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**Friday 17th January**



## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

**19th January — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday** 5.30pm

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

10.30am

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new year. We've had a very busy start to the year already.

### Young Voices

Tuesday night was a special one for the children and families in our School Choir as they joined a choir of thousands to perform to thousands at Resort World Arena.

Everyone had a fab time. Special thanks to all the staff who helped make this happen.



Children from Year 6 will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop David Evans next Sunday, 26th January. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Confirmation Choir Request

Is your child in years 3—5?

Would they like to support Year 6 by singing in the Confirmation choir at church on Sunday January 26th at 10.30am Mass?

If yes, please contact the school office to let them know.

Best wishes,

Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie



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### St George and St Teresa Catholic Primary School Reads!

In this school year, students have read...

**1,137** Books

**7,395,361** Words

for **8** minutes/day!  
(individual student average)

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**Accelerated Reader®**

### Year 1 Multi-Event Athletics

Year 1 showed brilliant athletic skills this afternoon when they worked with leaders from Arden to develop their multi-event abilities. Well done, Year 1!

### Swimming Praise and Progress

Congratulations to Year 3. Their swimming teacher this week praised them as the best class they have in terms of behaviour and progress.



### Football Update

From the very first whistle, the girls asserted their dominance, taking control of the game. The team's link-up play was fantastic, moving the ball effortlessly through the opposition to create chances.

The goals were a brilliant team effort, with quick passes unlocking the defence before composed finishes found the back of the net. Set pieces proved just as effective, with a couple of well-delivered corners converted into a goal to extend the lead.

Every player contributed to a performance earning a well-deserved victory that reflected their control throughout the match. Final score: St G&T 7—St Augustine's 1.

Girl's have finished 1st place winning all but one game in their league and are now qualified for the finals.



This half term, the children are focussing on the virtues **grateful** and **generous**: **grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.



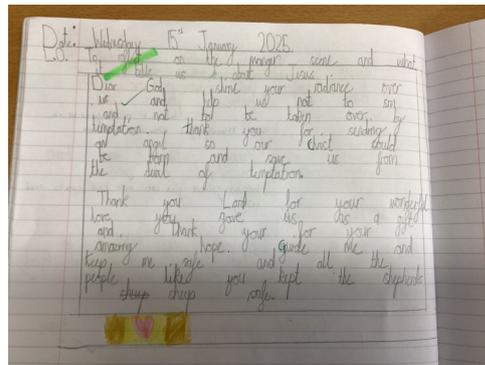
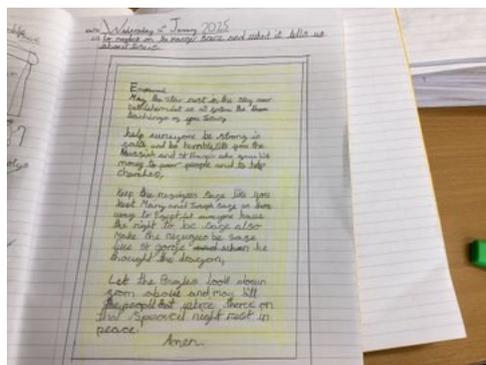
Our Catholic Social Teaching focus this half-term are **rights and responsibilities**.



We learn about our rights and also our responsibilities towards others. We act with courage and determination to empower everyone to have their say.

The latest Wednesday Word is available at <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/joy?pid=MTA101634&v=160.3>

We will officially launch our year of Jubilee on Friday January 24th. Pope Francis asks us to be Pilgrims of Hope. School will have a holy door that the children will walk through to symbolise their pilgrim journey.



The children wrote some lovely, thoughtful prayers in their RE unit on Christmas. Well done, Year 3!

### Father John in School

Father John visited Year 6 last week to discuss Christmas traditions with them and celebrated whole school Mass with us on Thursday. The theme of the Mass was the Baptism of Jesus. It was led brilliantly by Year 4.

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

## Headteacher's award

Nursery: Saoirse

Reception: Arthur

Year 1: Callie

Year 2: Lucia

Year 3: Lenny

Year 4: Louie

Year 5: Dora

Year 6: Charlie



## Grateful and Generous award

Nursery: Oshi

Reception: Angelina

Year 1: Penny

Year 2: Rosa

Year 3: Freddie

Year 4: Quintus

Year 5: Kenny

Year 6: Francesca



## St Teresa's Little Way award



Nursery: Sebby

Reception: Lennon

Year 1: Flynn

Year 2: Teddy-Mae

Year 3: Emlyn

Year 4: Joseph

Year 5: Luca

Year 6: Oakley

## Computing award



Nursery: Cora

Reception: Tommy

Year 1: Mason

Year 2: Phoebe

Year 3: Verity

Year 4: Hugo

Year 5: Patrick

Year 6: Eamonn



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**NEWSFLASH!** - The School Council are running a competition for the best photo or artwork from each class. Don't miss out and try to capture what you have seen. Entries required by 13th February.

### What is Big Garden Birdwatch?

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. **We would love as many families as possible from our school to take part in this important survey.** This will be part of a whole school homework and the RSPB want just one hour of your time.! So why not find a comfortable view from your garden or park and enjoy nature! Sign up online before 24<sup>th</sup> January at:

[https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch?channel=paidsearch&qad\\_source=1&qclid=EAIaIQobChMI2dTy-6f9igMVJaNQBh1Daqj-EAAYASAAEgJ7afD\\_BwE&qclsrc=aw.ds](https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch?channel=paidsearch&qad_source=1&qclid=EAIaIQobChMI2dTy-6f9igMVJaNQBh1Daqj-EAAYASAAEgJ7afD_BwE&qclsrc=aw.ds)

### How to take part

- 1 Get your free guide and stock up on supplies, with 20% off and free delivery on food and feeders at the RSPB shop.
- 2 Spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 24 and 26 January, and record the birds that land.
- 3 Tell us what you saw (even if that's nothing at all)! You can submit your results online or by post.



Choose an hour between 24 and 26 January



Only record the birds that land in your patch



Record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time



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# MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Amazing attendance, Reception! It's very unusual for EYFS classes to top the attendance charts. Nursery weren't far behind in third place, with Year 2 splitting the two EYFS clas-

Year	Attendance (last four weeks)
Nursery	96.2%
Reception	98.0%
Year 1	94.5%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	94.4%
Year 4	92.9%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	92.2%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94.7%</b>



### 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**



# Solihull Family Hubs



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](mailto: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 - Spring Chaplaincy

### **Mass or Service starting at 2.30 pm unless otherwise stated**

#### **January**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Whole School Mass Thanksgiving (Led by Y6) School

#### **February**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Service

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Service

#### **March**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Whole School Mass Ash Wednesday (Led by Y5). Church (KS2). In school service for EYFS/Y1.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Service

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> EYFS Service

#### **April**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 5 Class Mass

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Whole School Palm Sunday Mass (Led by Y 3). Church (KS2). In school service for EYFS/Y1.

#### **Other**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March Y4-6 Lenten Reconciliation

### **Sunday Class Masses at Church**

January 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Year 6

February 9<sup>th</sup> 8.45 Year 3 First Holy Communion Enrolment

March 9<sup>th</sup> 8.45 Year 5

April 6<sup>th</sup> 8.45 Year 4

### **Confirmation**

Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am.