

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School

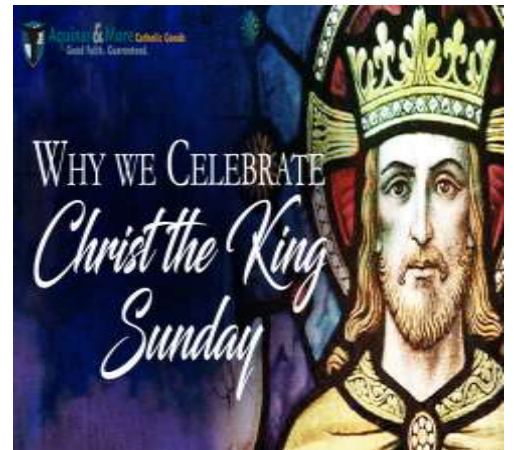


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Sunday's Gospel

Taken from the Gospel for 20th November 2022
The King of Forgiveness (Luke 23:35-43)

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



Sunday's Gospel Reflection by Fr Henry Wansbrough

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection. The crucifixion scene in Luke, as in all the gospels, is the climax of the story of Jesus. Emphasis is placed on the role of Jesus as King. The soldiers mock him as such, but the Gospel's use of irony ensures that we understand that they are saying more than they realise. Jesus is also ridiculed as Saviour ('Save yourself and us as well!'): especially in Luke (from the Infancy Stories onwards) Jesus is presented as the true Saviour - who is God. In Luke the crucifixion scene is primarily a scene of forgiveness, where Jesus carries on to the very end his work of forgiveness, which Luke has underlined throughout his Gospel. The scene begins with the women of Jerusalem mourning for Jesus, and ends with all the spectators departing, beating their breasts, recognizing their universal guilt. Jesus spontaneously forgives his executioners, asking God's forgiveness for them before they even ask it for themselves. He welcomes into his kingdom of Paradise the bandit who spontaneously acknowledges his wrongdoing. Here we see the culmination of all those scenes throughout Luke's Gospel where values are reversed: the King presented as a wretched figure dying on the Cross, to whom homage is paid not by dignified courtiers, but by another wretched figure dying by his side.

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Chess Tournament

Congratulations to our school chess team who finished second in this year's Catholic Schools Chess Tournament. Eight schools took part and the standard of play was excellent. We run a Chess Club every Monday morning between 8:30am and 8:55am. This is open to all children in Year 5 and Year 6. We are hoping to arrange some further chess matches later in the year.



Congratulations too to Finley who was absent when the photograph was taken.

PE Uniform Reminder

Last year, we changed our uniform policy to allow children to wear their PE uniform to school on their PE days. This seems to have been a great success. When reviewing PE uniform, we considered introducing an Our Lady of the Wayside tracksuit. In order to minimise uniform costs for parents, we decided not to introduce a school tracksuit at the current time. As the weather has started to become colder, we thought it would be helpful to remind all parents of our PE uniform policy:

- Children may only wear their PE uniform on their PE days.
- Children must wear an OLW PE t-shirt (old style is fine for this academic year).
- Children are not allowed to wear tracksuit tops in class - children should wear their school jumper or school cardigan.
- Children may wear tracksuit bottoms, leggings or tights. These should be plain and black, dark blue or dark grey in colour.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Fair – Collections

Thank you so much for all the donated bottles for this year's Christmas Fair. Our Congratulations to Class 5E who were the winning class having donated 20 bottles - amazing Class 5E!

Next Friday's collection is chocolate and Christmas jumpers.

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Our Lady of the Wayside Book Swap

On Wednesday we held our very first 'Our Lady of the Wayside Book Swap'. Children were able to bring in an old book from home and swap it for a new book! This event was a great success with children very excited to take home their new book. We are planning to hold our next Book Swap in the Spring 2023 Term. Our Book Swap events replace our annual book fair.



Curriculum Enrichment

On Tuesday, our Year 3 children visited Twycross Zoo to learn about habitats, endangered species and the impact of humans actions. This visit supported their current Geography Golden Thread learning where children are learning how humans impact on our world.

The Twycross Zoo guide was so impressed with the knowledge of the Y3 pupils that he referred to them as David Attenborough!



Marvellous Me Update

We are now using our new Marvellous Me app to:

- Let you know when your child has earned a House Point (you will get a thumbs up)
- Share messages and reminders
- Share learning prompts- this will be in the form of 'tell me about'

We plan to reduce the amount of emails we send via ParentPay. We will still email letters and newsletters but messages will be sent via Marvellous Me. There is still time to register for Marvellous Me. If you need any assistance please contact the school office.

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Mass Times at OLW Church

Saturday evening Vigil Mass for Sunday

5.30pm Evening Mass

Sunday Mass

10:00am with Children's Liturgy

Challenging Times

The last few years have been incredibly challenging. As we began to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic we faced a cost of living crisis with prices rising rapidly. We know families are under real financial pressure.

We are here to support you in every way we can. We know it can be embarrassing to ask for support with the cost of uniform, food or just paying the bills. We are here for you and the support we offer will always be done in a confidential and sensitive manner. There are different ways to reach out:

- Phone Mrs Lloyd, our Family Support Manager (0121 744 6852)
- Email Mrs Lloyd (s79slloyd@ol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk)
- Complete an MS Form and we will contact you.

<https://forms.office.com/r/vsbB5Ew038>

School will never judge you. We think you are amazing parents all trying your best in the most challenging of times.

Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day

This week has been national anti-bullying week. Children have been learning about bullying throughout the week. To bring this week's work to a close, we are inviting children to wear different (odd) socks on Monday - perhaps one red sock and one yellow sock, one bed sock and one sport sock. The wearing of odd socks reinforces the point that we are all different, we all have different gifts and talents and we are all made as individuals in the image of God.

Monday - wear odd socks to celebrate being an individual!

Football World Cup

The 2022 Football World Cup starts this weekend. England's first match, against Iran, is being played on Monday at 1:00pm. There will be an opportunity for children to watch the match during their lunch break. Children will not be allowed to watch the match during lesson time. Normal school/PE uniform on Monday please. Good luck to Wales too who last played in a World Cup final in 1958. Pob Lwc Cymru!

Classroom Visits

A reminder that this Wednesday (23rd November), 3:45pm to 4:45pm, the classrooms are open for parents to drop-in and see examples of their child's work. Your child's class teacher will also be available. If possible, please bring your child along for this provides a wonderful opportunity for them to talk about their learning. Please note - due to personal reasons, we have rearranged Class 1C's class visits to Thursday 24th November, 3:45pm to 4:45pm. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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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 90.4%	Blue Group 86.6%
Year 1	Class 1C 94.8%	Class 1Y 96.3%
Year 2	Class 2F 96.3%	Class 2CS 94.4%
Year 3	Class 3M 92.5%	Class 3TS 97.7%
Year 4	Class 4C 98.9%	Class 4L 98.9%
Year 5	Class 5E 93.2%	Class 5V 90.6%
Year 6	Class 6O 97.3%	Class 6P 96.5%

Overall attendance for this week is 96.1%. Well done this week to Class 4C and 4L with an attendance figure of 98.9%



Brain Teaser

Last week's brainteaser:

When can you add two to eleven and get one as the correct answer?

Answer: think hands on a clock - 11 o'clock add on two hours is one o'clock!

This week's brainteaser:

While I was on my way to St. Ives, I saw a man with 7 wives. Each wife had 7 sacks. Each sack had 7 cats. Each cat had 7 kittens. Kitten, cats, sacks, wives, How many were going to St. Ives?

Collections

Just a reminder that we are now collecting for the following:

Class Christmas Hampers - Each year group has been allocated a Christmas hamper colour. Can we please ask for donations to be brought into school by Wednesday 30th November. The hamper colours are:

Nursery: Purple

Reception: Yellow

Year 1: Silver & gold

Year 2: Blue

Year 3: Green

Year 4: Orange

Year 5: Red

Year 6: Black & white

Christmas Boutique - We are now collecting items for this year's Christmas Boutique, this is taking place on Thursday 15th December. Donations by Wednesday 14th December please.

Christmas Fair Collections - next Friday the Christmas Fair collection is chocolate and Christmas jumpers.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Football News

Well done to the boys football team who played two league matches on Tuesday evening drawing one and narrowly losing one.

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Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We are now collecting shoeboxes for this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal – the deadline for bringing a shoebox into school is Friday 9th December.

In partnership with St Chad's Sanctuary, we are organising a Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The gift of a shoebox will be, for many of the asylum seekers visiting the Sanctuary, the only gift they receive this Christmas. It lets them know that someone, somewhere, cares. Last year, as in previous years, we had an amazing response from OLW families with over 100 Christmas Shoeboxes delivered. Thank you for your generosity, the Sanctuary were so grateful.

If you wish to take part in our 2022 Christmas Shoebox Appeal, please read the following notes.

1. Please ensure shoeboxes are not too large (children's shoe sizes would be best if possible as the Sanctuary have to store them).
2. Shoeboxes wrapped in Christmas paper.
3. Lids wrapped separately from the main box (so that the Sanctuary can easily check the contents).
4. Lids labelled with gender and approximate age.

Items that would be very useful are:

- woolly hats/scarves/gloves
- age appropriate toiletries
- toys such as small cars, dolls etc. **but no toy guns please**
- pens/pencils/crayons/notebooks

Further information regarding the work of St Chad's Sanctuary can be found at:

<http://www.stchadssanctuary.com/>

Diary Dates for Next Week

Tuesday: Mass Upper Phase (10am), Year 5 Maths Challenge

Wednesday: Eco Council visit to Botanical Gardens

Friday: Christmas Fair chocolate and Christmas jumper collection

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