

Attendance

Whole school attendance
(4-03-2019 to 8-03-2019)

Year	%
1	94%
2	97%
3	99%
4	97%
5	97%
6	95%

Year	%
Nursery	75%
Reception	86%

Whole school attendance
4th Sept to 8th March

Year	%
1	96%
2	96%
3	97%
4	96%
5	97%
6	96%

Year	%
Nursery	86%
Reception	91%

What's your attendance grade?

A = 100% Excellent	
B = 98% Very good	
C = 95% Good	
D = 92% Satisfactory	
E = 90% Below Average	
F = 85% Poor	
E = 80% Unacceptable	

Congratulations to Year 3 with 99% Attendance

Attendance from Monday 4th to Friday 8th for Key Stage 1 and 2 is 99%
School Attendance from 4th Sept to 8th March for Key Stage 1 and 2 is 95%
Please ensure your child attends school unless they are too unwell to do so.

All children should be in school by 8.55am at the latest.



Alive in Jesus

THE MESSENGER

CATHOLIC LIFE



On Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent. Lent gives us the opportunity not only to think of 'giving up' something but also of renewing and refreshing our spiritual lives by doing something new or taking up something from which we have lapsed. Let us pray for the grace to keep a good Lent encouraging the children and ourselves to pray, fast and give alms.

A word from Pope Francis 'Lent is a 'powerful' season a turning point that can foster change in each of us. Let us deny ourselves something every day to help other.'



During the autumn term we surveyed parents to gain a better knowledge about our after school provision. We wanted to know if there was any demand to extend the current hours of 3.10pm – 4.30pm and what price parents felt was reasonable to pay. Thank you to all of the parents who responded. We have closely monitored our numbers since the survey and have come to the conclusion that the demand is not there to extend our after school provision. Therefore after school club times and prices will **remain unchanged** for the moment.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend
Mrs N Damms
Principal

The Man Who Changed the World

Years 2, 3 and 5 shared this special exhibition with Francis from Kings Norton Baptist Church and some members of his church on Tuesday in our school hall. They worked very hard to set up some lovely displays all about Jesus and his life and the children were very interested to move around in groups and find out about each one. At the end, they were challenged to use the whole exhibition and everything that they had learnt to complete a quiz. They certainly enjoyed the challenge of this and they all did very well. Many thanks must go to Francis and his friends for taking the time to come and share this with us.

Learning is the lifelong process of transforming information and experience into knowledge, skills, behaviour and attitudes.

626 Lates!



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

I'm sure you will all be as shocked as we are to read that since we came back to school in September, there have been 626 lates recorded on our registers! This is an unacceptable number of lates and needs to improve rapidly.

There are many families who do ensure that their children are in school every day and on time so a huge **THANK YOU** to all of those families. Just a reminder, doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am. Any children arriving after this time will have to enter through the office where they will be recorded in the late book.

If your child is late, you must bring them to the office to explain why they are late. Please do not leave them at the gate. If you do not come in to explain why they are late, the office staff will call you to find the reason.

<u>Minutes late per day during the school year</u>	<u>Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year</u>
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect them in the future

We will be monitoring punctuality closely and contacting parents whose children are late regularly.

If you have any concerns about your child and you would like to discuss them, please make an appointment to speak to someone in school.

Year 3 Swimming

All of Year 3 have done really well and have made lots of progress. 11 swimmers had a go at their 25 meters from the deep end of the pool and lots of others are out of armbands and are using disks. Confidence has grown rapidly over the two weeks and their enthusiasm for swimming is fantastic.



Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Day

On Tuesday Year 6 had a Confirmation Retreat Day which was led by Emily from 'One Life Music'; it was an opportunity to work together and deepen our understanding of this special Sacrament. We found out that God is inviting us to serve him and that we can say 'Yes' to God. We considered, discussed and found out what it really means to be a follower of Christ in our world today.



Thouckball Tournament

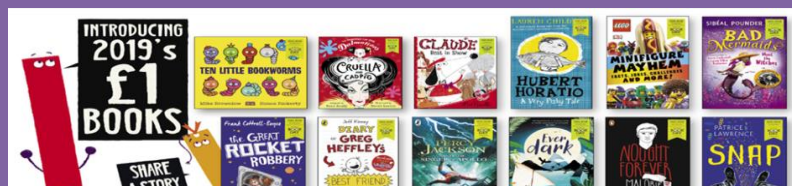
Last Thursday, pupils from Years 3 and 4 took part in an inter-school Thouckball competition, at The Factory in Longbridge. Thouckball is a sport new to most people (including Teachers!), but it is soon to be an Olympic sport of and the pupils have taken to it with enthusiasm. In their first match, St Paul's got off to a fast start, scoring first and holding their own for half the game, before they began to tire and the opposition crept in to take the win. Under the inspirational leadership of Mr Bryan, St Paul's won the following match and two more before drawing the Third-Place tie to finish fourth overall. The pupils behaved impeccably both on and off the court, and their performance was a real credit to the school. A highly promising start to what is a new and exciting sport. Well Done St Paul's!



What a fantastic World Book Day we all had in school! We love books and all our learning is centered around them so to have a day just to celebrate reading is very special. Thank you to all our children and families for your hard work and creativity in putting together such wonderful costumes. The children were really excited to talk about the characters that they had chosen.

Each class learnt and performed a poem in our World Book Day Assembly. Well done to you all! You performed brilliantly.

Remember to take your book token to Sainsbury's, WHSmith or any book shop to buy one of the 12 special books written and published for World Book Day by famous authors such as Rick Riordan, Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Malorie Blackman, Jeff Kinney, Lauren Child and Alex T Smith.



VIRTUES

The following children were chosen for demonstrating the virtues of **Learned** and **Wise**

Y1	Jake	Y2	Anna	Y3	Jamie
Y4	William	Y5	Delicia	Y6	All of Year 6

SPECIAL MENTION

These children were chosen by their class teachers:

Y1	Brodi-Leigh & Caiomhe	Y2	Lexie & Hayden	Y3	All of Year 3
Y4	Isabella & Shay	Y5	Christopher & Kaci-Rae	Y6	Kwaku & Henri

Dates to keep

- 13th March- Sacramental Preparation Holy Communion 3.30- 4.30pm
- 20th March- Sacramental Preparation Year 6 Confirmation
- 21st March- Year 2 Mass 9am school hall
- 28th March- Year 1 Mass 9am school hall
- 31st March- Confirmation 11am St Pauls Church
- 12th April- End of Term assembly School
- 15th to 26th April- Easter Holidays/ School closed
- 29th April- Teacher Training Day
- 30th April- School re- open normal time