

Friday 24th October 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 some special liturgies and prayers in school.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.*



We finish today for one week's holiday and return to school on Monday 3rd November. Have a fun and relaxing half term break!



Please remember in your prayers a group of our pupils from Year 6 who will be confirmed by Bishop David Walker on Thursday 6th November at 6pm in our Church.

## Children in Need

After half term our School Council will be supporting the Children in Need Appeal by selling merchandise: *Pudsey Ears £3/ Pudsey Pens £1 / Pudsey Pins £1*



## Half Term Holiday Club

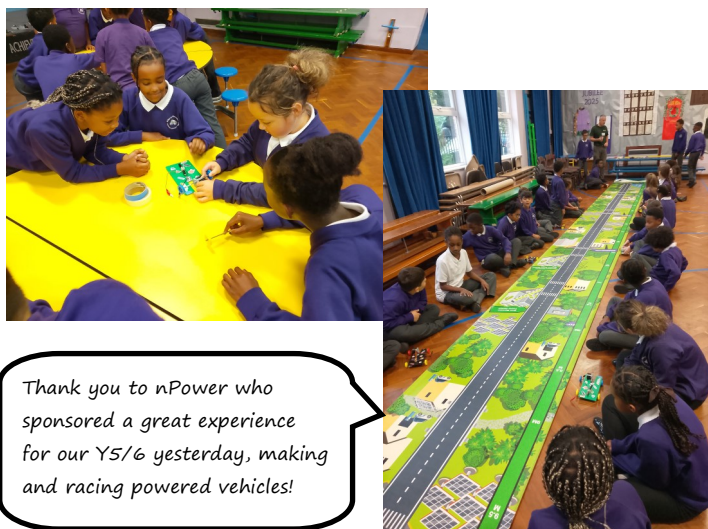
Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

8am to 5pm

£15 per day per child



Places must be booked and are subject to availability. Please book at the Office or speak to out of school care staff.



Thank you to nPower who sponsored a great experience for our Y5/6 yesterday, making and racing powered vehicles!

We shared last week how SEND professionals have noted increased concerns in children's development connected to use of devices, and are pushing for children not to access phones or tablets. Use can harm children's communication and academic achievements. Children need to be playing and talking with their families and friends in real life. Does your child use a tablet or phone? #smartphonefreechildhood

## After School Clubs..will begin again on Monday 3rd November

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>4.15pm AC Academy (finishes at 5.30pm)</i>	- Activities - Boys' Football KS2 - Musical Theatre - Mini Vinnies	- Activities - Hockey (Y5/6) - Gymnastics / acro dance

## DID YOU KNOW?

We'll look back in 20 years and be horrified about what our children were exposed to online.

The Children's Commissioner for England

SIGN THE PARENT PACT HERE



SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

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



## Looking forward...

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October	School Closed - Half Term Holiday Club Open £15 per day per child
Monday 3rd November	8.30am All children return to school 9.30am Y1-6 attending Mass for All Souls
Thursday 6th November	6pm Sacrament of Confirmation
Friday 7th November	Year 6 group visiting St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham JN Y3 visiting Abbey Fields
Sunday 9th November	9.30am Confirmation Celebration Mass
Monday 10th November	Anti-bullying Week Switch Off Fortnight
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12th November	AC Academy Concert @ Coventry Cathedral



**Please  
Keep To The  
Paths**

Have a lovely half term! Thank you for all of your support, and making sure that your children are ready to learn and on time for school each day. Have a good rest and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 3rd November**.

Pauline MacDonald  
Head Teacher

**St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen · Oct 20**  
Our nursery children had a wonderful time celebrating #Diwali today! 🌟 They made colourful Rangoli patterns, created beautiful Diwali cards, tried some Diwali yoga, and even tasted delicious Jalebi! 🍯🌟  
#FestivalOfLights #PlayingIsLearning



### 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	Grey trousers
White shirt or white/purple polo shirt	White shirt or white/purple polo shirt
Purple sweatshirt or purple/grey cardigan	Purple sweatshirt or grey jumper
Grey tights or socks, or white socks	Black school shoes
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Thank you to the children who represented us at the Values Dodgeball competition - your teachers were very proud of you!



Another busy week at SMSB!

Congratulations to our football team who got off to a great start, beating St John Fisher 6-2 in the Catholic Cup. Well done!



**St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen · Oct 21**  
Thank you, Year 3, for thinking of us on your walk! 🍂🌟 Nursery can't wait to explore your amazing autumn treasures. 🍁🌟 #Autumn #TeamWork  
#Treasure #PlayingIsLearning



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