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Friday 14th June



MASS TIMES THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

16th June— 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 5.30pm

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

10.30am

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to the children of Year 3 who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 8th June at St George and St Teresa Church. The children prepared so very well for this and this showed through their reverence and responses on the day. Well done, Year 3!



Another well done, this time to Years 1 and 4. Year 1 did their Phonics Screening Check this week and Year 4 their Multiplication Tables Check. Both these areas are key building blocks for future learning and the hard work put in will serve them well for the rest of their lives.



We are thrilled by the outcome of our Skipathon. Our target was to raise £750 to develop a water supply for a community where access to clean, safe water was not possible. Through the efforts of the children and staff, and the financial support from you, we managed to smash our target and raise enough to supply water for not one, but two, communities. Being able to give this option for poor and vulnerable people less fortunate than ourselves really does make a difference. Find out more about how the money we've raised will be used at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/products/community-water-supply>. CAFOD, the charity we're working with on this, were so impressed that they sent Chris out to say a personal thank you to all the children. Our tally has actually gone up since this photo was taken and our final total is **£1,702.21**. Thanks again everyone for all your support. Our final shopping list is two wells, one terrific toilet, two emergency shelters and two chickens!

Best wishes,

Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie

L. Flanagan and S Hainie



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discerning
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active
truthful



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

This half term, we are focussing on the virtues learned finding God in all things; and wise in the ways we use our learning for the common good.

Our Catholic Social Teaching focus this half-term is **solidarity and the common good**.

Our actions have an impact on everyone. When we make decisions, we should consider the good of all.

The **common good** is about respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people and leaving no one behind.

The latest Wednesday Word is available at <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/gods-kingdom?pid=MTA101634&v=131.2>

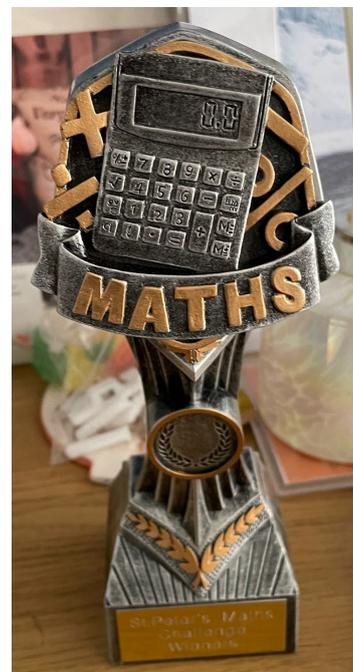
This is a great resource to explore the Gospel in a child-friendly way.



Year 6 were discovering about the journey of discipleship on their residential trip to Alton Castle. They had a great time and learned so much too. Thanks to Mr Blewitt, Mrs Ansell and Miss Williams for looking after the children during their trip.

Maths Champs

After 3 rounds of competition, Year 5 St. G and T were victorious at the St. Peter's Maths Challenge. Bethan, Adam, Penelope and Eamonn worked well as a team solving a variety of reasoning and problem solving questions. The scores were close but after an amazing final match, in which we dropped hardly any points, we won by 3 points! A fantastic result for our super mathematicians!





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Message from Father John

Dear Friends,

I expect we all have different days which we might describe as the highlight of the school calendar. For some the first day of school is a momentous occasion. Others may consider sports day or winning a competition to figure highly in their memory. For me, the highlight of the school year is when the children of Year 3 make their First Holy Communion and the children from Year 6 are Confirmed.

Last Saturday morning I was tucking into my last slice of toast and marmalade for breakfast when the doorbell rang at 8.45 am. As I gingerly opened the door in my dressing gown, I did not recognise the gentleman standing on the step. He asked if I could open the church for him to set up the video. I knew the parents wanted the mass to be recorded but did not know he would be arriving two and half hours before the mass began. I asked him to wait a few minutes.

The preparations for the Mass began early. The syllabus for learning includes preparation for and celebration of First Confession, meetings with you, the parents and carers, meetings with staff and plans for the day. In the week before the First Holy Communion Mass the First Communion machine springs into life and various parts prepare for the day. Mr Hainie spent about two hours on Friday evening after school to prepare the church for over three hundred guests, arranging notices for the pews and extra chairs. Also, on Friday we had been asked not to put the car park barriers down because there would be a late delivery after 9pm for the refreshments after mass on Saturday morning. When I looked into the church a little later on Saturday morning the photographer was doing a roaring trade in the Conference Room as children and families had their pictures taken. It was all systems go for one of the biggest occasions in the church and school calendar.

The children were well turned out and following two separate practices in the church on Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon, they knew when and where to stand, kneel, bow and so on. Miss Williams' boyfriend led the singing, and her sister played the keyboard. We enjoyed his singing of all the hymns as he practiced for a good hour before the mass began. Mr Blewitt played his guitar and added his voice to the music along with some extra choral support. It was a very good mass and I hope everyone enjoyed it. Even the little boy who had become separated from his dad and after crawling to the front of the church and in full view of everyone wanted to be the highlight of the show!

Afterward Mass ended and after photographs, the children made their way into the hall to enjoy their First Communion Breakfast including a slice of their First Communion cake. The kitchen helpers worked like clockwork to make sure there were enough cups of tea or coffee and juice for the children. I was so thirsty that I had one of each but did not see a slice of cake. Nowadays most parents have family events lined up at home or elsewhere, so the Breakfast is not as full as in days gone by. We don't have a boiled egg any more or chocolate biscuits as the parents fear sticky fingers wiped on white dresses. Many thanks to the car park stewards, unseen by me but I am told they did a grand job. Our car park is quite capacious but could not accommodate all the cars.

For the highlight of the year the day was most enjoyable and on behalf of the parish I congratulate the children who have reached this milestone in their lives to receive Holy Communion and to be welcome to participate in Mass at church and in school. Thank you to parents, teachers and all our helpers who made it such a memorable day.

The following day after a Thanksgiving Mass in church I had another milestone occasion to attend later on Sunday afternoon as I attended a very special Birthday party for my mother who received a card from the King and Queen to mark her Centenary year.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

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

Headteacher's award

Nursery: Felix

Reception: Oliver

Year 1: Kasper

Year 2: Evelyn

Year 3: George

Year 4: Lucy

Year 5: Sam

Year 6: Missy



Catholic Social Teaching award

Nursery: Arthur

Reception: Tadhg

Year 1: Ailbe

Year 2: Fiadh

Year 3: Hollie

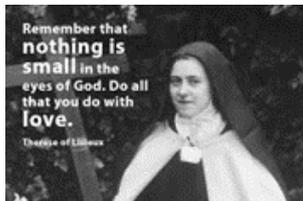
Year 4: Joe D

Year 5: Emilia

Year 6: Daniel



St Teresa's Little Way award



Nursery: Abigail

Reception: Harriet

Year 1: Ted

Year 2: Connie

Year 3: Ayla May

Year 4: Ewan H

Year 5: Isabella H

Year 6: Sofia

Music award



Nursery: Ruby

Reception: Elena

Year 1: Harry

Year 2: Lenny

Year 3: Quintus

Year 4: Jessica

Year 5: Eamonn

Year 6: Darcey



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MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Well done to Year 5 - our top attenders over the last four weeks.

Year	Attendance
Nursery	91.4%
Reception	95.0%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	92.4%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	93.0%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	93.1%



Parking around school

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

Thank you for your continued understanding and co-operation.



Potholes

There are some potholes in the car park area. We have arranged for these to be repaired in the summer. In the meantime, please tread carefully around them.

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.



[A chance to make a difference](#)

Elijah in Year 2 is competing in a triathlon on Saturday 15th June. He's raising money for Cancer research UK. If you'd like to sponsor him, please go to

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/elijah-davis-1717956065848>

If you fancy taking part in an event yourself to support a charity, please see below details of the Balsall Common Fun Run. It's in September, so plenty of time for training!



 **The Lily Mae Foundation**

BALSALL COMMON FUN RUN SUN 15 SEPT.

Our slogan is Walk | Jog | Run | Race
and we welcome people of all ages
and abilities.

YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR:

- Mini Runs 400M (4yrs - 11yrs)
- Junior 5KM (11yrs - 15yrs)
- Family 5KM (up to 2 adults and 3 children)
- Adult 5KM* & 10KM*

*Affiliated runner discount applied to the 5KM & 10KM runs. Terms & Conditions Apply.

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO
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BALSALL COMMON FUN RUN 2024



**RUN
EVENTS**

Licence Number: 27780

Dates for your diary summer term 2024 and beyond

Wednesday 19th June Class photos—if you have PE this day, please wear uniform into school.

Monday 24th June 9.30 KS2 Sports Day (Reserve 27th June)

Wednesday 26th June 9.30 EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (Reserve 28th June)

Friday 5th July PTFA Summer Fayre

Wednesday July 10th 2.00 pm Y6 Performance

Thursday July 11th 6.30 pm Y6 Performance

Thursday 18th July 9.45 Whole School leavers/end-of-term celebration Mass - school

Class Masses at Church led by each class - 8.45. We would like classes to lead a Mass at church on the following Sundays.

Sunday June 23rd Year 4

Sunday June 30th Year 6

Sunday July 7th Year 5

INSET Dates for Next Academic Year

Monday September 2nd 2024

Tuesday September 3rd 2024

Friday October 25th 2024

Monday February 24th 2025

Monday April 28th 2025

Monday July 21st 2025