

Attendance

Whole school attendance
(01-07-2019 to 05-07-2019)

Year	%
1	97%
2	95%
3	100%
4	97%
5	97%
6	97%

Year	%
Nursery	75%
Reception	94%

Whole school attendance
4th Sept to 5th July

Year	%
1	96%
2	95%
3	97%
4	96%
5	96%
6	96%

Year	%
Nursery	85%
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 100% Attendance

Attendance from Monday 1st to
Friday 5th for Key Stage 1 and 2 is
97%

School Attendance from 4th Sept to
5th July for Key Stage 1 and 2 is
96%

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



St Peter and St Paul

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of St Peter and St Paul. Paul, Originally named Saul, was born to a Jewish family. He is the only apostle not to have met Jesus in his lifetime on earth. Whilst Saul was on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians, he had a vision of Jesus that altered the course of his life. Saul was baptised and took the name Paul. Later in Damascus Paul's enemies attempted to assassinate him, but he escaped by having his friends lower him over the city wall in a basket.

Paul travelled extensively and while on these missionary journeys wrote letters to the people he had visited. These letters became a major influence on Christian teachings and on the development of Christianity.

The children here celebrated the day with an ice-lolly and extended play on Monday.

Gospel Virtues: Intentional & Prophetic

Pupils at St Paul's are growing to be: "Trying to live in an intentional and prophetic way in what ultimately makes us human"

A word from Pope Francis "It is in the human heart that God's kingdom takes root and grows."

Transition Week

This week our current Year 6 visited their new secondary schools. The rest of the school will have a moving up morning on Monday 8th July. The children will have the opportunity to spend the morning in their new classroom with their teacher for 2019/2020. I have no doubt the children will love spending time in their new classrooms.

Sports Day

We are looking forward to our EYFS and KS1 sports day on Wednesday 17th July. Please note that all class will take part in events together. We anticipate a start time of 9.15. The morning will finish by 12.00 in time for Nursery children to go home.

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

Sunshine

We finally have some sunshine! Please can you ensure you apply sun cream to your child before school. Children need to bring a sunhat and water bottle to school each day. Unfortunately we are unable to apply sun cream to all pupils in each class or supervise children putting their own cream on; therefore it must be applied before the children come to school. Many thanks for your support with this.

5- aside Football

On Tuesday 25th June, Year 5 and 6 boys took part in a football tournament at Star City Goals pitches. Despite the rain, the boys performed really well against the other schools coming third in their first round of matches! Unfortunately the boys didn't make it to the final few games but scored some great goals in the friendly matches afterwards, showing great sportsmanship, the boys stayed to cheer for the winning team. What a great afternoon it was! Keep up the hard work boys and watch this space, I see future David Beckham's amongst us!!



Mosque visit

On Wednesday, Year 6 visited Birmingham Central Mosque in order to deepen our understanding of the Muslim faith. Mrs Kay, our guide, shared so many interesting facts about the Mosque and we were surprised to find lots of links between the Muslim faith and Christianity. We found out that John the Baptist, Adam, Joseph and Jesus are prophets in the Muslim faith and that the Angel Gabriel helps Muslims to know right from wrong. It was such a fascinating visit and the children will be able to share these facts during their RE lessons at secondary school.



Key Stage 2 Sports Day

Thank you so much to all of you who were able to support our Key Stage 2 children at Hagley Stadium last Monday for their Sports Day. This was a wonderful morning and all the children showed resilience and perseverance in each event. It was great to see the children try the high jump and long jump as well as the traditional running races. In the afternoon, we held an awards assembly where lots of children received medals. All the children thoroughly enjoyed having the Sports Day at Hadley Stadium so fingers crossed we can use the stadium again next year.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to be able to update you on the staffing arrangements for next year.

EYFS: Miss Foster, Mrs O'Neill, Mrs Skidmore & Mrs Sharlping

Year 1: Miss Concanon & Mrs McHugh

Year 2: Mrs Ingram, Miss O'Neill & Mrs Rooney

Year 3: Miss Grinnell, Mrs Ball & Mr Cadney

Year 4: Mr Doyle & Mrs Allen

Year 5: Mrs Minchin & Mrs Craddock

Year 6: Mrs Barton, Mrs McConvery & Mrs Gagin

Mrs Bodlovic will continue to cover PPA across the school, Mrs Mantle's and Mrs Clarke's positions remain unchanged. Sadly, Mr Shone, our current year 5 teacher, will be leaving us at the end of the term. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and want to wish him all the very best in his teaching career.

St Thomas Aquinas Family Mass – Tuesday 9th July 7pm

You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday 9th July 7pm in the main hall at St Thomas Aquinas. All are invited to attend with your family and friends. They are saying farewell to two long serving members of staff: Richard Smith and Richard Miastowski as well as other staff members.

Parking

Did you know that Fr Barry has kindly agreed to our parents using the Church car park for both drop off and collection? We have had a number of near misses and dangerous parking incidents reported to us recently. Please be mindful of the safety of our children and use the Church car park. Parents are not permitted to drive onto the staff car park or pull up next to the barrier at any times. Thank you for your cooperation with this situation in helping to safeguard all pupils and parents of St Paul's.

Medical Update

It has come to our attention that there are some cases of head lice again in school. Please can you check your child's hair on a regular basis. For information on the identification, management and treatment of head lice you may wish to visit the following websites: www.onceaweektakeapeep.com and www.nhs.uk/conditions.

End of term finishing

Please be aware that we will be finishing at 1:15pm on Friday 19th July 2019.

This week 3 students and Ms Tedcastle from St Thomas Aquinas came to create some paintings in early years. They look amazing and we know that the children will enjoy looking at them. Thank you so much!



Year 5 Bikeability

This week Year Five have had the opportunity to learn about the importance of road safety through Bikeability. Pupils were shown how to:

- Stop, look, and listen for traffic
- How to set off safely
- How to use arm signals to show the direction they want to go
- How to cross the road safely
- How to cycle safely, on the road and in a built-up area

The sessions were led by a professional cyclist who carefully guided the groups on the road. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves, especially as the weather was perfect!



WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC FUN

On Wednesday 17th July, children from Reception - Year 6 will have a whole school picnic on the field at lunchtime. If your child usually has a packed lunch, please send one in as usual. If your child has a school dinner, a packed lunch will be provided for them. After lunch, classes will be registered and go back out onto the field for a fun afternoon. This will include exciting activities and games. Children can bring some treats to eat during the afternoon. Please do not send children with chewing gum, fizzy drinks or glass containers. Remember we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL due to children having allergies.

Ash End Farm

On Wednesday, Reception and Nursery went to Ash End Farm. We saw goats, sheep, chicks, pigs, rabbits and ducks. We fed the goats, fed the lamb with a bottle and collected an egg. Thank you to all the members of staff and parents for coming with us. We had a wonderful day!



VIRTUES

The following children were chosen for demonstrating the virtues of **Intentional** and **Prophetic**.

Y1	Hollie- Rose	Y2	Pixie	Y3	Ivan
Y4	Max	Y5	Angel	Y6	Julien

SPECIAL MENTION

These children were chosen by their class teachers:

Y1	Maci-Leigh & Nicole	Y2	Alexia & Lexi	Y3	Ian & Teagan
Y4	Pheobe & Rotan	Y5	Corey & Roberto	Y6	Tyler & Brooklyn

Dates for your Diary

Dates to Keep

- 8th July to 12th July- Year 6 Bikeability
- 8th July- Reception Induction Day Whole school moving up day.
- 9th July- Year 3 visit to Singers Hill Synagogue
- 9th July- Rounder's Tournament- Five ways
- 10th July- 6 pupils maths challenge at Kings Norton Girls
- 12th July- Nursery Graduation 10.30am
- 16th July- Year 6 Trip to Hollywood Bowl
- 17th July- Nursery/ Reception Year 1 and Year 2 sports day 9.15am to 12.00pm School field.
- 17th July- Whole school Picnic 1.00pm (Rec –Y6)
- 18th July- Mass in School Church
- 18th July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm in school hall parents invited
- 19th July- Congratulation Assembly 9.00am
- 19th July- Break up for Summer- Finishes at 1.15pm
- 2nd September- Teacher Training Day
- 3rd September- School re-opens at 8.45am