



Friday 21st October 2022

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn Term 2022		Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th Oct	Mon 31 st Oct	Fri 16 th Dec (2pm)
Spring Term 2023	Tues 3 rd Jan – Staff Training Day School Closed Wed 4 th Jan – Children Return	Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th Feb	Mon 27 th Feb	Fri 31 st Mar
Summer Term 2023	Mon 17 th Apr	Mon 29 th May – Fri 2 nd Jun	Mon 5 th Jun	Fri 21 st July (2pm) (Staff Training) Mon 24 th & Tues 25 th July

Staff Training Days 2022 - 2023 – Friday 21st October, Tuesday 3rd Jan, Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July

Catholic Life

Class Mass

The next Class Mass is Thursday 17th Nov – Year 5 (St Cecilia – 22nd Nov) and Thursday 24th Nov – Year 4 (St Andrew the Apostle- 30th Nov). Parents of class most welcome.

Wednesday Word

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

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>

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>

TenTen Parent Newsletter

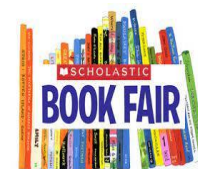
Please click on the following link for October Parent's Newsletter: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Feast Day of All Saints and All Souls

We mark the feast day of All Saints on 1st Nov, where we remember the saints who devoted their lives to Christianity. The feast of All Souls follows on 2nd Nov, where we remember all those who have gone before us.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our school Book Fair. A total of £868.65 was raised, which is a fabulous amount! School receives a voucher to spend up to £461.19, which we will use to purchase books for the school and class libraries.



Parent View

Thank you to those parents/carers who took the time to complete the Parent View questionnaire. We are most grateful. If you have yet to do this, the link is found at:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views/survey/2619>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.



Parent View
Your child's school

Reception Open Day – Thursday 10th November

We are holding our Reception ‘Open Day’ on Thursday 10th Nov. Prospective parents have an opportunity to visit our school and talk to staff. There are three 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.

Reception Admissions – September 2023

Online admissions opened on 1st October 2022 for Reception admissions for September 2023. Applications can be made online through the [Birmingham City Council website](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) until the final deadline of 15 January 2023. Please note as 16 April 2023 is a Sunday, offers will be sent on Monday 17 April.

Please note if your application is late, it is less likely you will be offered one of your preferred schools. All the information parents need to support with making their preferences is available on the website:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> More advice and support is also available from Children’s Services on **0121 303 1888**.

Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance Certificates

The following children have received punctuality certificates for always being on time for school and ready to learn. Well done! Rec – Zidaan & Keyaan, Year 1 – Humayd & Sonia, Year 2 - Aisha & Arvinder, Year 3 – Abbas & Haris, Year 4 – Arlo & Oji , Year 5 - Argun & Serena, Year 6 – Pavandeep & Yanet.

Lateness

Pupil lateness is reported to the Department for Education. To improve our school punctuality, all parents/carers who drop their children off to school after 8.55am (school start); will be required to sign the late book.

Unauthorised Absence

We have noticed recently that our unauthorised absence rate is rising. If you child is off school FOR ANY REASON you must call school to inform us. Such is the concern regarding attendance, school is looking to work with an Attendance Welfare Officer to look at this important area and work with families.

Attendance for 10th to 14th Oct – Well done to Year 3 – 98%
17th to 20th Oct – Well done to Year 4 – 98.4%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	93%	96.5%	93.9%	96.7%	92.5%	95.5%	94.8%
Lates	18	21	15	3	12	19	10
Whole School Attendance so far this year				95%	School Target		97%



Wear Yellow – Mental Health Day

Thank you to everyone for your generous donation to Young Minds Mental Health Charity. A total of £133.00 was raised and will be sent to this worthy cause. There is still time to make a contribution via <https://eduspot.co.uk/> if you wish. Thank you.

Reading Rewards and House Points

The following children have been chosen by their class teachers for reading lots of books on MyOn. Well done!

Name	MyOn
Rec	Sienna and Minnie (Good Reading)
Year 1	Sam and Sonia (Good Reading)
Year 2	Aisha
Year 3	Wisam
Year 4	Laiq
Year 5	Keevanyah
Year 6	Aayan



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

1st St David 910
3rd St Patrick 832

2nd St George 859
4th St Andrew 822

HOUSE POINTS

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

World famous rock musicians are the best at what they do because they have spent hours practising guitar chords, writing music or playing on the drums. It is just the same with times tables – all Times Table Rock Stars need to practise and practise and practise.

It is essential that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night. In our experience, short bursts of daily practise are more effective than spending hours once a week.

And this is where you come in. For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of the practice, they need your help.

Times Tables Rockstars is a fun and exciting way for children to learn their times tables. As a school, we subscribe for this for all children in years 2 to 6. Children can access this in school and at home. If your child does not have a log on for this – please let us know; it should be in your child's reading diary.

To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds! As extra motivation, we have set a competition between all classes over half term. Just logging in for 5 minutes each day will not only help your child, but could also help their class be crowned TT Rockstars Champions for the Week.

To login follow the link below.

[Times Tables Rock Stars \(trockstars.com\)](http://trockstars.com)



Anawim – Harvest Collection

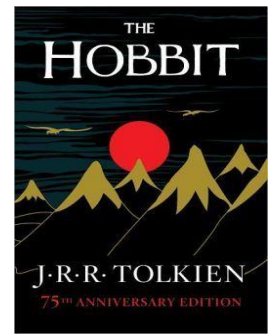
We are collecting for a very important local charity, Anawim. This charity has been traditionally close to the of heart of our school, as it is located next to our parish church SS John and Martin's in Balsall Heath.

There is a collection bin in the foyer of the school. Biscuits, canned meat and fish, pasta, rice, sauce and canned and fruit vegetables are all gratefully appreciated. For more information about Anawim the charity, go to

<https://anawim.co.uk/>

Staff Book Review – Mr Ullah

Reading is by far my favourite hobby; I like nothing better than escaping into a new book. Although I will enjoy most genres, I am an avid fantasy fan. I would argue that I have read most well-known fantasy books- some of them more than once! And when asked to share a book that I love, that you could perhaps share with your children at home, I thought long and hard and ended up circling back round to a book that was penned just down the road by arguably Birmingham's most famous author-J.R.R Tolkien. The Hobbit sparked my love of all things magical and fantasy. Without giving away any spoilers and rather than write my own clumsy summary I'd rather share the blurb...



'Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely travelling further than the pantry of his hobbit-hole in Bag End.

But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard, Gandalf, and a company of thirteen dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an unexpected journey 'there and back again'. They have a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon...'

Yes you read that correctly, the plot centres on a journey and then a heist to steal from a dragon. A very dangerous dragon! Some of you may have seen the relatively recent movie, but like 99.9% of movie or film adaptations, the book is always better.

The Hobbit is a fast-paced fantasy action with the most beautifully descriptive writing that transports you to another world. If you haven't read it already give it a go and I'd love to know what you think.

Secondary School Applications

If your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2023, 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 2022.

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

Reception: Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Deacon & Miss Smith	Aneeq & Ellicia
Year 1: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Griffiths	Sonia & Humayd
Year 2: Miss Millar & Mrs. Tutt	Nawelle & Luca
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Jibriel & Isabella
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Evelina & Inaya
Year 5: Mr Walsh & Mrs Reed	Amin & Klareece
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Zofia & Hibba
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Chitrani & Taio – Year 6
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Reception Class & Year 6



Odd Socks Day – Anti-Bullying Week 14th-18th Nov

We will be launching Anti-Bullying week on Mon 14th Nov with Odd Socks Day. We ask our children to come into school with odd socks on. So look for the brightest, colourful or even patterned, socks you can find!!

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

Christmas

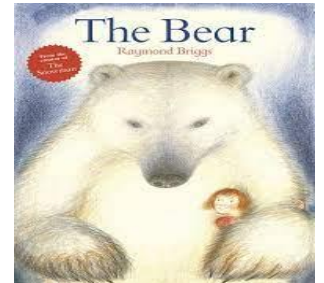
Please find attached the Christmas Raffle flyer from our School Fundraising Committee. Tickets have already been sent home. Please spread the word and sell to friends and family. If you need more booklets, please pop into the school office. Last year a lot of money was raised for additional resources for the children and we are sure that this year will be as successful!

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 8th December

Please find a flyer regarding the school Christmas Lunch, If your child already has school dinners then there is no need to contact the office, if your child has packed lunches & would like a Christmas Lunch then please email the school office to advise enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk, payments to be made online <https://eduspot.co.uk/>

Rec/KS1 Christmas Theatre Trip – Friday 2nd December

We have planned an exciting trip to the Midlands Arts Centre for Reception and KS1 to see their Christmas Production 'The Bear' by Raymond Briggs. The cost of the trip is £11.00 and can be paid via <https://eduspot.co.uk/> along with consent for the trip. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon for the children!



Community

Please find the following flyer attached: Remembrance Creative Arts Event – Bishop Challoner Catholic College.



Happy Diwali 24th October 2022 – Festival of Light!

Happy Half Term holidays to our SS John and Monica School Community!

Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

Mission Statement



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