

Friday 7th November 2025

# Newsletter

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,



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## In November we Remember - the Month of Holy Souls

During the month of November we are asked by the Church to pray for those who have gone before us to Heaven. We will have special liturgies and prayers in school.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.*



## Remembrance Day

Some of our Year 6 pupils will take part in a Service at West Orchards in the City Centre on Tuesday, reading some beautiful poems they have written as part of the Remembrance Service which begins at 10.45am.

Pupils in school will pause at 11am as we observe two minutes' silence for Remembrance.



## Children in Need

We are supporting the Children in Need Appeal by selling merchandise: *Pudsey Ears £3/ Pudsey Pens £1 / Pudsey Pins*

## School Photographs Monday 10th November

Please make sure that your child is in full school uniform - NO PE KITS



Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who were confirmed last night during a beautiful Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. They will be presented with their certificates in 9.30am Mass on Sunday.



loving hopeful  
 attentive learned curious  
 faith-filled wise  
 generous eloquent grateful  
 intentional compassionate discerning  
 truthful active

This half term, pupils are focusing on being learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

We think it is very important for children to play outside daily, so whenever possible we are outside for playtimes and lunchtimes. Please make sure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school daily.



Please note  
**Monday 24th November**  
 is a Teacher Training Day  
 and school is closed.



All pupils return to school on Tuesday 25th November as normal.

## After School Clubs *Please remember to sign up in advance.*

- After School Clubs: 3 - 4pm £2
- Breakfast Club: 7.45am - 8.30am £2 including breakfast
- Staylate: 3 - 5.30pm £5 including a snack

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Activities - Cookery - Y6 Maths IT - Boys' Football (Y5/6)	- Activities - Multi-sports (Y1/2) - Martial Arts (KS2) - Netball (KS2)	- Activities - Computers - Tennis (Y2+) - Girls' Football (Y5/6) - Eritrean Club <i>AC Academy Concert at Coventry Cathedral</i>	- Activities - Boys' Football KS2 - Musical Theatre - Mini Vinnies	- Activities - Hockey (Y5/6) - Gymnastics / acro dance

Our value of the month is...  
**Humility**

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 is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.

## Looking forward...

Sunday 9th November	9.30am Mass at Church - Confirmandi to be presented with their certificates
Monday 10th November	School Photographs Anti-bullying Week Switch Off Fortnight
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12th November	Young Shakespeare Company visiting Year 5/6 for a performance AC Academy Concert @ Coventry Cathedral
Monday 17th November	Road Safety Week
Tuesday 18th November	Year 3/4 Roman Day



Have a lovely weekend!

Pauline MacDonald  
Head Teacher

**Please  
Keep To The  
Paths**

### Winter Uniform

Please remember that after half term all pupils should be in **winter uniform** and be bringing a waterproof, warm coat with them daily as we go outside in almost all weather!

Girls	Boys
Grey trousers or skirt White shirt or white/purple polo shirt Purple sweatshirt or purple/grey cardigan Grey tights or socks, or white socks Black school shoes	Grey trousers White shirt or white/purple polo shirt Purple sweatshirt or grey jumper Black school shoes

**St Mary & St Benedict** @StMaryStBen · Nov 3  
Mass for All Souls' Day  
Thank you to Mrs Thomas' class for leading the readings and bidding prayers today. 🙏



**St Mary & St Benedict** @StMaryStBen · Nov 4  
Year 5 have created their own fraction walls today. Lots of skills developed.



**St Mary & St Benedict** @StMaryStBen · Nov 5  
Today in nursery, we worked together to create a number line! Then we had fun standing on the numbers Miss McKenna called out. Learning numbers has never been so much fun! 🎉 #Maths #Numbers #NumberRecognition #PlayingIsLearning



Another busy  
week at SMSB!

**St Mary & St Benedict** @StMaryStBen · Nov 5  
🎆🎆 Bang! Pop! Fizz! Nursery have had a sparkling day learning how to stay safe on Bonfire Night! We designed dazzling firework pictures using a range of tools, then made our own edible sparklers they were delicious! #BonfireNight #StayingSafe #FineMotor #PlayingIsLearning



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