



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Summer 2021				Wed 21st July – 2pm
Autumn Term 2021	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> /Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept School Closed for Training Days. School re-opens for children Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec

## COVID-19

With Covid cases rising in Birmingham, the government has announced enhanced support for the city, focussed on increasing vaccination take-up, testing and support for those self-isolating.

Over the next few weeks there will be surge vaccination in 15 wards with the lowest take-up and highest Covid rates, along with greater walk-in capacity at vaccination sites.

[More information about this announcement is available on the council's website at this link.](#)

We have noticed an increasing number of parents coming onto the school site wearing no Masks. Unless you have a medical exception, this is inexcusable in the current situation we find ourselves in again. Moseley has currently one of the highest rates in the city and rates are still rising. We ask you to wear a mask for the safety of our children, staff and other parents. This request is for everyone's protection.

**DO NOT send your child into school if they have a temperature, sore throat or cold like symptoms at this time. Please get a PCR test (not lateral flow) at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>**  
**Lateral flow tests are not advised to be used on Primary aged children.**

**Please inform us immediately if your child tests positive to Covid-19 for Track and Trace purposes.**

Thank you for supporting our school in helping to tackle this most recent Covid-19 variant.



## Educational Visits

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and rising rates we have had to make adjustments to our normal summer term educational visits programme. Y6 should have been visiting Bell Heath Residential Centre for 3 days but this, unfortunately, has been condensed to a one-day visit. All other classes will be making use of the beautiful natural environment we have on our doorstep at Moseley Pool and Park. As we will not be able to host a whole school sports day, all classes will be doing sporting games and races to make up for this. Certificates for good participation and effort will be award following these visits.

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## Catholic Life

### Catholic School Profile – Faith-Filled and Hopeful

Children at SS John and Monica School are growing to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future. Our school nurtures and helps our children grow by passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in our children, and by encouraging them, in turn, to have faith and hope in others.

### First Holy Communion Programme

We pray for our Y3 and Y4 Catholic children, as they make their final step in this part of their faith journey. The children will be receiving Jesus for the first time, through the Sacrament of the Eucharist, as they make their First Holy Communion.

Y4 – Holy Communion Mass 19<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm (SS John and Martin Church)

Y3 – Holy Communion Mass 26<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm (SS John and Martin Church)



### Wednesday Word

Please find the link for this week's *Wednesday Word*

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=4>

### 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>

## Wider Curriculum

Our wider curriculum programme remains very full this term, in order to provide our children with as many rich opportunities as possible.

### Skills Builder

The children all took part in our Skills Builder Project week. Each class had a chosen project to work on and throughout the course of the week aimed to build the following essential skills; listening, speaking, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership and team work. Please visit our school Twitter page to find out what the children learned in their projects.



### Freshwater Theatre

Y5 and Y6 enjoyed a Modern Foreign Language (MFL) Storytelling session workshop today. This session brought a story to life through drama and was led in our chosen school MFL French. The children thoroughly relished the opportunity to become involved and brush up on their simple French conversational understanding.

### Science Week Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Science week organised by Bishop Challoner this year will be blended in approach. Every class will have a practical activity to do and there will be virtual sessions again. These covered include, chromatography butterflies making and testing bath bombs and an egg parachute competition.



## Environmental Corner

### Clean Air Day

Clean Air Day was marked on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June, by all children making 'SWITCH OFF' posters and taking home 'SWITCH OFF' pledges to encourage parents to switch off their engines when they are parked. This fits in with Birmingham's drive for a cleaner air environment.

### Bike week

Although National Bike Week has finished, we are still very proud and impressed with the increasing numbers of children who are cycling/scooting to school. Well done children! You are doing a fabulous job in contribution to cleaner air in our local environment!

## Rewards

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

Year group	MyOn	Mathletics	Reading
Year 1	Iris	Ayaan	Machair
Year 2	Callum	Azaan	Kiara
Year 3	Areeba	Jeremie	Milaan
Year 4	Tegh	Jacob	Yanet
Year 5	Jeremiah	Hessa	Shakeel
Year 6	Ahmed	Haniyah	Seraj



## House Points

Well done to St David's House for having the highest house point total for this week! Well done and keep up the good work everyone!

St Andrew 479

St David 555

St George 492

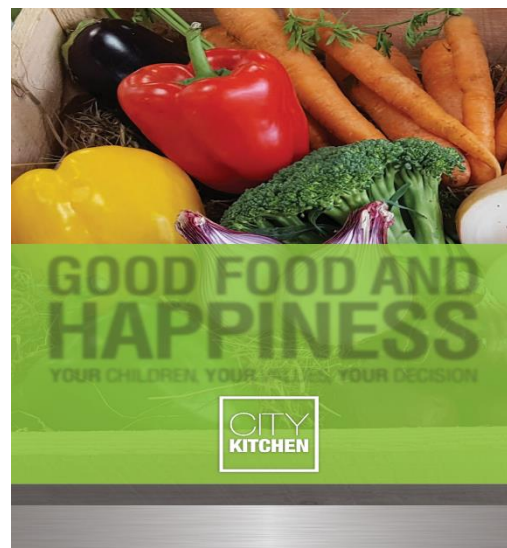
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## Book Bags

If you wish to purchase school book bags, ties, PE Bags, water bottles or School Caps this can be done online via School Money <https://eduspot.co.uk/>, by clicking on the **SHOP** tab & select the item you require, once we receive notification of payment, we will pass your item to the class teacher.

## School Meals

Please find the attached Good Food flyer which highlights the benefits of school meals and the healthy choices provided by Cityserve, our catering provider.



## Community

### Common Wealth Games

The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will recruit and train over 13,000 volunteers to join the Commonwealth Collective. There will be a variety of pre-Games and Games time roles to support the delivery and operations of the Commonwealth Games. Volunteers will play an integral role and be the heart of the Games, leaving a long-lasting impact on the West Midlands region.

For more information on the volunteering programme see the attached flyer or go to the website:

<https://www.birmingham2022.com/%20get-involved/volunteering/>

### Hall Green Families Newsletter

Please find attached the June edition of the Hall Green Families Community newsletter.



Thank you to everyone who is working hard to be in school every day!



Attendance for: Week 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June – Well done to Year 1 – 99.3%  
 Week 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June – Well done to Year 1 – 99.3 %

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	97.1%	99.3%	95.3%	92.1%	98.7%	97.7%	96%
Lates	9	4	8	3	7	6	4
Whole School Attendance so far this year			95.7%		School Target		97%

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

Reception: Mrs. Sparrow & Mrs. Hodges	Dan & Whole Class
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs. Reed	Lina & Ayaan
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Laiq & Sakina
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Maggie & Pedro
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Felicity & Aayan
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Mariam & Mark
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Jemima & Curtis
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Daniyal – Rec & Mohammed Zain – Year 1
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Oji – Year 2 & Year 4 FHC – Felicity, Chitrani, Zofia, Alfie,
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Miya, Taio, Alek & Eliza

### Transition

Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health for Birmingham has informed that no face-to-face transition days should be held in secondary or primary school due to the rise in infections and positive cases across the city. This is to stop cross contamination and the mixing of 'Bubbles'. For this reason, we will not be able to hold our usual 'Transition Days' whereby our children 'move up' for the day and meet their new teachers. Our teachers will hold their usual transition meetings to pass on information about each pupil and will post a welcome from them to their new class via Seesaw.

Year	Class Teacher
Reception	Mrs Riches (4 days) Mrs Deacon (1 day)
Year 1	Miss Geoghegan
Year 2	Miss Millar
Year 3	Miss Treacy
Year 4	Mrs Litchfield/Mrs Catling
Year 5	Miss McEvoy
Year 6	Mrs Gray/Mr Ullah

Stay well and keep safe  
 Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

### Mission Statement



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