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Friday 27th June



MASS TIMES THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

29th June — Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Saturday 5.30pm

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

10.30am

12.45 for 1.30pm 90th Anniversary Parish Barbecue

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 3 received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time last Saturday. The church was packed, the sun was out and the children were fantastic. They prepared so reverently for this special occasion and we are very proud of them.



Sports Mornings

On Monday (Key Stage 2) and Wednesday (EYFS and Key Stage 1), we had our annual sports mornings. Again, we were blessed with the weather. Fun was had by all. More details inside.

Best wishes,

Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie



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Year 6 Shadowing

Several staff around school were shadowed throughout the week by the children from Year 6. We were kept on our toes while the children had a little insight into life on the other side. The children stepped up to the challenge—well done Year 6!



Sports Morning Reports

On Monday the 23rd of June, the Key Stage 2 students took part in Sports Morning. We had a variety of races and activities to do during the morning. These activities are a chance for sports day to not just be about racing each other but also to have fun with classmates and other years. I enjoyed sports day because it's a great opportunity to get active and get supportive of other students. I like being able to have a friendly competition with my friends. I'm glad everyone took part even though it was very tough. It's not the winning but the taking part and the community behind it that counts the most.

By Evelyn Y6

Shadowing Mr Hainie as Head of School

On Wednesday the 25th of June, the students of Key Stage 1 took part in their annual sports day. There were around eight events including beanbag throw, penalty shootout and many more. The heat was intense and all the children did very well to push through it. At the end of all that, there were sprints and races that the girls and boys of each year competed in—the classes involved were: Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two. Each child was enthusiastic and full of energy and it was a great joy to watch. Unlike the KS2 sports day (which happened two days prior to this event) KS1 sports day was not a competition between the houses because having fun was the key focus for this momentous day.

By Bethan Y6

Shadowing Mr Hainie as Head of School



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



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

This half term, we are focussing on the virtues **faith-filled** and **hopeful**. We are faith-filled in our beliefs and hopeful for the future.

Our Catholic Social Teaching focus this half-term is for the **Solidarity** and the **Common Good**.

The latest Wednesday Word is available at <https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/church?pid=MTA101634&v=178.6>



Mass for children and young people with special needs and disabilities



Saturday 12th July

11am

St Thomas More Church,
 130 Horse Shoes Lane,
 Sheldon,
 Birmingham
 B26 3HU



All are welcome to our special mass - from all parishes

All volunteers are DBS checked

Wheelchair accessible



Please join us after mass in the parish centre for refreshments

Message From Father John

Dear Parents,

The end of term is rapidly approaching, and I know this is a busy time for the staff as they draw all the strings together. The school reports, school sports, summer fayre, moving up and moving out, When I arrived for the Thanksgiving Mass for the First Holy Communion children and whole school last Thursday some children from Year 6 were doing work experience in the Reception Office. Work experience is something which is extremely popular but having worked for the best part of nearly 40 years since 1983 my choice would be to have go back to school and have some school experience. Thankfully, I enjoy the work I do which is a vocation, a privilege and a blessing for us all.

Twenty-seven children from Year 3 made their First Holy Communion and the church was filled with the families and friends. I hope you will make attending Mass a priority to help your children to become familiar with the Sacrament and receive it as often as possible. There are 4 or 5 Catholic Churches in our locality or even 6 now I come to think of it. St George and St Teresa, Blessed Robert Grissold in Balsall Common, St Augustine in Solihull. Our Lady of the Wayside in Shirley, Olton Friary and St Francis of Assisi in Baddesley Clinton. Each has a Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday, Sunday morning and there is a Sunday evening Mass at the Friary. Try to sit near the front of the church, to allow the children to see the mass properly. There is nothing worse than not being able to see or hear. Of course, I would like our school and church parish family to attend mass St George and St Teresa's because it is good to see you.

A family shares so much together and many events fill the family history books. Do you remember when we did this? when mum did that? when dad did this or that? It is these stories which make our family who we are and they are often retold on special occasions, first by the ones who experienced them and later by your children who have heard the story so many times and may even add their own spin to the event. This is what happens in the mass and sometimes funny things do happen in mass. Many years ago, when I was an altar server 1974, a priest poured the water he had blessed at the easter Vigil mass from a ceramic jug into a metal bucket from a height of about a metre and a half. I am afraid the sound and flow of water was all too familiar and all the altar servers started to laugh! Laughter can be uncontrollable especially at a serious moment. . On another occasion when I was preaching about a story in the Gospel, I said we are all on the bier and Jesus takes us by the hand to raise us up. Only afterwards did I realise what I said, "We are all on the beer!" I mentioned it to the parishioners after mass, and we all laughed about it together.

Recounting family stories is what strengthens a family. In our mass we celebrate an occasion which Jesus asks his followers to remember together as often as we meet. The priest takes the part of Jesus, and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. WE use the same words used by Jesus and they become part of us as the event itself. We share the food together. We listen to the stories of Jesus. We pray for people who need our prayers: the poor, the sick, those taking exams, or moving to a new school, there is never any shortage of needs to pray for. The Mass is for us and about us. It is God's gift of Jesus.

Just as a family meal brings the family together, so our Holy Meal draws us together and makes our bond strong. Life is not easy and knowing that we are together in our faith gives us strength and hope.

I hope you will try to get to Mass on Sunday and if you come to St George and St Teresa's I look forward to seeing you.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

School Chaplain

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

Headteacher's award

Nursery: Oisín

Reception: Henry

Year 1: Elena

Year 2: Kasper

Year 3: Verity

Year 4: Joseph

Year 5: Freddie

Year 6: Marcus



Catholic Social Teaching award

Nursery: Arthur

Reception: Charlie

Year 1: Margot

Year 2: Arlo

Year 3: Casey

Year 4: James

Year 5: Leila

Year 6: Charlie



St Teresa's Little Way award



Nursery: Cillian

Reception: Rory

Year 1: Lucy

Year 2: Rupert

Year 3: James

Year 4: Nell

Year 5: Conor

Year 6: Penelope

English award

Nursery: Liam

Reception: Luke

Year 1: Flynn

Year 2: Ted

Year 3: Max

Year 4: Eloise

Year 5: John

Year 6: Mary





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Yorkshire Dales Mighty Hike 2025

Tallulah in Year 4 is taking part in this hike in memory of her uncle and raising money for Macmillan Nurses. She is doing it **this Saturday!** Never too late to donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MHYD5H0145?>

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Gaelic Player of the Session

Louis Cattell from Year 6 was awarded player of the session last week for the school's Gaelic team.



THE READING AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge

Story Garden

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Due to our temporary move children can still borrow their books from us at Knowle British Legion. In order to participate fully in this year's Summer Reading Challenge they will need to sign up and return their books to another Solihull library in order to receive their rewards.

Summer Reading Challenge

The much loved Summer Reading Challenge is on again in Solihull Libraries.

However this year unfortunately it coincides with the Knowle Library temporary closure for roof renovation.

The library will be a reduced service at the Royal British Legion until January 2026.

As we will not be able to run the program locally this year, we encourage students to participate through an alternative nearby library

Core library in Solihull
Balsall Common Library



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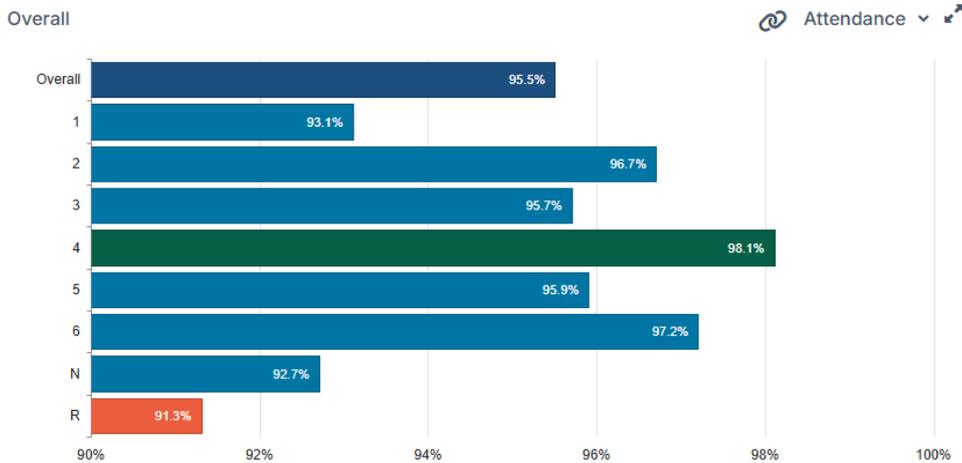


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MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Well done to Year 4, beating Year 6 and Year 2 to be top attenders over the last four weeks.



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

Mass or Service

July

Thursday 17th July Whole School leavers/end-of-term celebration Mass Y6 (Blessed Robert Grissold)

Class Masses at Church – 8.45

July 6th Y5

Events

Friday 11th July PTFA Summer Fayre

Class Information Sessions

Current Year 4, next year's Year 5: Monday 7th July 4.00 pm

Current Year 3, next year's Year 4: Monday 7th July 4.30 pm

Current Year 5, next year's Year 6: Monday 7th July 5.00 pm

Current Year Reception, next year's Year 1: Wednesday 9th July 4.00 pm

Current Year 1, next year's Year 2: Wednesday 9th July 4.30 pm

Current Year 2, next year's Year 3: Wednesday 9th July 5.00 pm