

## Latest School News

### Our Catholic Faith

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 21st May 2023 - The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus (John 17:1-11)

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'



### Reflection

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is telling his Father in heaven that he has now completed what was asked of him. Then, Jesus prays for his friends. This reminds us that Jesus prays for all his friends, which includes you and me too. This takes place after the last supper and, very soon, Jesus will be arrested. So before leaving his friends he is preparing them for the difficult time to come. Jesus wants his friends to stay united with one another and with God - forever. Friendship is one of life's great blessings and Jesus' friendship is also offered to each one of us. When we have good friendships, we can support each other, have fun together, and share our joys and challenges. We can also learn from each other and grow in our faith.

### Weekend Mass Times at Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Saturday evening Vigil Mass for Sunday 5.30pm

Sunday Mass: 10am

There is a children's Liturgy of the Word at 10am Mass on Sunday.

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all our children who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was such a wonderful celebration for the children and their families. Many thanks to the children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 who gave up their time and sang so beautifully. Tomorrow, the second group of Y3 children will make their Holy Communion. Please remember them in your prayers. Our thanks go to everyone who has helped to prepare the children for this very special sacrament.



## Mass of Celebration:

A reminder that there is a 'First Holy Communion Going Forth Celebration' on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 10am

This provides an opportunity for Our Lady of the Wayside Parish to congratulate the children and for Fr Andrew to present the children with their FHC certificates. The First Holy Communicants are welcome to wear their FHC clothes again e.g. white dresses, special ties etc. Please note, sashes won't be available. This Sunday corresponds with the Solemnity of Pentecost which marks the end of the Easter season.

After Mass there will be light refreshments in the school hall, sandwiches, crisps, biscuits etc. We are hoping every family will be able to bring along a plate of food to share (no food containing nuts please); please drop food donations into the school hall prior to the start of Mass. School has arranged a special First Holy Communion cake which will be cut and shared

## Month of May - Our Lady Devotions

This week different year groups gathered in Our Lady of the Wayside Church for devotions to Our Lady. Below are a group of Y6 children leading the devotions.



## Netball News

Well done to the school netball teams who played against Dorridge Primary School yesterday afternoon. Miss Ebbutt and Miss Stanton were really impressed with how much effort and determination the girls played with and also the sportsmanship they displayed.

## Mass

Lower Phase will celebrate Mass with Our Lady of the Wayside Parish on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Mass starts at 10:00am. All are welcome

## Book Swap

This week we held our summer 'Our Lady of the Wayside Book Swap' event where children from across the school brought in books from home which they had read and swapped for a new book. We hope they enjoy reading their new books!



## 2022 Sports Days

Today, Upper Phase took part in their annual sports day at Norman Green Athletics Centre. This venue provides children the opportunity to take part in track and field events on an actual athletics track.



Further Sports Days take place after half-term:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Middle Phase Sports Day, 2pm start

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Early Phase Sports Day, 2pm start

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Lower Phase Sports Day, 2pm start

Please note, siblings are unable to watch Sports Day in other phases and collection of siblings is at the normal time of 3.25pm for afternoon events.

## Y4 Cricket Festival

This week it is the turn of Y4 children to participate in a cricket tournament through our partnership with 'Chance to Shine'. Following their 6 sessions of coaching from a professional coach, they will compete against other Solihull schools. The winning team from this tournament gets the opportunity to participate in a 'Winners' Final' at Edgbaston Cricket Ground against all the other festival winners across Birmingham. Good Luck!



## Brain Teaser

No matter how little or how much you use me, you change me every month. What am I?

## 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 94.8%	Blue Group 95.9%
Year 1	Class 1C 93.7%	Class 1Y 95.5%
Year 2	Class 2F 91.8%	Class 2CS 97.0%
Year 3	Class 3M 93.7%	Class 3TS 96.5%
Year 4	Class 4C 96.1%	Class 4L 94.6%
Year 5	Class 5E 96.6%	Class 5V 98.6%
Year 6	Class 6O 96.8%	Class 6P 98.9%

Overall attendance for this week is 94.3%. Well done this week to Class 6P with an attendance figure of 98.9%

## Cricket Festival

Children in Year 5 had the opportunity to participate in an inter-school cricket festival on Thursday this week. The weather conditions were perfect and the children enjoyed playing matches against schools in the local area. Well done to everyone who participated with such enthusiasm.



## Golden Playtime

Following discussions with the School Council, we have introduced a new reward for positive behaviours.

Golden Playtime is for those children who have been nominated by the class teacher for displaying a particular Learning Behaviour(s) in class that week.

Golden Playtime is also for those children nominated by lunchtime supervisors who display helpful, polite, respectful and kind behaviours at break and lunchtimes.

Below are children enjoying an extra 10 minutes break with the whole playground to themselves!



## Science Club

This week children in Year 2 enjoyed attending Science Club with Mrs Ashcroft. They observed what would happen if they put raisins into lemonade. They were most surprised with what they saw! Mrs Ashcroft was really impressed with the questions they asked and their knowledge about gases.

