



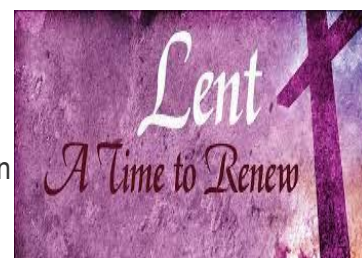
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring Term 2022			Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2.00pm
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 2.00pm

## Catholic Life

### Lent

Ash Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> March) marked the start of the season of Lent. Lent is a 40-day fast — a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It is a time when we can prepare our hearts and minds for the solemn remembrance of Jesus' death. It concludes and is followed by the Easter Sunday celebration of the resurrection of Christ. The six-week period is dedicated to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, in preparation for the most important season in the churches liturgical calendar- Easter.



### Class Mass

The next Class Mass is **Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 4 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent) and Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – St Patrick's Day)**. Please contact the school office, if you would like to book a place (limit of 10 places)

### Catholic School's Profile

This half term's virtues are **intentional** and **prophetic**. Our children at SS John and Monica's are growing to be **intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.



### Parental Consultation Relationship and Health Education

The parental survey for Relationship and Health Education provision at SS John and Monica's was sent out this week. The closing date for the survey is **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Following this, responses will be analysed by the governors of SS John and Monica School and feedback given to parents with regards to next steps.

A reminder if you wish to take part in the consultation, please do the following:

- Access the Parent Consultation Tool here: [www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary)
- You will need the following login credentials for our school:  
**Username: ss-john-monica-13**  
**Password: saints-13**
- Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.
- Complete the following questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/r/QGT66bcGkF>

Please note: this must be completed **AFTER** the Parent Consultation Course has been watched).

### 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 March

<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>

### Prayers for Ukraine and World Peace

As many of you will know there has been much media coverage and talk about the current situation in Ukraine. As a school staff have talked about the best way to handle this and talk to children in an age appropriate way, specifically if they ask questions, which our older Upper KS2 children often do. The following link: [Here](#) talks, in simple terms, about what is happening in the Ukraine at the minute and why. It also provides tips for parents with regards to talking to their children, who may be anxious about war.

**As a school community we pray for the peoples of Ukraine and Peace in our World.**

#### A Prayer for Ukraine

*Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.*

*We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.*

*May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.  
Amen.*



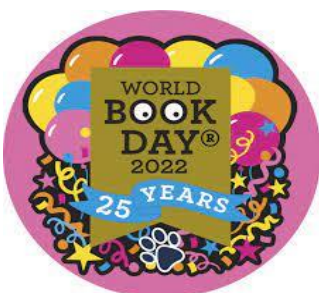
### Covid-19 Update

On Monday 21 February, the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response '[Living with COVID-19](#)'. COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and the imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education remains.

For the education and childcare sectors, the main changes announced include:

- Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts
- Changes to testing in education and childcare settings and children's social care services

The Government have updated guidance to reflect these changes. In terms of school and positive cases, you **MUST** inform school if your child has tested positive to Covid-19 and **NOT** send them into school. Lateral flow testing may then be carried out from Day 5 at the earliest. Two consecutive negative tests will result in your child being able to return to school. It is important to adhere to these rules, to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in educational establishments. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



### World Book Day

World Book Day took place this week – Thursday 3rd March. We have always enjoyed celebrating this special day as a school community. The day started off with a special assembly, followed by a range of exciting and engaging reading and book activities and competition. The children have received their World Book Day Tokens which they can use to purchase books. The following is a useful follow-up link for families: <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

## Standard Assessment Tests (SAT's)

Please note the following:

- Year 6 SATs take place **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**
- Year 2 SATs take place during the month of **May**
- Year 4 Times Tables Check **from 6<sup>th</sup> June (3-week period)**
- Year 1 Phonics Screen Check takes place Week Beginning **from 6<sup>th</sup> June (3-week period)**

**Please do not book holidays for any of the above dates.** Further details will be given out nearer the time and there will be the opportunity to purchase revision guides.

There will be a **Year 6 SATs** based parent workshop from **9:15am to 10:45am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. This will give you the opportunity to work with your child looking at some of the key skills needed to access the papers. It also gives us a chance to explain the process further and gives you a chance to ask any questions. **Please send one representative for each Year 6 child.**



### Skills Builder

As a school, we follow the Skills Builder programme. This term we are focusing on the **Leadership** Skills and giving the children plenty of opportunities to develop this important life skill through a variety of cross-curricular subjects.

### School Games

The 'School Games' is a Government led programme designed to promote physical activity and sport to all young people. The programme aims to inspire pupils to be motivated in taking part in school competitive sport (both inside and outside school). 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 **Respect**, which is an important life skill when competing against others.

### 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	Ambar	Ambar
Year 2	Kushagra	Eyob
Year 3	Sakina	Elena
Year 4	Amin	Nafisah
Year 5	Eliza	Tiago
Year 6	Ikra	Khio



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

St Andrew 2046    St George 1544  
St David 1517    St Patrick 1510

# HOUSE POINTS

Attendance for: Week 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Well done to Year 4 – 98.9%  
 Week 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to 4<sup>th</sup> March – Well done to Year 6 – 98.7 %

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	91.9%	94.2%	95.8%	97%	97.6%	96.3%	98.7%
Lates	8	9	4	4	11	5	10
Whole School Attendance so far this year			94.9%		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	Aliza & Humayd
Year 1: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Shaheen	Rafael & Xavier
Year 2: Miss Millar & Mrs. Tutt	Hafsa & Seema
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Sam & Amadou
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Mae & Rabia
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Hafsah & Miya
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Whole Class & Ikra
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Ekrama & Ali – Year 6
Mrs. Elliott: Head teacher	Yanet – Year 5 & Reception Class

#### Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to everyone who is in school, on time each day. We will be looking closely at attendance this term and continuing to monitor individual attendance. If there are concerns with a child's attendance or attendance is below 90% (classed as persistent absence), we will be getting in contact with parents to discuss ways to improve this total. If you need support in getting your child to school or have any queries around attendance, please contact Mrs Elliott/Mr Ullah via the school office. Thank you.



#### Science Week - 11<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March all pupils will be taking part in our 'Wow Science Day' as part of British Science Week. The day will involve classes moving around their key stage, working with different staff and taking part in a variety of wonderful science activities. In previous years, the day has always been hugely successful fulfilling its purpose of getting our pupils interested and excited about the wonderful world of science! During the week, Mrs Riches will also be running a 'Science Selfie Competition' where children can post pictures of any amazing science they are exploring at home. Entries may include snaps of spotting science in the outdoors or carrying out a simple experiment at home. All entries must be posted on SeeSaw by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. There will be some prizes up for grabs so good luck everyone!

#### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place face to face on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**. The link to sign up for these will be sent out next week. You will receive your child's termly report on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, prior to this meeting. The focus of the meeting will be progress since the last parent consultation back in October.

A reminder that children should **NOT** attend the Consultation and only one adult per child. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.





### Staffing

We welcome Mrs Ramsey, who will be teaching alongside Mrs Nicholls in Y5 for the remainder of this academic year.

### International School Meals Day

For International School Meals day this year, our school 'Curry theme' lunch day will take place on **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March** for this half term. (If your child has packed lunch & you would like to order a lunch please email the school office [enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk)), payment via School Money please <https://eduspot.co.uk/>

### School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school next **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. Photographs for the following will be taken:

- Individual
- Siblings
- Rec Class
- Y6 Class



NB: If you wish to have your children's photos taken with younger pre-school siblings, please come into school at 8.30 am.

### Fundraising

#### School Fund

Thank you to those who contributed to our half termly school Board Games fundraiser last term. A total of £99.00 was raised, which will go to school fund to purchase resources for the children. Thank you.

#### Lenten Fundraising

As a Catholic School, almsgiving is an important part of our Lenten journey. The care for those less fortunate than ourselves and raising monies for those in most need is at the core of our Catholic values. We thank you for your support in this.

#### Lenten Fundraising Fr Hudson's Care

Father Hudson's Care are a Birmingham based charity. They provide a range of services for people who are disadvantaged, marginalised or experiencing need. They work with people from all walks of life, offering friendship, care and support. Each Lent, school children all over the Archdiocese raise money for Father Hudson's Care. The Good Shepherd Appeal is one of their oldest most vital fundraising campaigns! Rec and KS1 usually get involved in this fundraising initiative, details of which have been sent out.



#### Class Lenten Charity Events

This year, the following Class Lenten Charity Events will be taking place. We recommend a **£3.00 donation** for each child to participate in all events. This can be paid via <https://eduspot.co.uk/>

Class	Lenten Charity Event	Date
Rec	Colouring Competition	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 1	Pyjama Day	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 2	Movie Afternoon	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 3	Easter Card Competition	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 4	Non-Uniform	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 5	Name the Easter Bunny	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 6	Easter Egg Hunt	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> April

A whole school Easter bonnet/Easter Garden parade will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. This annual event is a tradition, which hasn't been able to take place for the last two years. If older children do not want to take part in the parade, they can make an Easter garden, as in previous years.



## Easter Events – Parents Fundraising Committee

Thank you to our Parent's Fundraising Committee, who have organised some Easter events this year as follows:

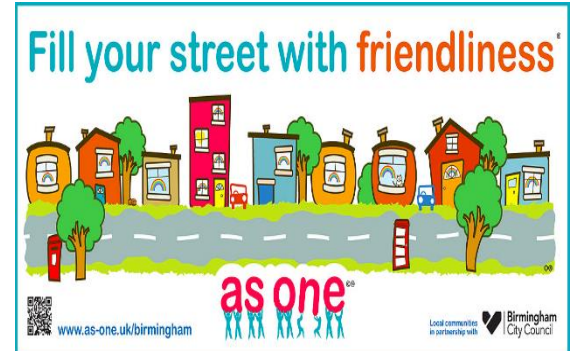
- Easter Egg Hunt – Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Online Bingo - Wed 30<sup>th</sup> March (5.30pm)
- Non-Uniform Day Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Apr

Flyer to follow.



## Fill Your Streets with Friendliness

Following the success of the 'Permission to Smile' campaign and the increase of community spirit during lock-down, a new initiative is being launched across Birmingham this week – "Fill your street with friendliness". The pandemic showed us how important community spirit can be. It also showed us how enjoyable it can be to see neighbourly connections, kindness and support flourish. As we move into a new phase, let's try and build on that experience of 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**