



Friday 11th February 2022

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring Term 2022		Mon 21 st Feb	Mon 28 th Feb	Fri 8 th Apr 2.00pm
Summer Term 2022	(Mon 25 th April Training Day School Closed.) School re-opens Tues 26 th April	Mon 30 th May	Mon 6 th June	Thurs 21 st July 2.00pm

Catholic Life

Class Mass

The next Class Mass is Thurs 17th Feb – Year 5 (6th Sunday of Ordinary Time) and Thurs 10th March – Year 4 (First Sunday of Lent). Due to Covid restrictions, unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate parents this half term. We will continue to keep you updated.

Wednesday Word

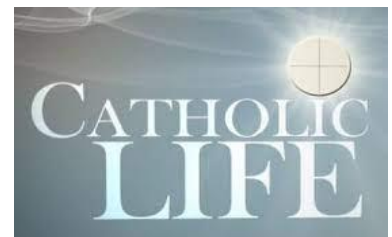
Please find the link for this week's **Wednesday Word** which shares Sundays Gospel with parents and families.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=4.4>

Ten Parent Newsletter

The following link takes you to the Parents newsletter for February

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/parents/>



Parish of SS John and Martin

Please click on the following to access Mass times and the current SS John and Martin parish newsletter.

<http://www.ssjohnandmartin.org.uk/newsletter.htm>

Synod

Pope Francis has invited the entire Church to take part in preparing for a Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. The Pope is asking the whole Church to take part in a Synodal Journey. At this time, we are asked to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit and to one another so that we can discern what God is asking of his Church as we journey together into the future. Schools are a very important part of the life of the Church, so will have an opportunity to contribute to this synodal journey. The reflections that come from all discussions will be shared with the wider Archdiocese. These will inform the evaluation made by the Archdiocese which will be part of a bigger evaluation of the Church in England and Wales which will be sent to Rome in preparation for the Synod in 2023. The Archdiocese are inviting all our schools to take part to reflect on these matters and has put together a series of reflective questions for parents to consider.

The link to access this survey is:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=ZaYXOA15OEWRO1K65aakqonRvuQrQBdLlBQyhMDqFeNUQ-U1XTUIFOUqxSzQ2RjhKNTk2WjhWUTIZVi4u>

We would invite you to complete this survey by **Friday 18th February 2022**.



Safer Internet Week

This week we marked Safer Internet week with a range of events, including assemblies and lessons around how to keep ourselves safe when using the internet.

To support your child's safety online, we have looked at a number of web links that may help. We have divided the information into common problems and provided resources that can help keep parents informed. The categories include:

- Keeping your child safe online
- Keeping up to date with the latest apps
- Applying parental controls to digital devices, gaming consoles and social media
- Reporting issues to social media sites
- Gaming – what parents need to know Keeping your child safe online

If you're concerned about keeping up-to-date with the latest apps your child has been using, NSPCC's Net Aware provides simple guides for parents to the most popular social networks, apps and games. Simply type in the app you wish to review in the search bar and the website will provide you with useful information to help parents make an informed decision <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Parental Controls Internet Matters.org have produced excellent resources on setting up parental controls in a step by step format. Simply click on the links below to explore ways in which parents can set up parental controls on digital devices and popular social media apps.

Parental controls on: [Smart phones and other devices](#)

Parental controls on: [Entertainment and search engines](#)

Parental controls on: [Broadband and mobile networks](#)

Parental controls on: [Social media](#)

Parental controls on: [Gaming](#)



School of Sanctuary

**SS John and Monica's has made a pledge to becoming a 'School of Sanctuary'.
A 'School of Sanctuary' is:**



- A place that fosters a culture of welcome and safety for people seeking sanctuary, including asylum seeking and refugee families.
- Educates the whole school community about the human right to sanctuary and identifies practical means for schools to demonstrate that commitment.
- Builds empathy and intercultural awareness through promoting the voices and contributions of people seeking sanctuary, encouraging an understanding of the experiences of displaced people and helping to combat stereotypes.

Why become a 'School of Sanctuary'?

Schools are often at the forefront of receiving children and families who have been forcibly displaced. We play a crucial role in helping young people to make sense of the world, to become responsible citizens and to create positive change in their communities. As of June 2020, there were 26 million refugees in the world according the UNHCR, approximately half of whom were children, with climate change increasingly driving the forced displacement of people.

House Points

Rewards

The following children have been chosen by their class teachers for regularly accessing the following educational programmes:

Name	MyOn	Reading Eggspress
Year 1	Paul M	Luca
Year 2	Sukhmani	Ethan
Year 3	Ayden	Amelia
Year 4	Klareece	Nafisah
Year 5	Yunis	Miya
Year 6	Mohiudeen	Ekrama



Well done to St Andrew's House for having the highest house point total over the last two weeks!

1st St Andrew – 1665

2nd St Patrick - 1317

3rd St David – 1170

4th St George - 1109

HOUSE POINTS

Attendance for: Week 31st Jan to 4th Feb – Well done to Year 3 – 98.7%

Week 7th to 11th Feb – Well done to Reception – 100%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	96.7%	97.1%	97%	95.7%	95.5%	96.8%	98.1%
Lates	5	7	2	5	9	4	9
Whole School Attendance so far this year			94.7%		School Target		97%

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to all those children who are in school, on time, every day.

We have noticed an improvement in punctuality and continue to give out punctuality certificates to recognise the importance of this. With the month of January behind us and spring around the corner, we are praying that there will be less illness in our community affecting families. Thank you for ensuring your children are 'school ready' each day.



Spaces Available

We have some school places available in certain classes, particularly the lower years. Please spread this message to any family/friends you may now who are looking for school places for their child/ren. Thank you.



School Games

The 'School Games' is a Government led programme designed to promote physical activity and sport to all young people. Each half term, the school focuses on 6 values that underpin physical activity and competition. These are:



This half term we have been focusing on Teamwork.

The following children have been chosen for exceptional work and behaviour. Well done to everyone!

Reception: Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Deacon & Miss Smith	Ishaan & Harry
Year 1: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Shaheen	Ubaid & Ambar
Year 2: Miss Millar & Mrs. Tutt	Ayaan & Jonah
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Arlo & Ava
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Aydin & Michaela
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Eliza & Tegh
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Aahil & Bryan
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Pavandeep – Year 5
Mrs. Elliott: Headteacher	Alfie – Year 5

Seesaw Homework

Please remember to check Seesaw regularly for reminders of weekly homework and other whole school notifications. Thank you.



Swimming – Y6

Y6 will begin their swimming lessons on Wed 16th Feb for six weeks. The children should arrive to school as normal wearing school uniform. Please ensure that your child is equipped with **full swimming costume, towel** and swimming cap, also goggles, should they wish to bring them. They will be walking to/from Balsall Heath Baths each week, so please ensure that they bring a coat with them each week. If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs. Gray/Mr. Ullah.

Parking People Damage

We were very upset to discover recently, that a parent/visitor had reversed into one of our 'Parking People', resulting in it being unusable. The school bought these parking people to help keep our children safe. They are put out each morning/evening to STOP people parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school and potentially save lives. Each sign costs approx. £200.00.

It is illegal to park on yellow zig-zag lines outside schools and prohibited to even pick up or set down children in this zone. Failure to adhere to the law in this case, could have very damaging consequences. Please be considerate and remember our duty to keep all our children safe.



Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

Quote of the Day

“Never underestimate the difference you can make in the lives of others. Step forward, reach out, and help. Reach out to someone that might need a lift “- Pablo

Mission Statement



**At SS John & Monica's, we learn through the example of
Respect, Understand and Value each other**