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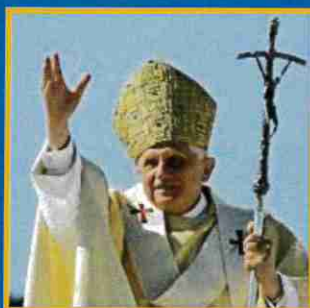
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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th January 2023

Newsletter No.15

Interim Executive Headteacher : Mrs H Milligan  
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

A very warm welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to you all!

It is wonderful to see you back safe and sound after the Christmas break, and even more wonderful to catch up with the children. We are looking forward to what the new term will bring and can't wait to see the progress that the children will make.

We welcome a few new members of staff—Mrs Nathwani, who will be working in Reception, Miss Leary, who will be working in Year 3, and Miss Iqbal who joins our wonderful team of dinner supervisors.

It is with sadness, this week, that we learned of the passing of Pope Benedict XVI.

We fondly remember his historic visit to Birmingham in 2016 and we pray for the repose of his soul. We give thanks for his dedicated life of service to the Church.

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

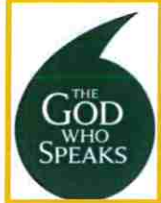
Thank you to Year 6, who led us in our Mass today, for the feast of the Epiphany. Next week, Mass will return to Thursday and will be led by Year 5. Please do come and join us.





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## The God who Speaks

This week in Gospel Liturgy, we shared the Gospel of Matthew, hearing about the visit of the 3 Wise Men to the birth place of Jesus, where they fell to their knees and worshipped him.

We heard the words:

*Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2)*

We reflected upon 'gifts', asking the question, what is God's gift to us? Children said 'love, kindness, life, eternal life...our talents'. This week our mission has been to remember to use those God given gifts -talk to your children at home about what their gifts are and how they can use them.

## Right of the Week



UNITED KINGDOM

### Article 15 (freedom of association)

*'Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations...'*

After school sport clubs are starting again for this term—please be ready for letters offering places.



## Virtues of the Half Term



### Eloquent and Truthful

This half term, we are learning to be more Eloquent and Truthful.

Next week, Mrs Husted's Homework will start, asking the children to think about what is special about them. Start preparing for this by talking with them about what they will say.







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## Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Wednesday 4th Jan	Return to school
Friday 6th Jan	Reception eye tests—THESE WERE UNAVOIDABLY CANCELLED TODAY BY THE NURSING TEAM AND WILL BE REARRANGED
Monday 9th Jan	Y3 Stone Age Workshop—PAYMENT ON PARENT PAY AND OPTION TO WEAR COSTUME
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	
RCT	
RNM	
1DG	
1M	
2B	
2G	These awards will resume next week
3M	
3P	
4B	
4P	
5P	
5W	
6G	
6W	
Wise Owl	
Music	
Sport	
Lunchtime	

### 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

### Miss Turner's Walk Once A Week Award

Well done everybody on a strong start to reintroducing our **WOW Walk to School** scheme in school. The children have been logging daily, throughout November and December, how they travelled to school. We are pleased to see that more children are walking to school and that there have been some improvements in congestion around the school.

**THE AWARD FOR MOST ACTIVE TRAVEL FOR DECEMBER, GOES TO... 4B! Congratulations!**

## Attendance—period 12th—16th Dec 2022

Our whole school attendance target is 95%

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Equates to:



Class	%
RCT	75.6%
RNM	68.6%
1DG	89.6%
1M	61%
2B	81.7%
2G	77.4%
3M	73.5%
3P	74%
4B	85%
4P	76.8%
5P	80.3%
5W	81.1%
6G	84.8%
6W	84.5%

Whole school attendance was: 78.7%







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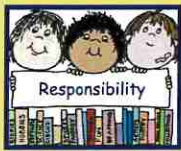
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## Rights and Responsibilities

"Each person is therefore called to contribute with courage and determination...to the respect of the fundamental rights of every person..." - Pope Benedict



This half term, we are putting a focus on RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.



The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met.

One of the ways in which we, as a school, support the rights of our families is through the work of our Pastoral Team and our Friends of St Wilfrid's Group. We will be confirming a date for a coffee morning in the next few weeks - do come along and have a get together. This is an opportunity to

Meet our Pastoral Team and Friends of St Wilfrid's, meet other parents, chat together about how we can support our children, develop mutually supportive networks in the local community, find out what is happening locally, pick up a bit of pre-loved uniform, talk about our children, or simply recharge with a drink and a biscuit!



Our children live our school Mission every single day—"We follow Christ's example to always do our best".

This half term, we will be preparing to TAKE ACTION after half term with our Lenten Acts of Service. This half term, children will be delving into research about groups/charities/members of society who they feel it is their responsibility to support.

We will be asking them to do their research both at home and at school, so that they can prepare for their support work in March and April.





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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 have been busy re-dressing our prayer tables in gold and white to celebrate the Christmas season, reminding us of our mission for the next week.

### House Captains

All is quiet this week, as we settle back into school...watch this space for House Captain news



### School Council

Our School Council are busy preparing for their next meeting on January 17th, so watch this space for updates







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## SEND SUPPORT IN SCHOOL

One of our responsibilities to you is to ensure that no child is left behind, and, as such, we provide access through Birmingham's 'Local Offer'. To find out more follow the link

<https://bham.sfedev.co.uk/>

To the following page



If you have any concerns, please contact, in the first instance, your child's class teacher who can support with your next course of action. They may be able to put something into place in class, redirect you to our SENCO, Miss Hunt, or advise you to make contact with your GP. Please remember that as we are not medical professionals, your GP is, the first point of call for medical diagnoses.

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](#)

Also-Reminder-the final closing date for reception admissions for entry in September 2023 is 11.59 pm on Sunday 15th January 2023. Applications can be made online through the Birmingham City Council website [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions). More advice and support is also available from Children's Services on 0121 303 1888.

*'Be our daily star, guiding our lives to search for kingdom love'*



Have a lovely weekend —

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and Staff







# Online Safety Newsletter

January 2023

## Broadband set up

Have you set up appropriate settings on your broadband/Wi-Fi? Most broadband providers include parental controls for free as part of their broadband package, which means that any device that connects to your Wi-Fi will be protected by any controls you set up. Find out how to set yours up here:

### Sky:

<https://www.sky.com/help/diagnostics/sky-broadband-buddy/sky-broadband-buddy>

### BT:

<https://www.bt.com/help/security/how-to-keep-your-family-safe-online-with-bt-parental-controls-an>

### Talk Talk:

<https://community.talktalk.co.uk/t5/Keeping-your-Family-Safe/bd-p/kfshub>

### Virgin:

<https://www.virginmedia.com/broadband/parental-control>

*Remember, children may have devices that use mobile data, so they won't always be connected to your wifi. Ensure you set up parental controls on these devices too.*

### Further information:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parental-controls-offered-by-your-home-internet-provider>

## Test Your Internet Filter

SWGfL have created a tool to test your filtering to give you an indication that your broadband is blocking certain categories. Access it here: <http://testfiltering.com/>

## Minecraft

*Check the age ratings: Minecraft is rated by PEGI as 7+ or 12+ depending on which game version you are playing. The App store rate it as 9+ and the Google Play store rate it as 10+.*

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off.

Minecraft remains ever popular and can be a great learning tool that is often used in schools to teach planning skills, recreate famous buildings in 3D and coding. Players use building blocks (a bit like Lego) to create their own worlds.

### Which mode?

You can choose between Creative or Survival mode - creative mode removes the survival elements of the game (no mobs appearing at night) so may be a more appropriate mode for your child to play.

### What else do I need to be aware of?

- **Multiplayer** – children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings or choose to play offline.
- **Block and report players** – if your child is playing with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game.
- **Additional purchases** – be aware of in app purchases and the purchase of additional items (skin packs) to support (although not needed) game play.

In addition, protect your child's privacy by using a nickname (don't include their age/birth year) rather than their real name for their profile and chat to your child to make sure that when playing online they know not to share personal information.

**Also, make sure they know they can talk to you or a trusted adult if anybody or anything is making them feel uncomfortable.**



Do not forget to make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls on the device your child is using to play Minecraft as well.

### Further information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-minecraft-safe-for-children/>



# WhatsApp

**You must be at least 16 years old to register for and use WhatsApp.** WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send messages, voice notes, photos and videos.

## What are the features of WhatsApp?

**Group chats:** One of the key features is the group chat function. Everybody in the group, even if they are not one of your child's phone contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. *If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat.*

In settings, you can change who can add your child to groups, for example, you can change it to 'my contacts', which means that only those in your child's contacts can add them to a group. You can leave a group chat at any point so talk to your child and encourage them to leave any chat that makes them feel uncomfortable. You can leave groups silently (only the admin will be notified).

**Location sharing:** you can share your location on WhatsApp. Talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use but also the potential danger of sharing their location, for example with strangers.

**Blocking/Reporting:** Show your child how to block and report.

**Online Bullying:** WhatsApp has been used in instances of online bullying, e.g. to send nasty messages or share images of other children without their permission. It is important to have regular chats with your child about their online life and that they understand that they must talk to you or another trusted adult if they are being bullied. This is a helpful article from Family Lives, which talks about what to do if you are being bullied:  
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/bullying/cyberbullying/what-to-do-if-you-re-being-bullied-on-a-social-network>

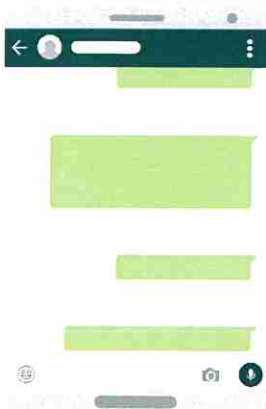
**Disappearing messages:** With disappearing messages, you can control how long a message can be seen for before it is deleted – 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days (once set, this will only work for new messages).

**View once messages:** when sending a photo or video, you can set it so it can only be viewed once by respondents. Screenshots are also blocked when using this function.

**Choose who can see your profile pic and when you're online:** In settings (privacy), you can choose who can and can't see when you're online and your profile pic. You can choose either Everyone, My Contacts, My Contacts except and nobody.

## Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp>



## Whizz – Make new Friends App



Wizz is a social networking platform and is rated for 'Teens' on the Google Play store and as 12+ on the App store. It is free to download but does have in-app purchases ranging from £0.89 to £44.99.

Users swipe through the app to find people who are currently online and who they would like to chat with. **Users will be chatting with strangers, which can present risks.** Internet Matters have produced advice around chatting with strangers here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-for-parents/tackling-the-hard-stuff-on-social-media-to-support-young-people/chatting-to-strangers-online/>

## Is YouTube safe?

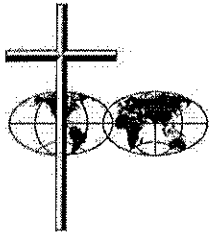
The NSPCC have produced this article discussing the risks associated with using YouTube and the safety settings and features that are available depending on how old your child is and what they do on YouTube. You can access the article here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/how-to-keep-your-child-safe-on-youtube/>

## TikTok refresh

Parent Zone have worked with TikTok to produce a series about safety when using TikTok. You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>



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### **Applications are invited for the position of Communications Officer – Maternity Cover**

Columban Missionaries Britain are seeking a part-time Communications Officer to join its team, based at St. Columban's in Solihull. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic professional to contribute to the mission work of the Columbans in Britain.

You will provide temporary maternity cover for our Communications Officer. Working collaboratively with Columban ministries in Britain, to communicate effectively and primarily through online media the work of Columban missionaries around the world to increase engagement and support. This includes reaching out to new people and audiences that identify with our core mission and values.

The incumbent should be a self-motivated person with a versatile approach. The successful candidate should possess excellent communication and presentation skills. The candidate must be a problem solver and an effective team player. In addition, the incumbent should be approachable, flexible and resourceful.

- Hours of work: 15 hours per week. Flexible working arrangements will be considered.
- For more details about the position and to apply, please contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562657382 or [Hr@columbans.co.uk](mailto:Hr@columbans.co.uk)

**Deadline for applications: Midnight on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023**