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# NEWSLETTER

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Interim Head of School : Mrs L Husted



We strive to follow Christ example , to always do our best

## Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

We start this week by paying our respects to the young boys who, sadly, passed away after the tragic events at Babbs Mill Lake at the weekend. We offer our love, prayers and support to their families and the whole of their local and extended community at this devastating time.

We thank you immensely for your generous donations, today, that will be given to the family of the Year 6 pupil from St Anthony's Catholic Primary School to support with funeral costs.

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O' Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

A prayerful week of preparation for Christmas in school, with our KS1 and KS2 Christmas play and Carol Concert. The children did you proud as they read, sang and danced their way through each event. Thank you to our wonderful teachers and TAs, and, of course, you at home, who prepared them so well.

We completed our Reading with Family drop - in sessions this week. Thank you to those parents who were able to come and share a story with their child—we hope to hold more of these sessions in the new year and can't wait to welcome even more family members in! Year 4 even squeezed in a MATHS drop in too!

Today we wave a final farewell to Miss Carr and to Ms Mobberley who have both been working in Reception this term. We wish them well on their new adventures, and thank them for their dedication to your children. We welcome, in their place, Mrs Da Silva and Mrs Nathwani.

Thank you for your support this term and thank you to our wonderful staff who work tirelessly to care for and educate the children.

Many thanks for your Christmas cards, gifts and well wishes. They are very much appreciated.

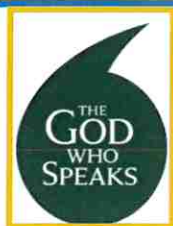






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## The God who Speaks

Yesterday, we brought our Bambinelli to Mass to be blessed by Father Biju. These are our statues of Jesus that we have made in class and that can now be brought home. The tradition, in Rome, is that Bambinelli after blessing, sit under the Christmas tree as a reminder of the greatest gift on Christmas day.



*Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke: 2:11)*

## Virtues Award

### Infants

Tajoj (2B)

### Juniors

Kharis (6W)

## Right of the Week



### Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

If your child could share one thing about their culture or faith, what would it be? Would it be a sign, a symbol, food, traditional or religious dress, a prayer, a ritual...what would it be? Watch this space, as we will be asking for sharing in school this half term!



## Virtues of the Half Term



## Faith-filled and Hopeful

The excitement is certainly building, as we are filled with faith and hope for the arrival of Christmas day!

We remember the true meaning of Christmas and pray that everyone will enjoy time spent with family over the seasonal break.

Next half term we concentrate our effort on being **ELOQUENT AND TRUTHFUL** - we will be encouraging children to research charities and groups whom we can support during Lent and asking them to consider and present a case for who they would like to support and why.







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## Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Wednesday 4th Jan	Return to school
Friday 6th Jan	Reception eye tests
Monday 9th Jan	Y3 Stone Age Workshop
Friday 17th Feb	Break up for half term
Wednesday 22nd Feb	Ash Wednesday
Spring 2	Lenten Acts of Service - watch this space
Wednesday 1st March	Father Hudson's Assembly
Monday 13th March	Sublime Science Workshop -small charge on Parent Pay
Tuesday 21st March	Class Photos
Friday 31st March	Break up for Easter Holidays

### Experiences for the children

With the cost of living crisis weighing heavy upon us, we appreciate that extra costs are difficult to factor in.

For this reason, we have kept money we ask for in school to as little as possible.

Thank you for when you do send donations.

However, when we do ask for donations, we would ask if you could please contribute as we can not afford to pay for these extras from school budget—which is also very tight, due to rising fuel costs etc.

Having to cover the majority of the cost of experiences is just not possible for us and will mean that the number of experiences are reduced even more.

We continue to try to provide extra experiences in creative ways to keep costs low.



### A Reminder of our Teacher Days for the Coming Academic Year

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023







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## Awards

Class	Name/s
Nurs	Whole class
RCT	Theo
RNM	Matthew
1DG	Kyon
1M	Logan
2B	Xamora
2G	Zainab
3M	Samara
3P	Layla
4B	Deron, Sara
4P	Whole class
5P	Whole class
5W	Lottie, Whole class
6G	Mr Hutchinson
6W	Zane
Wise Owl	Riley (5W)
Music	Music Ensemble
Sport	Abigail (1M)
Lunchtime	William (6W), Tiana (2B)

Star Awards—well done everybody!



Each week, we celebrate our children's achievements in our Friday assembly and award them with certificates.

Well done to everyone who has received an award today and we look forward to seeing who will receive awards next week.

## Attendance—period 5th—9th December 2022

Our whole school attendance target is 95%



Class	%
RCT	67.6%
RNM	79%
1DG	83.5%
1M	67.5%
2B	80.4%
2G	69.6%
3M	84.5%
3P	79.5%
4B	84.1%
4P	93.6%
5P	89.3%
5W	90.4%
6G	92.4%
6W	89.7%

Last weeks whole school attendance was: 82.7%







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## Family and Community

"The Church is a *family* in which *one* is welcomed and learns to live as believers and disciples of the *Lord Jesus*"



This half term, we are putting a focus on **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY**.

We are thinking about what it means to be a family and community, how we can help others in our family and community and how others can help us. In Gospel Liturgy, we talked about what Family and Community means to the children—they said:

- People we can trust and who trust us
- People who can be truthful and who we can be truthful with
- People who give us comfort
- People who are kind, loving and compassionate, who share with us and show to use respect



We reflected on us being disciples on earth—the ones who build the family and community and are active in this.

### Christmas Fayre

The final count has happened...£878.89

**I repeat...this is phenomenal. Thank you!!**

We want to use this for the good of the children to provide them with opportunities that they may not usually have.

We will tell you what we will spend it on before we do...100% of this money will go to the children.

### Reading with Family

These sessions have all been completed now.. And we can't wait until next time!

Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy reading with your child.

Here is what you said...

- It was nice to spend time with my child and understand how they read and learn....
- It has been great to sit and read with my child and see how well they have been getting on with their learning. Also how confident they seem trying to read big words....







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## Student Ambassadors

What **AMAZING** leaders—walking examples of Gospel teachings—"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4

### Faith Leaders

Our faith leaders added the final element to our nativity scene this morning—the baby Jesus. The nativity will remain up in school until the Feast of Epiphany.



### House Captain Competition

Well, didn't you all get on board with the House Captain Competition?! Our children asked for pupils to share their God-given talents and help us to prepare for Christmas by making a table decoration. It did not seem right to choose a winner as ALL entries were absolutely amazing! All entries were awarded a selection box, but the extra housepoints and activity books go to:

Mayla (5P)

Hannah (4P)

Mason (1DG)



### School Council

Thank you to the School Council for organising Jolly Jumper Day yesterday, to raise funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital - what a wonderful expression of our mission to 'Follow Christ's Example...'







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## Alton Castle Residential

A wonderful few days for our Year 6 children at Alton castle. They were marvellous representatives of the school and had an amazing experience. They took part in faith contemplation, cycling, trekking, wall climbing, archery...a little bit of disco dancing!

Thank you to Mrs Gregory, Mrs Willdig, Mrs Harrison and Ms Brown for taking the children and to you for entrusting us with the care of your children.







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## UNIFORM!

On Monday, the children who were pulled out of the hat to enjoy the 'Wear your St Wilfrid's Uniform with Pride' reward took place!



Mr Henningham made a special visit into school and ran two 'glo-sport' sessions! These were very much enjoyed by our delighted children!



We will run the competition again next term for a new reward, so wear your uniform smartly, with shirts tucked in, shirt and tie and branded jumper/cardigan and SHOES, NOT TRAINERS.

Birmingham City Council and the Archdiocese of Birmingham recommended to the MAC board and Local Governing Board that St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School reduce the PAN (Published Admissions Number) from 60 to 30 for September 2024/25 intake. This is due to a surplus of school places in the Birmingham area and Hodge Hill ward and affects all local schools. To support this process we are required to consult with all stakeholders.

The consultation period started on, Monday 28 November 2022 and will end on Monday 9 January 2023.

Here is the link to the School Admissions website where our proposed admissions arrangements are published: [Proposed admissions arrangements 2024/2025](#)

Any comments on the proposed admission arrangements can be made here: [Birmingham BeHeard](#)

Maranatha! The Lord is coming  
Let us share the Good News!

Have a WONDERFUL Christmas—may it be happy and Holy, and we look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound on 4th January

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and Staff







# Christmas Wonderland

Friday 16th December

OPEN 4PM TO 6.30PM

£1 ENTRY FOR:  
A VISIT TO SEE  
SANTA &  
RECEIVE A GIFT  
3 X CRAFTS  
RODEO REINDEER  
FACE PAINTED

Outside The Hub  
Bromford Drive

HOT FOOD being sold by  
Tasty Time @ One Stop

Place of Welcome in the  
Jhoots Pharmacy

All children must be supervised  
by an adult



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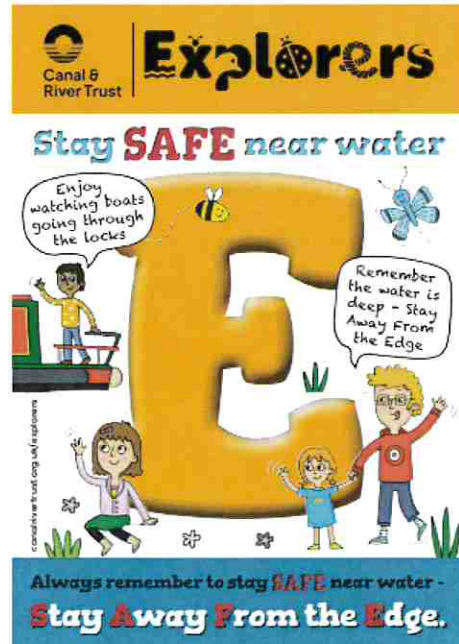
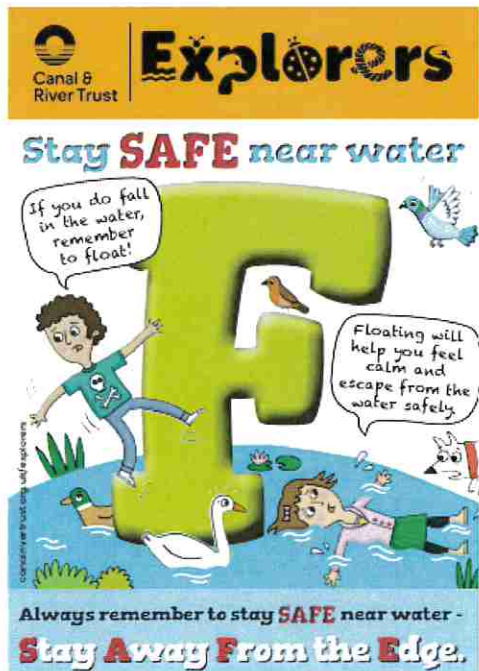
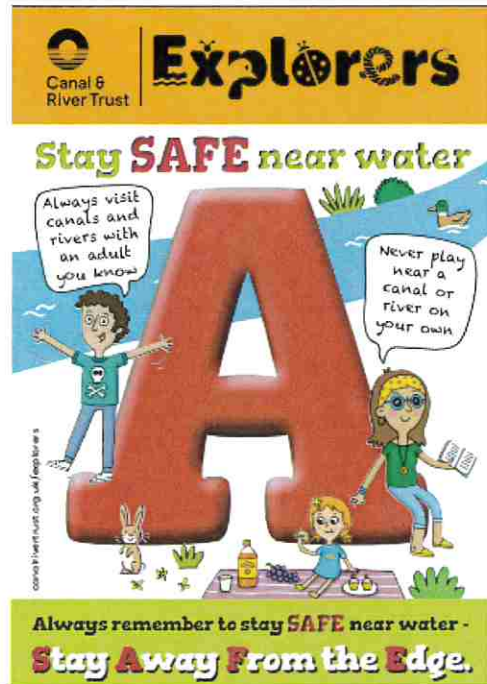
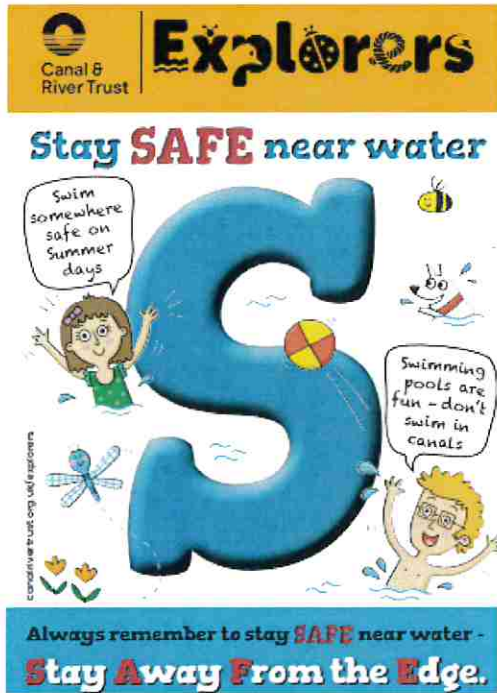
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# Water Safety





# **COST OF LIVING SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES**

Here are a few links to access help and support this winter:

Cost of living support | Birmingham City Council Lots of info and link to benefit calculator, money and debt support/advice: Information on managing your debt | Birmingham City Council

14 Ways To Help Reduce Condensation In Your Property | Environment included in here are some basic no/low costs adjustments people can make to manage condensation (the cause of mould) in properties.

Birmingham City Device Bank: How to apply to the Birmingham device bank | Birmingham Device Bank programme | Birmingham City Council

Good Things Foundation you can apply to your Hubs to be a digital bank. Which would allow you to get free Wi Fi for residents. They are looking at extending the offer to include devices. Good Things Foundation - Improving lives through digital

Applying for a Discretionary Housing Payment - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Support for housing payments, including rent shortfall, rent deposit and rent in advance.

## Utility Bills- Get SMART or even a smart meter

- Contact your energy supplier and find out about installing a meter that reads your gas and electricity and doesn't rely on an estimation.
- It can really help to identify how you use energy at home and costs involved. It also makes children very conscious about the usage and how they can help towards reducing our carbon footprint.

## Heating up your home

- Set a timer for the heating to come on and off
- Only heat the rooms you are using
- Wear layered clothes and socks
- Make sure there are no draughts coming in through the doors
- Close curtains and doors to retain heat



## Food and Drink

- Food swaps- choose wonky vegetables and fruit at reduced cost.
- Make a list and make sure you stick to it.

## Grants and Government Support

- COSARAF: Grants for families facing hardships
- Family Fund: Family funds provides families raising a disabled or seriously ill child and those on a low income
- Buttle UK: A charity dedicated to helping children in the UK who have experienced crisis and living in financial hardship.

## Government Support

Individuals may be able to get a payment to help with the cost of living, if they are getting certain benefits.

There are 3 different types of payment:

- Cost of living payment
- Disability cost of living payment
- Pensioner cost of living payment

## Local Welfare Provision

There are 2 types of payment made from this provision:

1. Crisis payment made for essential foods and clothing (payment within 2 working days)
2. Community Support Grant made for essential white goods and furniture, to sustain housing needs (payment within 10 working days).

For all information on help and support visit Birmingham City Council website.