

Attendance

Whole school attendance
(07-09-19 to 11-10-19)

Year	%
1	94%
2	97%
3	99%
4	100%
5	94%
6	97%

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 Y4 who have achieved 100% attendance this week

School attendance from
07/10/19 – 11/10/19:

Y1-6 –97%

Reception – 96%

Nursery – 94%

School attendance from
03/09/19 – 11/10/19:

Y1-6 –96 %

Reception –96 %

Nursery – 91%

Please ensure your child attends school unless they are too unwell to do so.

Please ensure children are in school by 8.55am at the latest.



Alive in Jesus

THE MESSENGER

CATHOLIC LIFE

This Sunday, Blessed John Henry Newman will become the first English saint in over 50 years! All over the world, people are preparing to celebrate the canonisation of the Blessed John Henry Newman. Earlier this year, Pope Francis announced that he will canonise Blessed John Henry Newman in St Peter's Square on Sunday 13 October 2019. This will make Cardinal Newman the first English person who has lived since the 17th century to be officially recognised as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. A saint is someone who devoted their life to loving God and serving others. Someone is called a saint when the Church officially recognises that after they have died, that person went to heaven and are especially close to God.

John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was ordained as a Church of England priest and soon became the leader of the Oxford Movement before converting to Catholicism in 1845. He founded the Oratory in England and was later made a cardinal. When he died at the age of 89, more than 15,000 people lined the streets of Birmingham for his funeral. Cardinal Newman is widely considered to be one of the most significant figures of the 19th century.

When Saint John Henry Newman spoke, he spoke from his heart. He was well known for following his conscience even when it sometimes made him unpopular. Because Saint John Henry Newman spoke honestly and from the heart, people trusted what he said. Saint John Henry Newman understood that God has made us all to do a special job – to do good and bring God's love to people near to us and those who live far away. He understood this by spending time in prayer, talking and listening to God. No one is too young or too small to play their part in fulfilling their mission.



We are collecting donations of food for our local foodbank – B30 FOODBANK. We would appreciate any donations you are able to give. Please bring any donations to the school office or give them to your child's class teacher. Please ensure the food is not perishable. Many thanks in advance.

A word from Pope Francis "The heart that knows how to say 'thank you' to God and to one another."

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Year 6 families, the closing date for Secondary School applications is **31st OCTOBER 2019**. Your applications must be submitted by this date so that you do not miss the deadline. If you need support completing the application, please come to the school office and someone will be able to support you. Please ensure you do this before we break up for half term.

Ensure you attend the school open days/evenings so that you can make an informed decision. Also look at their admissions criteria online. Be realistic when choosing your 6 schools to avoid disappointment.

For more information visit: www.birmingham.gov.uk



Nursery Places

Have you got a child who has turned 3 since September? If so they will be entitled to a place in our Nursery. Our next round of admissions will be January. Please contact the school office and provide them with your details so that we can arrange home visits this term.

SCHOOL UNIFORM LABELS

Please ensure all items sent to school are clearly labelled with your child's name. We had lots of coats left in the playground this week and none had names in which meant they couldn't be returned to their owners. We don't want families to have to buy new items of clothing unnecessarily. Thank you for your support with this.

VIRTUES

The following children were chosen for demonstrating the virtues of **Generous** and **Grateful**

Y1	Kate & Isabelle	Y2	Anastaysia & Brodi
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SPECIAL MENTION

These children were chosen by their class teachers:

Y1	Porsha	Y2	Lola
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Aquinas Family Evening

Tuesday 22nd October 2019

7pm



**Bringing the past, present and future
of our wonderful**

**Aquinas Family together
*Browse our new school displays
and visit The Aquinas Hub.
Refreshments will be served.***



Celebrating past contributions

Giving thanks for 3 members of staff who have left this term

Mary Ryan, Julie Walker & Danetta Powell.

Also celebrating the JP2 Award awarded of Megan and Kelsey.

Our present

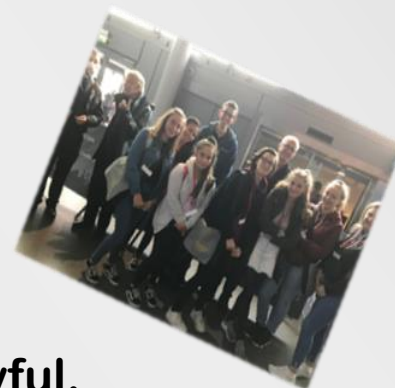
Re-commissioning of Eucharistic Minsters

Chat to current students about what they are proud of

Looking to the future

Mission 2020

STACS Family Alumni



**Come as you are; it will be a joyful,
relaxed and informal occasion**

**Spread the word and pass this invitation on
If you can attend, please contact the school on
0121 464 4643
reply via email to Enquiry@stacs.bham.sch.uk**

Dates For Your Diary

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER – PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ENROLEMENT MASS FOR OUR Y3 AND Y6 PUPILS WHO ARE MAKING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION LATER THIS YEAR. IT IS AT 11AM AT ST PAUL’S CHURCH.

OCTOBER

- 13th October- Holy Communion/ Confirmation Enrolment Mass 11am Church
- 17th October- Year 4 Class Mass – FAMILIES PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR THIS
- 18th October- Whole School Photographs
- 24th October- Whole School Mass In Church
- 24th October- Break up for half term 3:10pm/3:15pm
- **25th October- INSET DAY**

NOVEMBER

- 4th November- School open to pupils 8.45am
- 7th November- Year 2 Class Mass
- 11th November to 15th November- Anti bullying week
- 13th November- Holy Communion meeting 3.20pm
- 14th November- Whole School Mass In Church
- 20th November- Confirmation meeting 3.20pm
- 21st November- Year 3 Class Mass
- 27th November- Parent Consultations
- 28th November- Whole School Mass In Church

DECEMBER

- 4th December- Holy Communion meeting 3.20pm
- 5th December- Year 1 Class Mass
- 10th December- KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2pm (parents invited)
- 11th December- KS1 Nativity Play 9:15am (parents invited)
- 12th December- EYFS Class Mass
- 12th December- Christmas Film night - more information to follow
- 16th December- EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10:45am (parents invited)
- 17th December EYFS Nativity Play 9:15am (parents invited)
- 18th December- Christmas Dinner
- 18th December- KS2 Reflection 4pm (parents invited)
- 19th December- End of term Whole School Mass In Church
- 20th December- Congratulations Assembly/ Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

JANUARY

- **6th January- INSET DAY**
- 7th January- School open to pupils at 8.45am

Mass Rota Date	Year Group
17 th October 2019	Year 4
24 th October 2019	Whole school
HALF TERM	
7 th November 2019	Year 2
14 th November 2019	Whole school
21 st November 2019	Year 3
28 th November 2019	Whole school
5 th December 2019	Year 1
12 th December 2019	Early Years
19 th December 2019	Whole school

I wish you all a safe and happy weekend.

God bless,

N.Damms

Mrs N Damms

