



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2021

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn Term 2021	<u>Training Day School Closed</u> <u>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</u>	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<u>School Opens Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</u>  (Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov) (Training Day School Closed)	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Spring Term 2022	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr
Summer Term 2022	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> April Training Day School Closed. School re-opens Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> July

### COVID-19 Update

#### Free School Meal Children - Vouchers

If you receive Free School Meals, please check your emails (including Junk) as vouchers from Sodexo to cover the cost of lunches during school closure over the half term period will be sent out. Please remember that one voucher is issued per family and the value of that voucher varies depending on the number of children that you have. This amount is to make provision for children over the one-week period that school is closed. Voucher codes are only valid until 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022. Please contact school if your email has changed, otherwise vouchers could go to an old email address. Thank you.

### Reception Open Day – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

We are holding our Reception 'Open Day' on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk).

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.

### Secondary School Applications

If your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2022, you must 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](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/secondary_school_year_7_admissions/1) before 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2021.

### School Fund and School Building Maintenance Fund

Thank you to those who have contributed to our school funding – we are most grateful. To date the following has been donated: School Fund - £1,242.80 & School Building Fund - £330.10

If you would like to make a contribution to school fund, payments can be made online via <https://eduspot.co.uk/>. Monies raised go to the purchase of a range of additional school resources., including playground and wet play equipment.



## Catholic Life

### Class Mass

The next Class Masses are as follows: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5 (St Cecilia), Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 4 (St Andrew the Apostle). Please contact the school office, if you would like to book a place. (a limit of 10 spaces)

### Wednesday Word

Please find the link for this week's *Wednesday Word* which shares Sunday's 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.

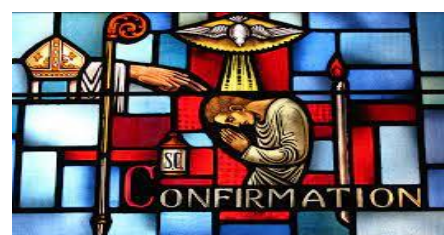
<http://www.ssjohnandmartin.org.uk/newsletter.htm>

### Archdiocese Newsletters

You can sign up for regular newsletters from the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Just go to the home page <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> and scroll down for the yellow button to sign up.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Y5 and Y6 children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. This is a very special occasion for them and their families and is an important step in the faith journey. We ask you to hold these children and their families in your prayers.



If you would like to learn more about what the sacrament of Confirmation is click on: <http://flameoffaith.org.au/confirmation/>



### Walk to School/Driving Pledge

As October is 'Walk to School' month and we encourage our children to walk to school as much as possible. As usual, we would like to remind parents that after the half-term break our **Year 6 pupils are not allowed to walk home alone due to the dark nights, but will need to be collected from the school playground.**

If parents drive to school, we encourage you to park away from school and walk the last part. We are aware that there are still parents pulling up on the yellow zigzag lines outside school, putting children's lives in danger. This has been reported to West Midlands Traffic Enforcement Police. Attached is our Travel Plan, School Parking Pledge, which we ask to sign electronically and return it to school, as a commitment to keeping our children and school community safe.

### Uniform

A reminder that after half term, the children should return in winter uniform. This is white shirts (not polo shirts) with a school tie. Ties can be purchased on-line via school money (Please select the SHOP option) at a cost of £1.62.

**Shoes should be black and boots or trainers should be NOT worn.**

Please see our school website for information regarding this.

<https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform>. (We are aware that there Clive Marks are awaiting deliveries of certain school uniform items as a result of global issues).

**Thank you to all those who have full school uniform. We are proud of our school uniform, which distinctly identifies us as being part of our SS John and Monica family.**



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## 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	-	Yoel
Year 2	Wisam	Hafsa
Year 3	-	Arlo
Year 4	Pedro	Nafisah
Year 5	Ali K	Felicity
Year 6	Bavleen	Hessa



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!

1st St Andrew 2296    2nd St George 1865  
3rd St Patrick 1744    4th St David 1707

**HOUSE POINTS**

### Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 1 who achieved 100% from Week Beg 27<sup>th</sup> Sept to 1<sup>st</sup> Oct!

As it is the end of the half term, letters will be sent out to all those who have persistent absence (below 90%) and whose attendance is a concern. Punctuality letters will also be sent out to those who are late more than 3 times in a half term.

**Thank you to those families who ensure that their children are on time and in school each day.**

**Attendance for: Week: 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Well done to Year 5 – 98.7%**

**Week: 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Well done to Year 3 - 100%**

**Week: 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - Well done to Year 3 - 100%**

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	88.7%	97.8%	94.5%	98.1%	92.3%	96.8%	95.7%
Lates	3	4	7	4	9	5	7
Whole School Attendance so far this year				95.3%	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	Taran, Ayana & Zainab
Year 1: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Shaheen	Paul G, Khadijah & Luca
Year 2: Miss Millar & Mrs. Tutt	Fariyah, Whole Class & Jaideep
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Imaan, Elena & Melissa
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Klareece, Amaya & Mayla
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Ono, Amaad & Hasan
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Amar, Ikra & Aymen
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Amar - Year 6
Mrs. Elliott: Headteacher	Whole Class Year 4, Emmie – Year 3 & Vincent – Year 4

## Community Events

Please find details about a free Family Fun Day on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct run by Hall Green Families. For more local community event run by this charity go to <https://www.hallgreencommunities.org.uk/about/families-and-early-help/>

## Reception Reading Meeting and Workshop

We are holding an important meeting for **Reception Parents on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am**. You will be receiving a letter from Mrs Riches regarding this. One parent/carer must attend the workshop, as you will be working with your child.

## After School Clubs

After-school Clubs commence after half term. **Please note there is now only places available in Reading Club, Lego & Board Games – please email school office if you wish to sign up** [enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk)  
(Please note Art, Forest School & Computing are now full)

## SS John and Monica 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Badges

All our children have now been given a special Anniversary badge which we had made to commemorate 50 years since the opening SS John and Monica School. We have told the children to keep these special badges very safe, as something they can keep for the future to remember their time at SS John and Monica's



## Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow

We celebrated #helloyellowday for Young Minds Charity on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021, promoting awareness of Mental Health and Wellbeing. Everyone came to school in yellow and we had the opportunity to reflect on some of the things we can do to keep ourselves positive and happy as often as possible. **A total of £172.10 was raised, which will go to Young Minds Charity.** Thank you for your support.

## British Legion - Remembrance Day Collection

Remembrance has been part of the fabric of our shared history, and today it continues to unite people across all backgrounds and generations. In school, we will be learning about Remembrance with a special Assembly and a minute's silence.

The British Legion Poppy Appeal raises vital funds for the Armed Forces community. This year, we will again be setting up a collection to raise funds for this worthy cause. Your support to the charity is as vital as ever, as the impact of Covid-19 continues to leave some people we support in urgent need of our help. Every person and every donation counts.

If you would like to make a donation to the British Legion Poppy Day Appeal click: [Here](#)



## UK Parliament Week

UK Parliament Week (UKPW) is a celebration of people power. This year we will start UKPW with an interactive assembly for the whole school. The children will be informed about UK Parliament and about how they can take action and make an impact on the issues they care about.

After the assembly, children will be completing a variety of activities in their classrooms, some include: creating petitions and campaigning for change, debating issues and holding votes, or taking part in quizzes and lively debates. Last year, almost 1 million people took part in every nation and region of the UK, and countries all over the world. Our school was amongst those 1 million people, so we can't wait to get involved again this year!

We will also be joining in with the conversation over on twitter using the hashtag **#UKPW**. We can't wait for you to see what the children get up to! - **Miss Geoghegan – PSHE Lead**

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### Christmas Raffle

This year our school Fundraising Committee are organising another Christmas raffle. This raffle has been registered especially with Birmingham City Council to allow advance ticket sales. A letter was sent home, along with 20 tickets and information regarding this raffle. All proceeds will go towards school fund. We do hope you join us in making this a successful fundraiser.

### And Finally.....

We were delighted to see parents back in school on Monday and Tuesday for parental consultations. Thank you for organising childcare for your children. We know this sometimes difficult, but it enables the class teacher to have a frank, open and honest discussion with parents and discuss sensitive issues that they may not be to do if a child is present.

**We thank you all for your continued support this first half term. We hope you have some quality family time together next week and look forward to welcoming our children back on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher



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