

# Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School



School Newsletter – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

## Our Catholic Faith - All Saints and All Souls

At this time of year the shops are trying to tempt us to buy skeletons, bats and pointy hats. As Christians there is a far more important event which we celebrate just after half-term, the Feast of All Saints on Tuesday 1st and the Feast of All Souls on Wednesday 2nd November. The feast of All Saints brings to our gaze the countless host of man and women who have lived the spiritual life to the full and now enjoy the life of heaven. The Feast of All Souls reminds us that the dead are not to be feared but loved and helped with our prayers. The wonderful things proclaimed in these two days are not to be passed over lightly. Both tell us of the triumph of Christ over sin, evil and death. Both tell us of the power of his resurrection. Both show us where our real destiny lies. Let us ask the saints to pray for us, and let pray for our loved ones now departed. We can do so because we believe in the communion of saints - a community created by Christ that shares in his risen, healing love.



## Sunday's Gospel

Taken from the Gospel for 23rd October 2022 (Luke 18:9-14): The Pharisee and the Tax-Collector

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, 'I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get.' The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

*"When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things." Pope Francis*

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## Mass Times at OLV Church

**Saturday evening Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
5.30pm Evening Mass  
**Sunday Mass**  
10:00am with Children's Liturgy

## All Souls Liturgy

On Wednesday 2nd November at 3:45pm, you are invited to join us for our All Souls liturgy in OLV Church. This is an opportunity for us to gather together to remember, and to pray for, departed loved ones. As you enter Church, there will be a remembrance book for you to record names - these names will be read out during our liturgy.

*Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

## Half-Term

A reminder that next week (Monday 24th to 28th October) is half-term and school is closed. School is also closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October for an INSET day. Children return on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. We hope you all have a lovely half-term break.

## School Lunches

Please see attachment for lunch menu next week.  
(Week 2)

## Year 5 Residential Retreat

Our Year 5 children had a wonderful time on retreat at Alton Castle this week. This was a great opportunity for them to grow closer to God through prayer and reflection whilst also engaging in many outdoor pursuits. Our thanks to the staff who accompanied the children.



## Mass

The whole school will celebrate Mass with Our Lady of the Wayside Parish on Tuesday 1st November, the Solemnity of All Saints. Mass starts at 10:00am; you are all most welcome.

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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	Blue Group
	95.4%	94.0%
Year 1	Class 1C 97.4%	Class 1Y 98.1%
Year 2	Class 2F 96.3%	Class 2CS 95.1%
Year 3	Class 3M 97.0%	Class 3TS 99.2%
Year 4	Class 4C 94.7%	Class 4L 96.9%
Year 5	Class 5E 97.6%	Class 5P 96.5%
Year 6	Class 6O 97.6%	Class 6W 97.5%

Overall attendance for this week is 96.3%. Well done this week to Class 3TS with an attendance figure of 99.2%



## Brain Teaser

### Last week's brainteaser:

A red house is made from red bricks. A blue house is made from blue bricks. A yellow house is made from yellow bricks. What is a green house made from?

### Answer:

Glass

### This week's brainteaser:

Who makes moves while sitting down?



## Pupil Report Cards and Pupil Review Meetings

Earlier today, we issued (via email) Pupil Report Card and Pupil Review Meeting feedback. Please do take a few moments to read this. Below are a few of the children's comments:

*'I really enjoyed my Pupil Review Meeting. I was able to share what I liked about school and the things I find difficult.'*

*'The Pupil Review Meeting was much better than I thought it was going to be. My teacher explained to me what I needed to do to improve. I am definitely going to try to do these things before my next meeting.'*

*'I liked talking to my teacher without anyone else there. It felt really special. My teacher knew I had been trying my best and this made me and Mummy really happy.'*

*'I wasn't sure and felt really nervous to start with, but it was really good. I told my teacher lots of things about me which I hadn't told them before.'*

## School Photographer

The school photographer will be visiting school on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to take individual photos. The school photographer will be available between 8:15am and 9:00am for those parents who would like to have a family photograph.

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## Open Day

Well done to some of our Year 6 children who showed prospective parents around school during Open Morning on Tuesday. Parents commented on how confident and informative they were and also about how proud they were of their school. We will be holding a second Opening Morning for parents seeking a Nursery, or a school place, for September 2023 on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 9:30-11:00am.



## School Association

There will be a preloved uniform sale after school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## Y6 Secondary School Applications

### Message from School Admissions Team

The closing date for submitting your child's application for secondary school is 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you live in Solihull and you have not yet applied, you must submit your application via the parent portal at [www.solihull.gov.uk/pp](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/pp). Applications received after the closing date will not be processed until after the offers have been made in March. Applying late is likely to affect the outcome of your application

## Medication

Does your child take *prescribed* medication outside of the school day? If so, and you haven't notified school, can we please ask that you contact our Family Support Manager (Mrs Sue Lloyd) as soon as possible. It is important that we are aware of children who take prescribed medication outside of the school day in case of a medical emergency. Thank you.

## First Holy Communion Update

**Family Session** - Our first family session takes place on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** for Year 3 parents. Staying for a chip supper? Please return your chip-supper food choices by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Enrolement Mass** - Our Enrolement Mass takes place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm**. During this Mass children formally enrol onto this year's First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme

**First Holy Communion Mass Dates** - This week we confirmed First Holy Communion dates and times. We have waiting lists for the 12:00pm Mass on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please contact the Office if you would be happy to move to the 10:00am Mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

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## Special Bonfire Lunch Menu

We have organised a special lunch menu for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

This will consist of:

- hot dogs
- chips
- beans/sweetcorn
- rocket lollies

## Half Term and School INSET

Next week is half-term (Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October). **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October in an INSET day.**

**Children return to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

## School Uniform – Reminders

Just a few reminders in regard to school uniform.

- PE uniform - children should only wear dark blue/black tracksuit bottoms and these should be plain in design. Children are allowed to wear their school jumper or cardigan over their PE t-shirt - no tracksuit tops please.
- Winter uniform - we are now returning to winter uniform. Children in Years 3 to Year 6 are required to wear a school tie.
- Footwear - children should be wearing black school shoes with their uniforms. Trainers should only be worn on PE uniform days.
- With the exception of a stud style earring, children should not be wearing jewellery to school. This includes bracelets and necklaces.

Thank you for your support for our school uniform policy.

## Marvellous Me Communication App

The majority of parents have now signed up to our new Marvellous Me app. After half-term, all classes will use Marvellous Me to share information. You will receive:

- Notification when your child has earned a House Point.
- Messages from your child's class teacher and the school office - mostly reminders.
- Notification when your child has earned a badge (further details to follow)
- Regular information regarding your child's learning. You will be encouraged to ask your child about a particular aspect of their learning - 'Tell me about.....' Asking your child to recall and share their learning will help them to remember.

If you haven't signed up already, and need some assistance, please contact the school office.

Finally, please check the settings on your phone. In order to receive notifications, you may need to turn Marvellous Me notification on.