



Dear parents/carers

Thank you all for your attendance in school since the turn of the new year. It's been wonderful to have you in the building to discuss your child's progress at parent's evening; but mostly to have you in school to share in our learning, Masses and liturgies.

The children have had some excellent opportunities this half-term to develop knowledge in online safety; how to live a healthy active lifestyle with DECCA Sandwell; learn about cultures from around the world; and develop leadership in play activities to name a few.

Congratulations to Year 5 who put on such a fantastic performance at the Symphony Hall on Monday evening for our MAC Pyramid Concert. Thank you to all the staff who helped you prepare and gave up their time to prepare you for such a memorable occasion.

I hope the children, and yourselves if you are able to take the time, enjoy the half-term break. We look forward to a safe and well-rested return for all.

Best wishes and God bless,  
Mr C Hancox

**Eloquent and Truthful**

Next half-term we are growing to be learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

We will be helping our children to grow by the breadth and depth of the curriculum; by deepening knowledge, and the creation of opportunities to become more learned and wise.



**Lenten Prayer**

God, almighty Father,

May I stand in solidarity today with all my brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering.

May we be united in your love, and may I work to build your kingdom here on earth throughout Lent and always.

Amen

**Wednesday Word**

Click [here](#) to see Gospel readings for Sundays over the coming weeks and related activities for you to do at home with your children to get them thinking about the Lenten season.

**Stations of the Cross**

If you wish to pray the Stations of the Cross at home as a family throughout Lent, please feel free to use the link below to help guide you through the reflection: [Stations of the Cross](#)

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Reception and Year 5S on having the highest collective attendance for this half-term.

Overall, school attendance this half-term was at 94.5%.

Year 4 have the highest attendance of 96% since the start of the academic year.

RY	96%
1Y	94%
2Y	95%
Year 3	94%
4Y	95%
Year 5K	92%
Year 5S	96%
6Y	95%

**Our Lady of Good Counsel and St Gregory the Great**

For **Mass and liturgy times**, including those over the festive period, please click [here](#).

For **news, events, and further updates** in the Parish, please click [here](#).

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**Things to note:**

- Please take a small amount of time to give us feedback through our **parent survey** which will have also been sent to you today (17.02.2023). We really do value your viewpoint as way of supporting us in improving the school further. The closing date for submissions is Friday 3rd March 2023.
- With regards to **industrial action** on **Wednesday 1st March 2023**, school remains open fully at this moment in time. Should this change at all, school will inform you as soon as possible.
- **World Book Day** is being celebrated in school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023** we would love for your child to bring in their favourite book that day and if possible, we encourage them to attend dressed as a book character of their choosing. If attending in a costume is not possible, non-uniform is also acceptable
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning** hosted by the PTA on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in the hall. All are welcome to join.

**Extra-curricular Activities  
this Half-Term**

Mon	KS2 Basketball	Chess Club
Tue	Lego Club	
Wed		
Thu	Year 6 Arithmetic Club	
Fri	Irish Dancing	

**Key Dates**

- **School Reopens** – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- **World Book Day** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023
- **Science Fair** - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- **Year 1 visit to Warwick Castle** - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023
- **Term finishes for Easter** - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Inspire Workshops**

- **Yr 5K** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023
- **Yr 1** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- **Yr 5S** – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- **Yr 3** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- **Yr 6** – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- **Yr 4** - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (in the classroom)

**Masses**

- **Yr 3 & 4** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023
- **Yr 1 & 2** – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- **Yr 5 & 6** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- **Yr 3 & 4** – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023
- **Reception Yr 1 & 2** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

*\*Please continue to look out for the weekly newsletter on the website*

**Breakfast Club:**

- Early Start (7:30am – 8:45am): £ 6.00
- Standard Start (8:00am - 8:45am): £ 4.00
- Later Start (8:15am - 8:45am): £ 2.00



**After School Club:**

- Long Session (3:25pm – 6:00pm): £ 9.00
- Mid-Session (3:25pm - 5:30pm): £ 8.00
- Short session (3.25pm – 4.30pm): £ 4.50
- Mini Session (3:00pm - 3:30pm or 3:30pm - 4:00pm): £ 2.00
- After Activity Club top up session (4:30pm - 6:00pm): £4.50



**Please ensure you book sessions in advance.**

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