



Friday 1st Oct 2021

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn Term 2021	School re-opened Mon 6 th Sept (Training Day School Closed Friday 22 nd Oct)	Mon 25 th Oct	Mon 1 st Nov (Training Day School Closed Friday 26 th Nov)	Fri 17 th Dec
Spring Term 2022	Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Mon 21 st Feb	Mon 28 th Feb	Fri 8 th Apr
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

COVID-19 Update

As seen across the country and in local areas recently, unfortunately, we are seeing a rise in COVID cases. Whilst the majority of pupils will not become too ill with COVID, we need to try and halt the transmission across our community to protect all of our pupils, staff and families.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 (new, continuous cough, high temperature, loss/change in taste/smell), they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>

We are extremely mindful of the negative impact of missing education has on children and young people, therefore, restricting attendance at school will only be considered as an absolute last resort. The school remains open and providing your child remains well they must continue to attend school as normal.

Remote Teaching

If your child has to self-isolate due to a positive test result or being in close contact with a positive case, remote learning can be accessed via <https://app.seesaw.me/#/login>. We ask you to keep up with tasks/homework and reading for the duration of the isolation to ensure that learning is maintained.

Reception Open Day – Thursday 11th November

We are holding our Reception 'Open Day' on **Thursday 11th Nov**. Prospective parents have an opportunity to visit our school and talk to staff. There are 3 time slots available:

- 9.30 am
- 2.00 pm
- 4.30 pm

Each session will start with an address by the Head Teacher followed by a tour of the school. If you would like to book a timeslot, please phone the school office on 0121 464 5868 or email enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk.

Please see attached letter regarding Reception applications for Sept 2022.



Secondary School Applications

If your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2022, you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/secondary_school_year_7_admissions/1
before 31st Oct 2021.

Catholic Life

St Francis of Assisi- The Season of Creation

Pope Francis named this time, September to the feast of St Francis of Assisi (the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations) – 4th Oct, the Season of Creation.

Pope Francis says 'The cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor are becoming increasingly serious and alarming and require decisive, urgent action to transform this crisis into an opportunity. Now is the time for all people, especially Catholics and Christians, to increase their commitment to our common home by doing more than ever to protect God's creation.'

Prayer of Spiritual Communion for the Season of Creation

Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Body and Blood are made present for your people
under the appearance of bread and wine:
fruits of the earth to sustain us;
During this Season of Creation,
we rejoice in the earth's beauty
which has been set before us
and has given us cause for thanksgiving
at the work of the Father's hand.

In this holy Sacrament of the Eucharist,
unite us in your prayer to the Father.
Make of our lives a sacrifice of praise
and deepen our sense of responsibility
for the welfare of the earth, our Common Home.

Amen



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>

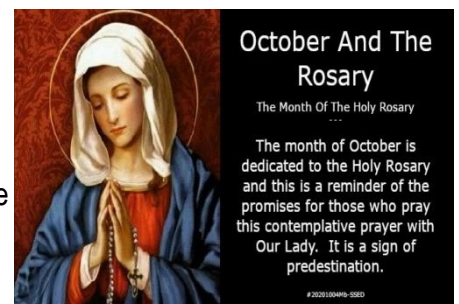
Parish of SS John and Martin

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>

October Month of Mary and Holy Rosary

October is traditionally the month of the rosary. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October the 7th. The Rosary is a meditation in thought and word, it gives us an opportunity to reflect on the most important parts of the life of Jesus. During this month, we will be encouraging our children to reflect on this important prayer and offer their prayers to Mary, the Mother of Jesus.



Black History Month

Black History Month takes place every October and in school, we explore black history, heritage, culture and achievements within each class. We have launched this month with a whole school assembly today and during next week, the children will be covering a variety of lessons and activities to develop their understanding of Black History. They will be producing work which will be showcased at a final feedback assembly next Friday. Keep an eye on our school Twitter feed: @SSJohnMonicas to see some of the activities being covered.

'At SS John and Monica's, we learn through the example of Jesus to love, respect, understand and value each other'

School Meals

- The School Council have been working with Mrs Wallace our Catering Manager to work on a school menu. They have come up with some ideas for a 'Children's choice' meal on a Wednesday and dessert on a Monday. New, updated menus will be emailed out shortly.
- New legislation brought in requires schools to label any prepacked sandwiches with ingredient and allergenic information. This means that any packed lunches for school trips will need to be pre-ordered.



Attendance and Punctuality

- Well done to Year 1 for having 100% attendance (6-10th Sept) and Year 2 99.3% (13-17th Sept). Keep striving to be in school every day!
- This year we are having a focus on good punctuality! Punctuality is an important life skill and ensures that there is no lost learning. We have punctuality certificates, which we will be giving out regularly this year to those who have improved or consistently good punctuality.

Attendance for: **Week: 20th Sept to 24th Sept – Well done to Year R – 97.6%**
Week: 27th Sept to 1st Oct – Well done to Year 1 – 100%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	96.6%	93.8%	98%	94.5%	90.3%	91.7%	97%
Lates	3	5	8	4	11	3	8
Whole School Attendance so far this year			95.5%		School Target		97%

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

Reception: Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Deacon & Miss Smith	Rafe & Yeamlak
Year 1: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Shaheen	Aisha & Anna
Year 2: Miss Millar & Mrs. Tutt	Ethan & Ayyana
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Azaan & Ava
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Serena & Maggie
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Caleb , Whole Class & Mariyah
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Jessica & Dayyan
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Tiago – Year 5 & Bavleen – Year 6
Mrs. Elliott: Headteacher	Milaan – Year 4 & Whole Class – Year 3

House Points

Well done to St Andrews House for having the highest house point total over the last two weeks! This is a great start to the year!

St Andrew 941 St Patrick 834
 St George 748 St David 635

HOUSE POINTS

School Spaces

We have a number of spaces available in certain classes, particularly Reception. If you know of any family who require a place for their child/ren please tell them to contact the school office. Thank you.

School Fund and School Building Maintenance Fund

Thank you to those who have contributed to our school funding – we are most grateful. If you would like to make a contribution to school fund, payments can be made online via School Money <https://eduspot.co.uk/>. Monies raised go to the purchase of a range of additional school resources that the children greatly benefit from.

School Council

We are delighted to announce that the following children were elected as School Council Leaders for this academic year. The School Council team will meet with Miss Geoghegan regularly, to talk about school issues and share their ideas and opinions towards making our school a better place.

Year 1 - Anna and Paul G
Year 2 - Haris and Machair
Year 3 - Oji and Laiq
Year 4 - Serena and Vincent
Year 5 - Eliza and Khaydan
Year 6 - Lucas and Talisha



Eco Representatives

We are delighted to announce that the following children were elected as Eco-Representatives for this academic year. The Eco Reps meet with Mrs Litchfield to talk about issues such as keeping our school grounds tidy and saving water and energy.

Y1 - Rafael and Zunaira
Y2 - Zain and Sami
Y3 - Sakina and Jameelah
Y4 - Ivo and Mae
Y5 - Eliza and Alfie
Y6 - Vlada and Angela



Play Leader Training

This term, Year 5 and 6 children will be getting the opportunity to take part in our Play leaders scheme. This involves Play leader training with Bishop Challoner Catholic College where the children will learn: key leadership skills, how to deliver fun activities and how to utilise the playground equipment successfully. At lunchtimes, our Play leaders will visit other classes on the playground to deliver high-energy and enjoyable physical activity games that develop both children's fundamental movement skills and foster our School Games Values: honesty, respect, self-belief, passion, team-work and determination.

Miscellaneous and Polite Notices

Please note the following:

- The Immunisation Team phoned to postpone the 21st October for Flu vaccinations. We will let you know when they have confirmed a new date.
- If you are an adult and bringing your bike to school, please leave it in a safe place, not up against the main gates which open and not in a bicycle rack. The former may damage the mechanism of the gates and the latter restricts bicycle spaces for our children. Thank you.

Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

Whenever i am afraid,
i **trust** in You.

Psalms 56:3



Mission Statement



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