

St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School

'As we grow with God, we learn from each other.'



School News 10th November 2023

Welcome back!

We hope you had a fantastic half term and were well rested. It was great to see the children back in collective worship on Monday when we were privileged to have Reception Classes join us for the first time – excellent behaviour! Next week is the Children in Need appeal so we are inviting children to wear non uniform for a charitable donation of £1 which will all go to the BBC appeal.



Year 6 Confirmation Preparation

A reminder that children in Year 6 who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should be at Mass on Saturday 11th at 5.30pm, which will be followed by their first preparation session. Fr John and Fr Toby told us at Mass on Wednesday that children will be discussing saints, and thinking about the Saint's name they will choose. We look forward to seeing you there.

Collective Worship

Thank you to Miss Krukun's class who led Mass this week, remembering All Saints and All Souls. Next week, Mrs Campbell's class will lead Mass on Wednesday 15th November. Masses for this half term are on our school website.



Yesterday, Mr Pell's class led parents and UKS2 in collective worship for their class assembly. They reminded us that November is the month of remembrance, where we remember those who died at war and all our loved ones. If you would like us to pray for a loved one who has died, please add their name to our book of Remembrance which will be in the school foyer.



Stars of the Week!

Well done to our Stars of the Week who were presented with their certificates during celebration assembly!



Anti-Bullying Week



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, where children will learn the difference between what is and isn't bullying, including where they may come across it online. This learning will link to this half term's virtues, attentive and discerning, and our overarching theme, Dignity of the Human Person.

On **Monday 13th November**, we ask children to wear Odd Socks (as bright and colourful as they wish!) with their usual winter uniform to kick-start Anti-Bullying Week. This is a fun opportunity for children and staff to celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique.

Healthy Lunchboxes

We have noticed that some children who bring a packed lunch into school are not being provided with a healthy lunch. A reminder that children are only allowed fruit for their break time snack and that we are a 'nut-free' school. There are some healthy packed lunch options on this website:

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



Mini Vinnie News!

Before the half term, the Mini- Vinnies held a cake sale after school and raised £162 for charity! Thank you to all those who supported the cake sale and for those who baked, bought and sold!



School Diary

Our school diary has now synchronised with our school website, so if you need to check future events such as assemblies or educational visits, please check on here. We will continue to also inform you of upcoming events in the newsletter and by emailing dates out.

Things do get added as the term goes on as we get offered different opportunities to give our children a rich variety of experiences.

Nursery and Reception Open Morning:

Do you have a child or know someone who is due to begin Nursery or Reception in September 2024? Join us for an opening morning on Saturday 18th November at 10am.



Register your attendance at:

[St. Dunstan's Catholic Primary School - Open Events 2023 \(stdunstans.bham.sch.uk\)](http://stdunstans.bham.sch.uk)

Lates:

We are noticing a small number of children who are persistently late each morning. Whilst we recognise that the traffic around Kings Heath is awful, it's not a new problem. We are monitoring how many 'lates' children are accruing and will invite parents in to agree ways of supporting children getting in to school on time.

Key Dates for November:

- 6/11/23 – 17/11/23: Y4LT Swimming
- 11/11/23: Y6 Confirmation Mass and Preparation session (5.30pm – Church)
- 15/11/23: Y2VC Mass
- 16/11/23: Little Lambs Pre-School Group
- 17/11/23: Children in Need – Children invited to wear their own clothes for a donation of £1
- 18/11/23: Nursery and Reception (EYFS) Open Morning
- 20/11/23: EYFS Inspire Workshop
- 21/11/23: Year 1 Inspire Workshop
- 22/11/23: Year 1/2 Mass
- 23/11/23: Year 5 Inspire Workshop
- 24/11/23: Year 6 Inspire Workshop
- 28/11/23: Year 2 Inspire Workshop
- 29/11/23: Year 1JH Mass
- 30/11/23: Year 4 Inspire Workshop
- 30/11/23: Little Lambs Pre-School Group
- 1/12/23: Year 3 Inspire Workshop



Maths & Writing Champions

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	Writing Champion	Maths Champion
RecVB	Jaxon	Cherrie
RecEA	Taha	Joan
1JH	Alijah	Remy
1/2CA	Eli	Daniel
2VC	Jack	Hiba
3EK	Mehdi	Daniel
3/4AK	Ellen	Sam
4LT	Luke	Shifa
5SH	Isabella	Hashim
5CP	Rosie	Jeffrey
6LD	Freya	Aston
6ZG	Rosie	Maizie

