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Friday 29th November



MASS TIMES THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

1st December — First Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.45am (Children's Liturgy—please come along as a family)

10.30am

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach Advent, there's so much going on at school over the next three weeks. Please see the schedule at the back of this newsletter to make sure you don't miss out! Year 6 will be leading our first Advent Reflection on Monday (3.00 pm) and then our whole school Advent Mass on Tuesday (2.30 pm).

It was fantastic to see so many of you Friday morning for our *Time To Shine Assembly*. It certainly broke our attendance record for these and the children loved sharing the celebration of their successes with family.



As part of their unit on "My local area", Year 1 undertook some fieldwork to discover more about the area around Bentley Heath and Dorridge. On a cold frosty day, the children walked from school to Sainsbury's and discussed the features that they could see around school. They spotted roads, crossings, schools, different types of houses, road signs and lots of different shops. This will be very useful information for the rest of the topic!



Best wishes,

Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie

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



Community Human
 Call Care Dignity Person Rights Workers
 Creation Family Option Responsibilities Vulnerable
 God's Life

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/advent?pid=MTA101634&v=156.3>

In the lead up the Christmas, Childrens Liturgy will run every Sunday during 8.45am Mass in the parish centre at St George & Teresa church, with special nativity and Christmas themed crafts during advent. All children are welcome!

On Sunday 22nd December, there will be a 1hr rehearsal for those children who would like to take part in the Christmas Eve Children's tableau. The rehearsal will take place in the parish centre straight after the 8.45am Mass (approx 9:45) on 22nd December for 1hr max.

Christmas Masses and Services at Church

Next Sunday: Christmas Carol Service 8 th December at 4pm & afterwards seasonal refreshments in the parish hall.

Christmas Eve Masses: 4.00 pm Mass and Children's tableau of the story of the Nativity. 10.00 pm Mass (with the liturgy of Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day 8.45 am Mass 10.30 am Mass

One Life

The whole school really enjoyed the retreat day with "One Life", thinking about St Francis and God's creation. We sang, we signed, we talked and prayed together.





Reverse Advent Calendar

We're excited to announce that our school will be participating in the Mini Vinnie's Reverse Advent Calendar this year!

Instead of counting down the days to Christmas with treats, we'll be giving back to those in need.

Father John in School

EYFS and Year 3 received visits from Father John over the last couple of weeks. He spent time with Year 3 in a Q&A session about the sacrament of Reconciliation and also led EYFS's St Andrew's Service in class.



Sacred Heart

Well done to our liturgy leaders from Year 6 who, inspired by Pope Frances's call to the Sacred Heart, held a massively popular reflection session at lunchtime on Wednesday.





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Bracelets

"Having learnt about Catholic Social Teaching in class and in school assemblies, we decided to help others in need and less fortunate than ourselves.

As a group, we made bracelets in our own time in order to sell them to the pupils of our school and to raise money for the Bethany Food Bank.

With the support of the pupils, we raised £41.10.

Thankyou for helping us raise this money."

Annabelle, Eloise and Grace
Year 4.



Sports Update

Well done again to our girls football team who recorded a resounding victory in their latest league fixture.

Chess

Well done to our chess grandmasters who competed in the Solihull group of the Warwickshire team chess tournament last week. We are very proud of you for achieving 3rd place! This was an amazing feat for a brand new team who had never played against anyone officially.



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

Headteacher's award

Nursery: Edward

Reception: Tommy

Year 1: Lucy

Year 2: Eva

Year 3: Henry

Year 4: Nell

Year 5: Wynter

Year 6: Oscar



Intentional and Prophetic award

Nursery: Cora

Reception: Ember

Year 1: Elliot

Year 2: Leo

Year 3: Evelyn

Year 4: Lily-Rose

Year 5: Una

Year 6: Mary



St Teresa's Little Way award



Nursery: Liam

Reception: Charlie

Year 1: Margot

Year 2: Rupert

Year 3: Elijah

Year 4: Eloise

Year 5: Leila

Year 6: Noah

Maths award

Nursery: Mia

Reception: Lennon

Year 1: Joseph

Year 2: Bastian

Year 3: Cohen

Year 4: Tallulah

Year 5: Elliot

Year 6: Eamonn



History award

Year 6: Oakley



Catholic Social Teaching award

Year 6: Kara





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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—that's two in a row!

Year	Attendance
Nursery	96.1%
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	96.4%



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
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Scan here for the Solihull Start for Life



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St George & St Teresa Primary School - Advent 2024 – Family Version

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.

Ticket information will be sent in the week.

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 (6.00 pm)