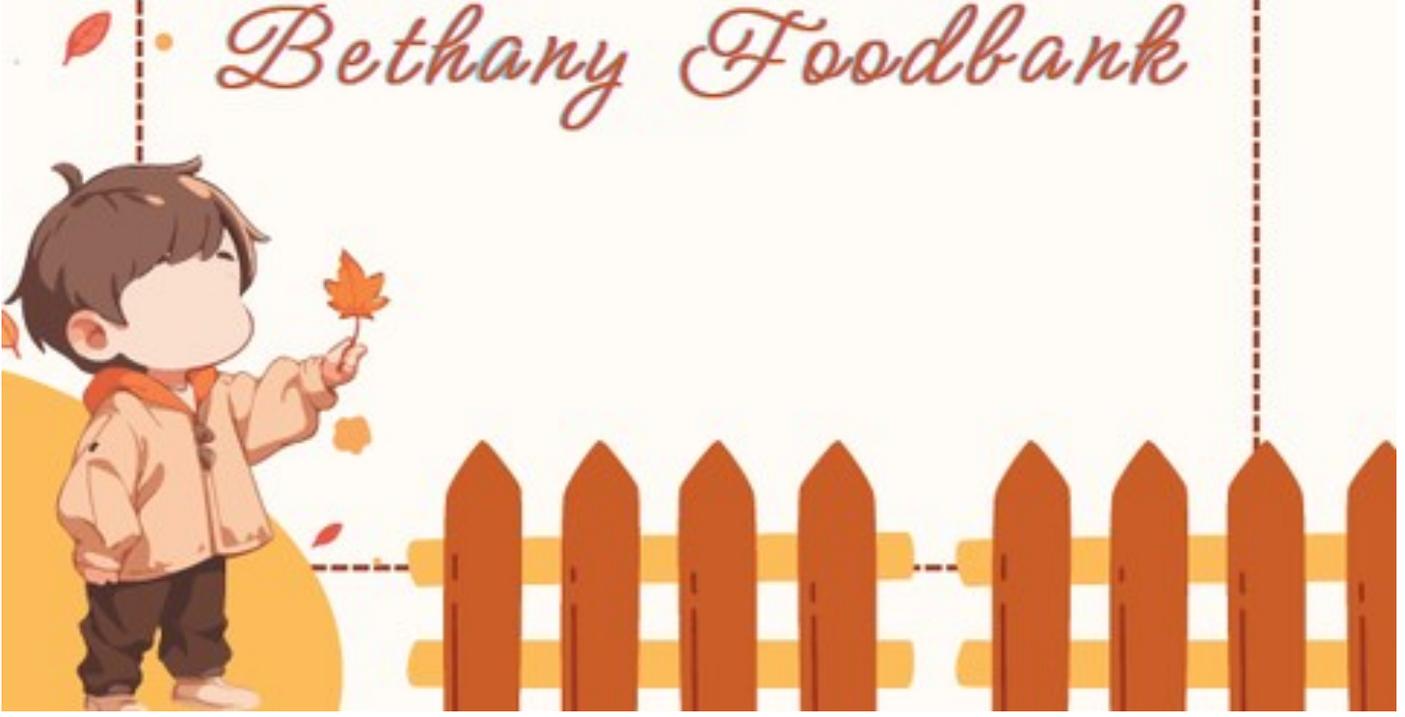
Thank You

Bethany Foodbank would love to say a massive thank you for your continued support for our food bank. We are extremely grateful for the generous donations that you collected for for us during the Harvest Festival.

Without people like you, we would find it difficult to support families. Your donations make it a little bit easier.

And thank you to all of the staff for helping with all of these fabulous donations!

Love



Bethany Foodbank





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Sports Update

As the season has begun, St G&T's football teams are celebrating a fantastic start: both the Boys Cup and Girls League teams have won all of their fixtures. Their success on the field is a testament to their hard work, skill, and dedication.

Both teams brought enthusiasm and respect to every game, competing with both passion and sportsmanship that make the school proud. The commitment and ability shown by these players are an incredible reflection of St G&T's values, setting a high standard in every match.

Well done all and thank you, Mr Langford!

Let's keep cheering them on!



Recognition

We have been given *Equal Access School 2024* status from Barclays Girls' Football School Partnerships in recognition of some of our efforts to ensure that all children get a chance.



St George and St Teresa's time to shine!!!

Headteacher's award

Nursery: Annie

Reception: Izzie

Year 1: Spencer

Year 2: Ella

Year 3: Emlyn

Year 4: Edgar

Year 5: Ewan T and Emily

Year 6: Isabella



Catholic Social Teaching award

Nursery: Cillian

Reception: Henry

Year 1: Tadhg

Year 2: Ted

Year 3: Verity

Year 4: Annabelle

Year 5: Sopha

Year 6: Carried forward



St Teresa's Little Way award



Nursery: Arthur

Reception: Felix

Year 1: Keava

Year 2: Phoebe

Year 3: Bradley

Year 4: Chloe

Year 5: Jessica

Year 6: Harrison S

History award

Nursery: Liam

Reception: Emma

Year 1: Oscar

Year 2: Nancy

Year 3: Helena

Year 4: Alex

Year 5: Adam

Year 6: Carried forward



Maths award

Year 2: Ailbe





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MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Well done to Year 4 who've had the highest attendance (just) over the last four weeks, just pipping Year 5.

Year	Attendance
Nursery	95.9%
Reception	94.4%
Year 1	92.6%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	95.4%



Parking around school

We ask you to be considerate to our neighbours when parking.

Thank you for your continued understanding and co-operation.



Nut free school

Please remember we are a nut free school. Even traces of nuts brought in by one child can have serious implications for other children.





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**Solihull
Family Hubs**



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A Family Hub is a place where children, young people and families can go for services, advice and to meet other families. Raising a family, being a parent or carer, or navigating life as a young person can be a challenge so staff in the hubs can put you in touch with different services in the area.

There are 4 Family Hubs in Solihull

- Elmwood- Smiths Wood
- Evergreen- Kingshurst
- Riverside- Chelmsley Wood
- Hatchford Brook- Elmdon

Scan here for more information on the Family Hubs website



Family Hubs are open to everyone and there will always be a safe space available for you if you need it. You can get help with many things from:



- parenting support and social activities
- seeing a midwife or a health visitor
- activities for young people
- support for children and young people with additional needs

The Solihull Start for Life Offer is a guide for everyone involved in a child's life from pregnancy to 2 years old. It includes information, advice, services and places to go to keep healthy, happy and safe in the first 1,001 days.

Email us: familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk
Call: 0121 704 6017
Follow us on Facebook: Solihull Family Hubs

Scan here for the Solihull Start for Life



**Download the Solihull Family Hubs App,
available on Apple Store and Google Play Store**

[St George & St Teresa Primary School - Advent 2024 – Family Version](#)

Details about specific timings and ticket arrangements for these events will be sent out in due course.

December

Mass and other religious services

Tuesday 3rd Whole School Advent in Hall (Y6 lead – 2.30 pm)

Sunday 8th Y4 Class Mass at Church (8.45 am)

Thursday 19th Whole School End of Term Mass in Hall (Y2 lead – 2.30 pm)

Advent Reflections – in Hall, 3.00 pm

Monday 2nd Year 6

Monday 9th Year 4

Friday 13th Year 3

Tuesday 17th Year 1/2

Wednesday 18th Year 5

Christmas Performances

Tuesday 10th Y1-6 Christmas Performance (2.30 pm)

Wednesday 11th EYFS Nativity (1.30 pm); Y1-6 Christmas Performance (2.30 pm)

Thursday 12th EYFS Nativity (9.30 am); Y1-6 Christmas Performance (10.30 am)

[If you want to attend an EYFS and Y1-6 performance, we have put them back-to-back on the Wednesday and Thursday to try and make it more convenient for you.](#)

Christmas Other

Thursday 5th Panto (in school during school hours)

Friday 6th PTFA Christmas Movie Night 1

Tuesday 10th Children's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th PTFA Christmas Movie Night 2

Monday 16th Christmas Boutique am; Round the Tree (evening)