

Latest School News

Sunday's Gospel

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 15th January 2023 - The Lamb of God (John 1:29-34)

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.'" John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Weekend Mass Times at Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Saturday evening Vigil Mass for Sunday 5.30pm
Sunday Mass: 10am

During 10am Mass there is a children Liturgy of the Word celebration.

Our Catholic Faith

Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection: In contrast to the other gospels, where the reader observes the disciples discovering gradually who Jesus is, John gives us a week between the baptism and the marriage-feast of Cana, during which Jesus is given increasingly significant titles by those who meet him: Rabbi, the Messiah, Son of God, King of Israel. Perhaps the most significant titles of all are those given by the Baptist himself, Lamb of God and Chosen One of God. Jesus as the Lamb of God is a theme which overarches the gospel; it is introduced again at the Crucifixion. According to John Jesus dies at the moment the paschal lambs were being slaughtered in the Temple, and John alone refers the scriptural saying to Jesus that 'Not one bone of his will be broken' (John 19:36) which was originally part of the instructions for the sacrificing of the lamb at the Festival of Passover (Exodus 12:46). In the Book of Revelation Jesus is represented standing 'as a Lamb that seemed to have been sacrificed'. The Lamb is therefore an image both of his suffering and of his triumph. It links up with the picture of Jesus as the Suffering Servant of the Lord who moves through suffering and humiliation to vindication and to the triumph of God.

Did you know.... our mission statement is 'Learning and growing together, rooted in Christ'. This is displayed throughout school and is discussed in classrooms and in school assemblies.

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School

School Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023

School Entrance

Earlier this week, new artwork was installed in the school entrance. The art work includes an image of Madonna Della Strada (Our Lady of the Wayside) as well as our school badge and Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC badge.

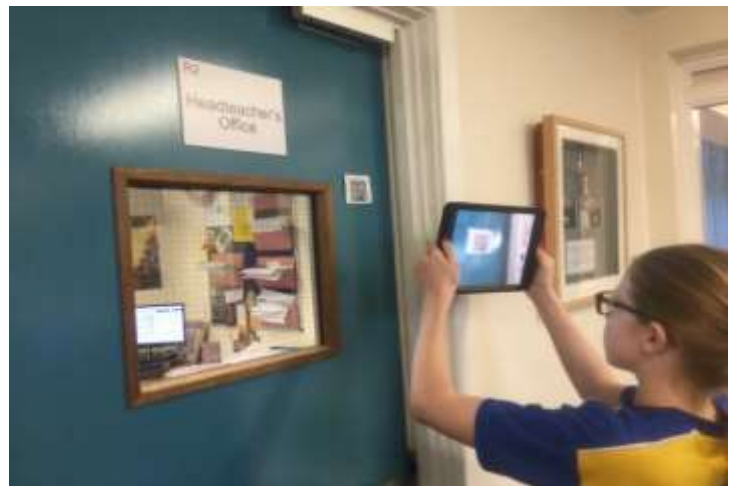


Teacher Vacancy Early Years - Nursery

We are looking to recruit an Early Years teacher for Summer 2023 Term, initially this will be a fixed term contract. This is a full time position and the successful candidate will be based in our Nursery. Applications from recently qualified teachers and experienced Early Years practitioners are welcome. Please contact the school office for further details.

I-Pad Programme

Last year, we introduced Phase 1 of our I-Pad Programme. We provided I-Pads to groups of pupils to use within their classroom. Their I-Pads are used to support teaching and learning across all areas of the curriculum.



Today, Year 6 we using our I-pads to learn about bar codes and QR codes; they took part in a treasure hunt around school finding and scanning QR codes. Year 6 have learnt how bar code and QR codes work, their advantages and disadvantages and how they can be used to track and store data in real life situations.

Reception School Place - September 2022

The closing date for submitting your child's application is **15 January 2023**. Offers will be made: 17 April 2023.

If you have not yet applied and you live in Solihull, you must submit your application through the parent portal at www.solihull.gov.uk/pp Applications submitted after the closing date will not be processed until after the offers have been made in April. Applying late is likely to affect the outcome to your application. If you live outside of Solihull, you should contact your home council to apply.

Solihull Children's Services Ofsted Inspection Report

This morning, Ofsted published its report about the inspection of Solihull's children's services. There is likely to be some local and national media coverage of the report's outcomes.

In response to the report's findings, Councillor Ian Courts, Leader of Solihull Council, said:

"We accept the findings of the Ofsted report relating to the inspection carried out in November. Although we are very disappointed at the grading, we are grateful to the inspection team for the thoroughness and detail put into their work, which will help us to make the necessary improvements.

"This Council is fully committed to making the necessary changes to children's services and we understand what we need to do to improve and realise that we need to do this at greater speed than we are already doing.

"An Improvement Board was put in place last year made up of experts and a good representation from the agencies involved, including in particular the police, NHS, and Council, and improvements have already been made over the last 12 months. However, we are updating our improvement plan to ensure it addresses the things that Ofsted have found.

"A new leadership team is in place in children's services. We have recruited more social workers to meet the rising demand from people contacting us with concerns about children, and this has provided us with the capacity to ensure there is a dedicated social worker for all the children that are assessed as needing one. This will help us to meet the continuing increase in demands for our services.

"Along with my fellow councillors, we have agreed to continue to invest significantly in children's services over the coming years, as a priority for the Council.

"It is fair to say we have been under an unprecedented level of scrutiny over the last 12 months, culminating with the appointment of Sir Alan Wood, the Commissioner appointed by the Secretary of State, who has been working with us since November.

"We are doing our utmost to support Sir Alan in his review of the leadership across the three safeguarding partners – police, health and local authority – which is necessary to ensure we have the most effective way of securing and sustaining improvement in Solihull. Sir Alan will present his findings to the Secretary of State later this month and outline his recommendations."

Here at Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School, we have robust systems in place to keep all our children safe. If you ever have any concerns, no matter how insignificant they may seem about a child, please talk in confidence to a member of our safeguarding team. Our dedicated safeguarding team includes:

Mrs Sue Lloyd, Mrs Anne Compton, Mrs Carol Ashcroft, Mr Colin Barr and Mr Ben Taylor. They can be contacted via the school office.

Attendance

It is essential that children regularly attend school, poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child. To promote and encourage good attendance we publish weekly attendance figures.

Reception	Red Group 98.5%	Blue Group 93.7%
Year 1	Class 1C 97.0%	Class 1Y 96.6%
Year 2	Class 2F 97.0%	Class 2CS 92.5%
Year 3	Class 3M 88.8%	Class 3TS 95.1%
Year 4	Class 4C 98.2%	Class 4L 98.7%
Year 5	Class 5E 95.9%	Class 5V 98.2%
Year 6	Class 6O 93.7%	Class 6P 97.9%

Overall attendance for this week is 94.3%. Well done this week to Class 4L with an attendance figure of 98.7%

Instrumental Lessons

Children are loving this term's instrumental lessons. Year 5 are learning to play the ukulele and Year 6 are playing the samba - please visit our twitter page to hear our Year 6. Our sincere thanks to the School Association who invested in a class set of ukuleles for Our Lady of the Wayside.



Brain Teaser

Last newsletter brainteaser:

How can you take 2 from 5 and leave 4?

Answer: F I V E Remove the 2 letters F and E from five and you have IV which is the Roman numeral for four.

This week's brainteaser:

If seven people meet each other and each shakes hands only once with each of the others, how many handshakes will there have been?

Sporting Opportunities

Children at Our Lady of the Wayside are offered a wealth of sporting opportunities including: badminton, rock climbing, table tennis and basketball. This week Table Tennis began for Year 4 and Year 5, Badminton Club for Year 6 and rock climbing for Year 6 Group 3. We hope your children enjoy all of the different opportunities on offer.

