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Friday 14th February



MASS TIMES THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

16th February — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5.30pm

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

Youth SVP cake sale after Mass!

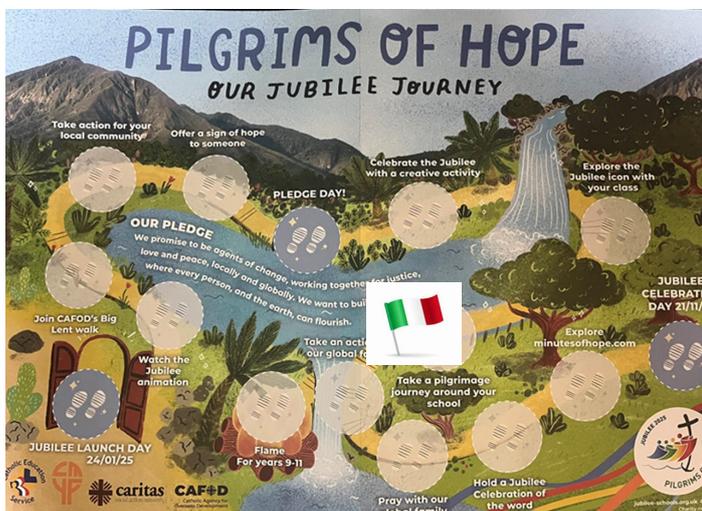
10.30am



PILGRIMAGE SPECIAL

ROME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY BUT WE HAD A PILGRIMAGE TO THERE ON WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, along with all of our other MAC primary schools, we went on a 'pilgrimage to Rome'. This was part of our Jubilee Year activities. Our pilgrims of hope learned about Rome, the Trevi Fountain, Pope Francis, the Vatican City, the Sistine Chapel, Roman art and architecture. They built a map of the Vatican City, tasted Italian food and produced some lovely artwork.



Reminder

School is closed next week for half-term and the following Monday for INSET.



Best wishes,

Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie





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Mrs Flanagan met with a group of parents to discuss the benefits of children having a smartphone free childhood and the impact on mental and physical health smartphones can have on our children. Over next half term, we will be sharing more information about how you can make the change to not letting your child have access to a smartphone. If you would like any more information in the meantime please contact Mrs Moran (Year 6 parent).



A FREE WORKSHOP FOR TIRED FAMILIES

For parents and carers of autistic children and young people living in Solihull.

4 March 2025 | IN PERSON | 10:00am - 12:00 pm
Three Trees Community Centre
Hedingham Grove B37 7TP
[TO BOOK CLICK HERE](#)

7 March 2025 | ONLINE | 10:30 - 12:00 pm
[TO BOOK CLICK HERE](#)





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/holiday-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=167.5>

Year 3 committed to their preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion at their enrolment Mass on Sunday. Their reading, singing and responses were a real credit to them. Well done, Year 3!



Father John in School

Father John visited school today to teach children in year 4 and 5 about the sacrament of Baptism.



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Message from Father John

Dear Parents,

Last Sunday we had a Sunday Mass to mark the Enrolment of the children (and parents) who made their commitment to God for the preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. There was a good atmosphere in the church. Everyone said how well the children did with reading the Word of God, singing and their prayers. It was a real credit to you their parents and their teachers who helped to prepare them. During the Mass I explained how the children need to go to Mass on Sunday and learn about the riches of this celebration. I encouraged you to bring the children to the front of the church so they can see the altar and watch what is happening. At the time of Holy Communion, I would like the children to come for a Blessing and any parents who are not Catholic or unable to receive the Sacraments can ask for a Blessing as well. This is something we can do as a family so even if one half is not a catholic, they are showing their support by being there too. The child or parent can put their right hand on left shoulder or vice versa if they are left-handed, then the priest or deacon will know to give a blessing. Of course, those who are Catholics can receive Holy Communion, and it is good for your children to see you receiving the sacrament. If you are a celiac and need a gluten free host, please let me know.

I would like the children to come to mass each week because they tell me they want to, and you can support them in this by helping them to be ready. It is quite nice to walk to church when it is not raining. Getting a breath of fresh air is good and to mass gives you time to think and chat together. If 8.45 am on Sunday morning does not suit your timetable, then we also have another mass at 10.30 am where the choir help with the singing or on Saturday evening at 5.30 pm. Sometimes the children tell me they want to go to church but their mums and dads cannot take them for one reason or another. I think this is sad because as we hear in the Gospel Jesus wants to welcome the children, and he gives them a special blessing. Their desire to come to church is God's blessing on the whole family.

Coming to Church should be a joy but I know we are not always in a good mood. But I can assure you that however bad you might feel when you go into church you will always come out feeling better and encouraged. Sometimes I have not always been in the best frame of mind when I started to celebrate mass but by the end, I feel different and normally better and more positive. Why? because Jesus takes the water and by a miracle it is turned into wine. He takes us as we come to him and as we are. He takes our difficulties and problems, joys and sorrows and transforms us. He brings us to a better place. Don't ask me how but he does it. The miracle of Jesus is that because he came to our world and shared our human nature he understands our struggles and knows our difficulties. He walks with us.

"Walk with me O my Lord, through the darkest night and brightest day. Be at my side, O Lord, hold my hand and guide me on my way. "

"Sometimes the road seems long, my energy is spent then Lord I think of you and I am given strength..." Words taken from the hymn by Estelle White.

May I Wish you a happy Half Term Holiday, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all at Mass on Sunday.

Every Blessing,

Fr John Cross

School Chaplain



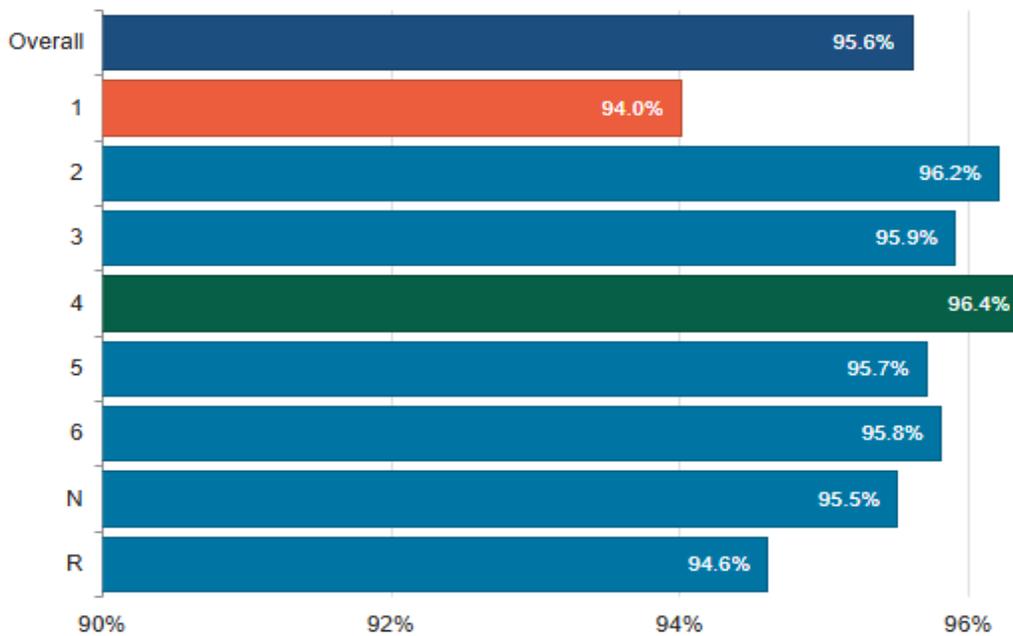
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MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



Well done, Year 4! Top attenders over the last four weeks. Just pipping Year 2.



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.



St George & St Teresa Primary School - Dates for the Diary

Some dates have changed since our January newsletter —please use this version.

Masses at Church

March

Wednesday 5th KS2 Mass Ash Wednesday. Church 10.00 am. Led by Year 4.

Sunday 16th Church 8.45 am. Led by Year 5 (Date change)

April

Sunday 6th Church 8.45 am. Led by Year 4

Thursday 10th KS2 Palm Sunday Mass. Church 10.00 am. Led by Year 3.

Spring Term Parent Meetings

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 13th March—booking details sent out.

Other

Friday 14th February Crazy Hair Day (PTFA)

Monday 17th—Friday 21st February Half-term holidays

Monday 24th February INSET

Thursday 6th March World Book Day