



The Rosary School June Newsletter



Welcome to our June newsletter. June has been a busy and exciting month at school, filled with learning, laughter, and plenty of memorable moments. From class trips that sparked curiosity to sporting events that showcased teamwork and school spirit, there's been something for everyone to enjoy. We also took time to reflect and learn during Refugee Week, deepening our understanding of empathy, resilience, and global citizenship. As we head into the final weeks of term, here's a look back at some of the highlights from this action-packed month.

Our Catholic Faith - SS Peter and Paul



This weekend we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, pillars of the Church. As disciples they guided the early church and both died as martyrs for their faith, in Rome. Each of these two saints is important for different reasons – Peter because he was the first Pope and kept the church united in the first years of growth and Paul because he spread the good news to all people. It is because of Paul we are now in the Church. Whenever you see statues of Peter and Paul, usually Peter is holding a key, symbolising his duty as head of the church, and Paul is holding the Bible, symbolising his preaching. As we look at both saints we see how God used their personalities to spread the Gospel, with Peter’s love used to look after the flock and Paul’ strength of character ensuring that all were welcome. This is a reminder to us all that our strengths and weaknesses can become God’s means of helping others – that we are all called to a special vocation.

Sunday Gospel



When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, “Who do you say I am?” Then Simon Peter spoke up, “You are the Christ,” he said, “the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was

not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven."

When we reflect on the Scripture we consider the question asked by Jesus, "Who do you say I am?" Peter understood the truth about Jesus and professed his faith in Jesus Christ - the Son of the Living God. We are asked the same question. Do we have faith able to profess the truth?

"Dear brothers and sisters, the Church is a family where we love and are loved." Pope Francis

Refugee Week



This year we were delighted to come together as a community to celebrate Refugee Week. The theme of Community was central to our work in school this year as we considered how simple acts of shared generosity can make a massive difference with kindness multiplied to become an unstoppable force!

“We can begin the process of making community wherever we are. We can begin by sharing a smile, a warm greeting, a bit of conversation; by doing a kind deed or by acknowledging kindness offered to us.”

Communities can bring people together, bridging divides and offering support. This Refugee Week we invited our parents and carers to spend time in school and to think about how we can all spread that message of community. It was wonderful to see so many parents attending the workshops and creating beautiful pieces of work with their children. It shows what amazing things we can do when we work together. Please visit our X account to see photographs of all the wonderful work that took place this week. <https://x.com/RosaryRC>

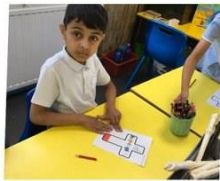




Jubilee Year of Hope



On Thursday we welcomed Dan and Emily to school to lead us in prayer and song as part of our Jubilee Year celebrations. It was a wonderful, uplifting day where we shared our hopes for a world of joy and peace. We were delighted to spend the day with children from Holy Souls School. We will be sharing more pictures and work in our July newsletter.



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During June we celebrate World Refugee Day; this is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

‘Refugee Week’ occurs at the same time as World Refugee Day and is a UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary.

As part of our work this month we consider 2 important articles.

Article 10 (family reunification)

Governments must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has the right to visit and keep in contact with both of them.

Article 22 (refugee children)

If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

During June, as we have celebrated Refugee Week, we have considered the plight of refugees across the globe. It is important for us to stop and think about what may lead families to become refugees and the experiences they then face. Maybe take some time this weekend to think about some of these questions.

What events may lead to children and their families becoming refugees?

What challenges may children and families face?

How can we support?

A lovely way to introduce this is through the story of Paddington Bear. Another beautiful story is 'My name is not Refugee.'

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/resources/teaching-resources/guidance-assemblies-lessons/article-of-the-week/upcoming-packs/>





Live Simply



As a school we are committed to living simply by answering the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

During the Summer term our focus for the Live Simply work is our collection of cans, which will be recycled and the money raised, used to support local food banks. If you have any cans please don't throw them away, bring them into school and put in the trolley at the front of the school. Miss Liebig has kindly agreed to bring the cans to the collection point each week.

We will once again be collecting pre-loved uniform, that will be available for families at the end of term and the beginning of the new academic year. If you have any items of uniform that is in good condition, please bring to the school office. This can include coats, pumps and trainers

The Social Impact Award



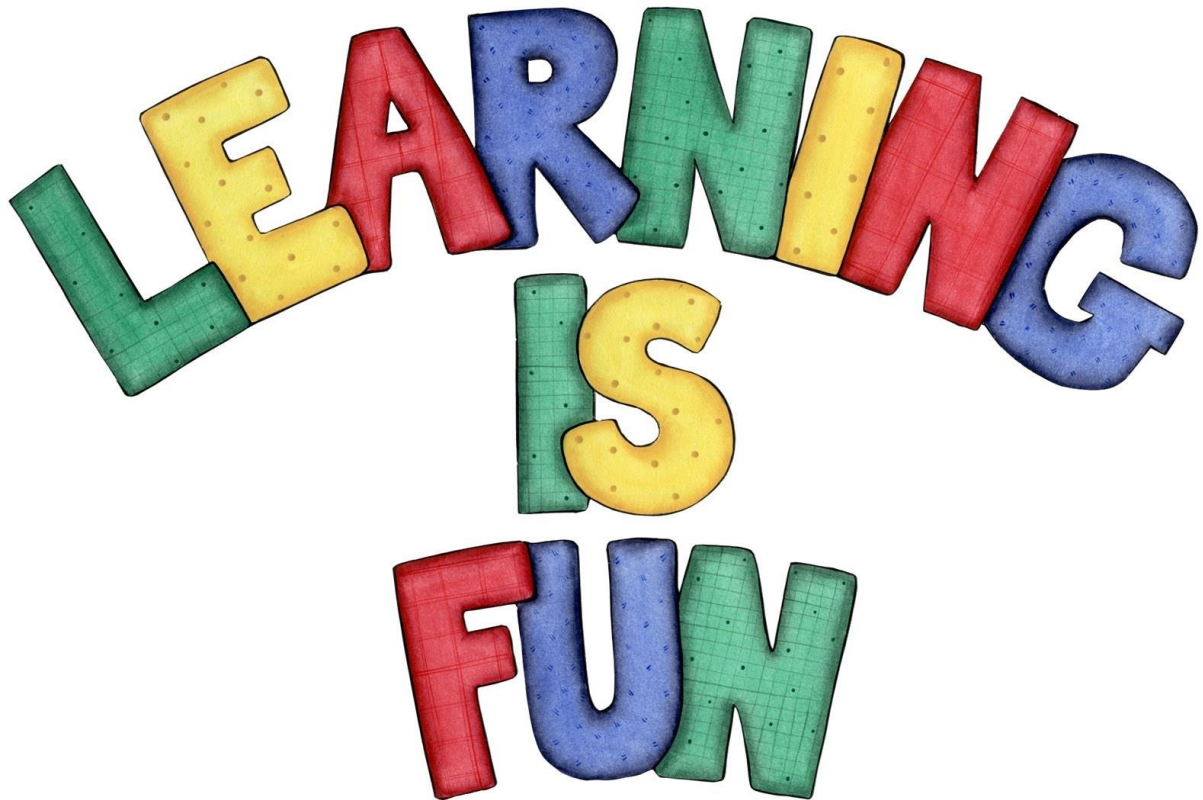
We are delighted to share that we have earned the Superkind Social Impact Schools Award this year. This is a testament to the wonderful social action work that our students have put in this year to make a positive impact on our local community and wider world.

We are thrilled to have earned this recognition and are looking forward to having even more social impact next year! #superkind #SocialImpactSchoolsAward

You can find out more about on their website: <https://superkind.org/social-impact-schools-award>

Or follow them on Instagram: @superkind_org https://www.instagram.com/superkind_org/

Our Learning



Reception

We have some exciting news from our Reception class! Over the past few weeks, the children have been diving into the fascinating world of the animal kingdom. As part of their learning, they had the fantastic opportunity to welcome the Animal Man, who brought along a variety of intriguing creatures. The little ones were absolutely thrilled to meet these animals up close and learn all about their unique characteristics and habitats. Their enthusiasm was contagious as they discovered new facts and engaged in fun activities. It's wonderful to see their curiosity blossoming!

Our Reception children have also had an exciting adventure at Sheldon Country Park where they learned about various animals on the farm, discovering how they live and what they eat. To add to the excitement, we also had the chance to watch aeroplanes taking off and landing nearby. It was a day filled with wonder and discovery, and a wonderful way to connect with nature and our world!





Year 1

1H have created a beautiful Welcome Tree. It's been so special to read the children's heartfelt messages. At The Rosary, everyone is welcome, valued and loved.

We've prepared Messages of Hope boxes to welcome our newly arrived parishioners into our Rosary family. A small gesture, a big message: you belong here.



Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard in Design and Technology, and it's been an wonderful to see their creativity shine! The children have been having so much fun while working collaboratively to design and make their very own cars. It's been amazing to witness their teamwork as they brainstorm ideas and bring their concepts to life. Ask your child about their ideas and how they worked together to create their brilliant designs zooming around! Well done, Year 2! Keep up the fantastic work!



Year 3

3M has been inspired by the Holy Spirit, guiding their ideas and actions that bring hope in this Jubilee Year, a time when we are called to deepen trust in God's love and let hope shine through our work.

As part of their work during Refugee Week, the children in Year 3 have created fabulous, creative pieces of art work raising awareness of the plight of refugees in our world. It was wonderful to see so many parents attending the workshops, working with the children to create the beautiful pieces of work sharing the message of welcome.

This term, Year 3 has been diving into the exciting world of fossils as part of their Science topic! They have been busy researching and learning about the formation of fossils, revealing the stories of ancient life. The children have really enjoyed hands-on activities, especially when it came to creating their own fossils. Using play dough, they moulded their imaginative designs and then added a splash of colour with paint. Watching their creativity come to life has been a joy! It's wonderful to see the children so engaged and eager to learn about the Earth's history through these fun activities







Year 4

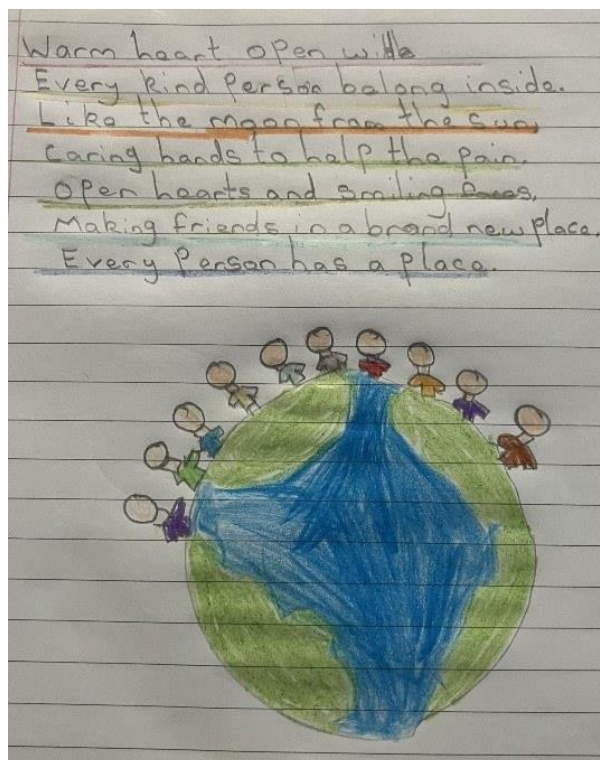
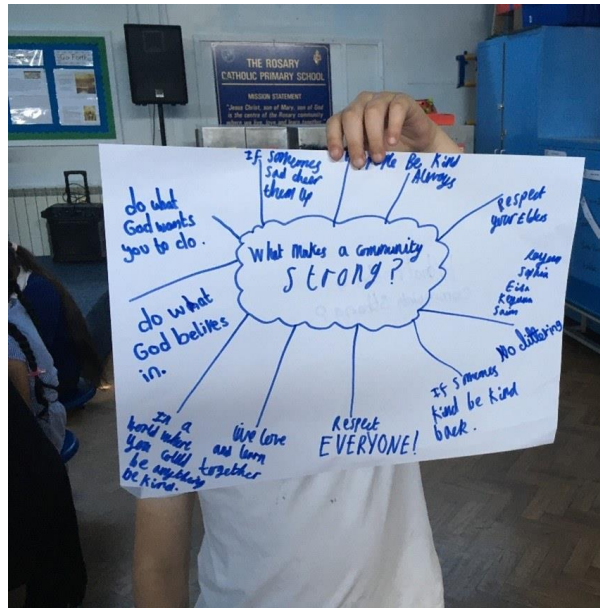
It has been a busy June in Year 4 with some incredible learning taking place in History and Science but also as part of Refugee Week.

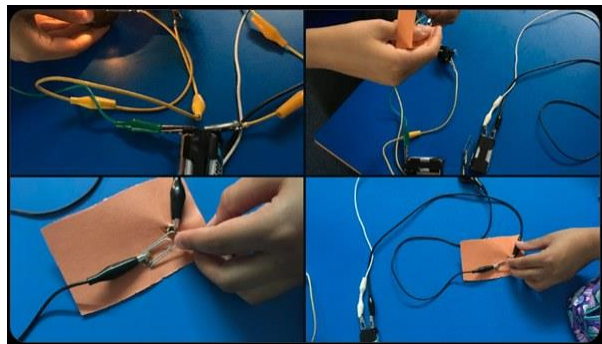
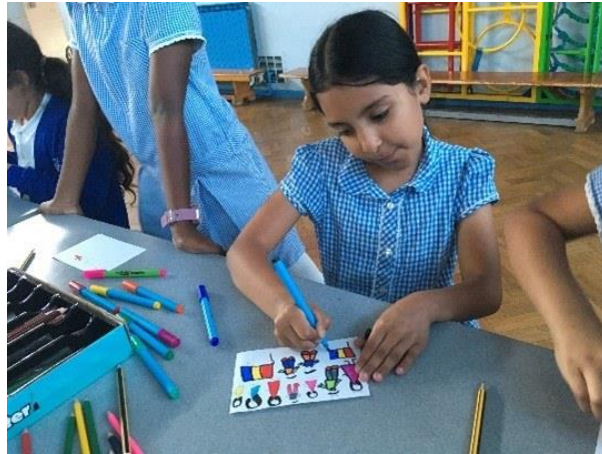
Year 4 were delighted to welcome parents to their workshop based on the Scripture of Matthew - "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." The work produced showcased the skills of the children and their parents and are now proudly on display in the school. As part of the follow up work, the children created poems with messages of hope and welcome for refugees in our world.

In History, the children have been learning about the Ancient Egyptian Civilisation. During the last few weeks the children have taken a delightful step back in time, creating their very own papyrus-style paper using techniques inspired by ancient Egypt! The children eagerly delved into the process, exploring how to craft new materials. They followed step-by-step

instructions, transforming simple ingredients into their unique creations. This hands-on experience not only enhanced their understanding of history but also sparked creativity and teamwork. Well done, Year Four! We can't wait to see what you create next!

The children have also had a blast exploring different types of switches as they gear up to design their own reading headlamps. They've enjoyed testing how circuits work and brainstorming ways to control the light in their innovative designs. Exciting times ahead for our budding engineers!





Year 5

It has been an incredibly busy few weeks for Year 5 as they prepare for their transition to Year 6!

During this term, the children have turned into budding biologists as they explored the fascinating world of flowering plants! By carefully dissecting blooms, they discovered how each part plays a crucial role in the processes of pollination and fertilisation. 🌸🐝🔍🗣️

As part of their work in History, the children travelled back in time! They became archaeologists, uncovering artefacts from the Battle of Bosworth and piecing together the past. 🏰👑 The children had a blast stepping back in time, dressing up as Tudors and bringing history to life! 🏰🌟

"One thing I took away from my experience is never to lose hope."

Nour shared his powerful story, reminding us all of the strength in hope and perseverance. After leaving Syria, he came to Birmingham to build a new life. His story of courage reminded us of the importance of welcome and being a School of Sanctuary.









Year 6

As Year 6 prepare for their transition to secondary school, the final few weeks have been filled with rehearsals for the end of year productions. It was wonderful to welcome parents to the final workshop for the children and so share the message of welcome for refugees.

Year 6 have shared their thoughts on the wonderful work taking place in the Rosary School. Mrs Rajbhai arranged the Summer term oracy assembly with all the children having the opportunity to perform their poems. Some of the children have shared their thoughts on this very special assembly!

On Thursday 19th June, Mrs Rajbhai hosted the Rosary Oracy Assembly. What a journey it was! We started in Reception and watched all the year groups ending with Year 6. There were funny poems and even poems that relate to reality. Some classes used props in the assembly, including a child dressed as a teacher! From my perspective this assembly deserves a 5 star rating and honestly I would not be surprised if it even got a Michelin star. I would recommend this to everyone with all my heart.

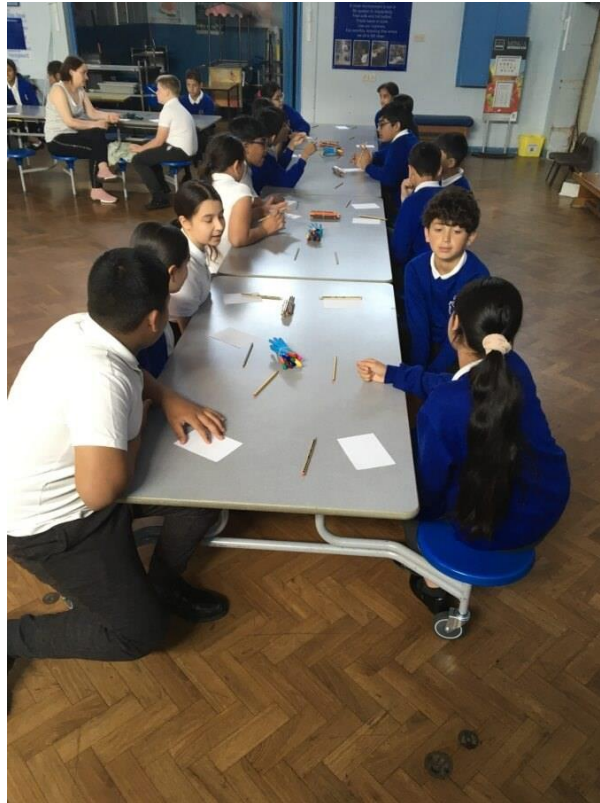
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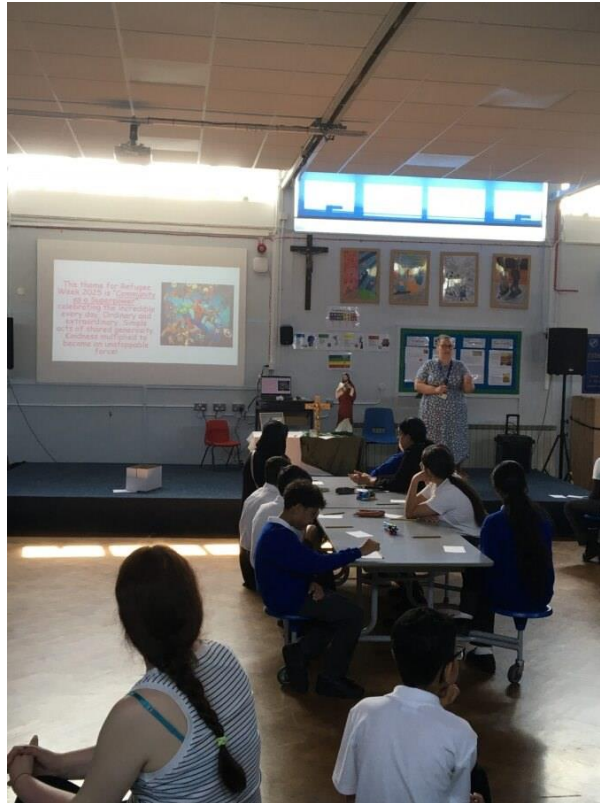
The Rosary's Annual Oracy performance was amazing! I rate it a big 5 stars!!! IT WAS GREAT. All of the performances were unique and creative in their own way. All of them were funny and loaded with actions and props. My top favourites were 6D and 6C since they have been so busy but it didn't stop them from creating an amazing and creative performance. I would definitely recommend it!

Amina T 6D

I rate the Rosary Oracy Assembly a 4 star out of 5 because some classes weren't exactly clear and loud, while some had amazing performances! My favourites were 6D's, 5D's and 2S's: they were funny, clear, loud and relatable. 6D was... amazing! In my opinion, they were best of all and 6C were decent too. After all, it's the effort that matters most. Moving on, Mrs Rajbhai deserves a round of applause for hosting this amazing Oracy assembly for the children, we were able to share our humour, talents, smiles, laughs, skills and poems. Here at the Rosary we live, love and learn together.

Lidia 6D





Sporting News



Cricket

Our cricket team qualified for the finals of the Birmingham Catholic Schools Cricket Competition, following success over St Anne's in Streetly last month. This week the team travelled to Marlborough Cricket Club in Yardley where they played against teams from Our Lady of the Wayside, St Anne's in Digbeth and St Bernard's. Wins against Our Lady of the

Wayside and St Bernard's secured a medal for the team with defeat to St Anne's meaning it was the runners up medal and shield for the boys. The team played incredibly well together - an all round effort by every player!

Football

The girls team played in the ESPSFA 6-a-side tournament at Yardley 5's Football Centre on Thursday afternoon and after a slow start, they soon picked up pace and advanced to the quarter finals. With a game against league champions, Short Heath, the girls put in a brilliant performance winning 2-0 with both goals scored by Khalisah. During the semi-final, each girl played their hearts out but unfortunately lost 3-1 to Lyndon Green. Well done girls on a really terrific effort.

Panathlon

It has been an incredibly busy 2 weeks for our panathlon group. We had an amazing time at our recent Panathlon event held at the school! Students from a variety of different schools came together to showcase their talents and skills in a friendly, competitive atmosphere. Not only did the participants enjoy an array of exciting activities, but they also made new friendships that will undoubtedly last beyond the event. It was wonderful to witness the joy and laughter shared among everyone, proving that fun can truly be had while competing. A big thank you to all the schools involved, and we look forward to more events like this in the future!

This Thursday, our fantastic Panathlon group headed off to the regional finals after being crowned Birmingham champions! They really showcased their skills and teamwork, ultimately finishing in a commendable 5th place. It was a thrilling day filled with excitement highlighting the hard work and dedication of our students. We couldn't be prouder of their achievements! This event truly marked a wonderful celebration of another successful year for our school, and we can't wait to see what the next year holds. Congratulations to our brilliant athletes!



Attendance



As a school we believe in the importance of attendance and work closely with Birmingham LA and parents to ensure that all children are in school every day. Research has shown that absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Children who do not attend regularly:

- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships

- are more likely to become involved in crime
- miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work?

We have recently had a number of families contact us about leave in term time. As you already know a 2013 amendment to The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006, means that Head Teachers may no longer authorise leave during term time except where the circumstances are exceptional. This is in accordance with Birmingham Local Authority's 'Leave in Term Time Guidance.' If families choose to take leave in term time they may be subject to legal procedures.

A letter has been sent out explaining attendance procedures and I would ask that you read it carefully and consider the implications if you chose to take children out of school during term time. We are aware that families have been fined by Birmingham LA and this can be a significant amount of money and we do not want to see our families in this situation. Birmingham has informed us that they have issued a fine of over £1400 to a family for taking children out of school for a holiday.

| May Attendance | | | |
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| Year 6C | 98% | Year 6D | 98% |
| Year 5D | 94% | Year 5K | 96% |
| Year 4O | 98% | Year 4P | 94% |
| Year 3M | 97% | Year 3S | 96% |
| Year 2L | 97% | Year 2S | 97% |
| Year 1H | 91% | Year 1R | 86% |
| Rec C | 99% | Rec P | 93% |
| Nur | 91% | Total | 95% |

E-safety tips from Mr Yasir



cyber rules

stay safe and have fun
on the internet

Be careful who you trust online. Making new friends can be fun, but there's a chance that they may not be who they say they are.

Set your profile to 'private' so your personal information is kept secret.

Don't open messages from people that you don't know. These could be nasty, contain viruses or be trying to sell you something.

Always keep your password a secret.

Tell your parents if you are upset by language, pictures or anything **scary** on the internet.

If someone is nasty, offensive or makes you uncomfortable in a chat room, don't respond and leave straight away.

Think before you post information online—once posted it's difficult to remove.

Don't accept any offers that seem too good to be true—they probably are.

Ask your parents before you give anyone on the internet your name, address or any personal details.

www.cybersmart.gov.au



Times Tables Rockstars



Well done to all the children who are taking part in our Times Table Rock Stars competition. A special mention to 3S with 86% of pupils playing during the last month.

Times Table Rockstars is a great app to use with the children as they learn their times tables in a fun and interactive way.

Every week we will celebrate the children who are successful – it may be that they are in the top 10 scorers, it may be most improved, it may be for certificates achieved.

If you need any further details please speak to your child's teacher.

Top Ten Scorers

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| 1 | Skip Valt | 6C |
| 2 | Jazzy Keeling | 6C |
| 3 | Johhnie J Hendrix | 6D |
| 4 | Strike Sulton | 6C |
| 5 | Jojo Jean | 5D |
| 6 | Jacob Delp | 5K |
| 7 | Omeo Meek | 5D |
| 8 | Travis Barrett | 5D |
| 9 | Jordan Farmer | 5D |
| 10 | Greg Silent | 4P |

A massive well done to Greg Silent who has entered the Top Ten for the first time!

September 2025

Following much consideration we are delighted to be able to share teachers for the new academic year.

Nursery teacher: Miss Cartwright

Reception teachers: Mrs Price and Mrs Parveen

Year 1 teachers: Mrs Rajbhai and Mr Costello

Year 2 teachers: Mrs Hussain and Mrs Gough

Year 3 teachers: Miss Driver and Miss Shanley

Year 4 teachers: Ms O'Shea and Miss Peasland

Year 5 teachers: Mrs Liebig and Mrs Maloney

Year 6 teachers: Mr Dowling and Miss Sharp

Mrs Curry and Miss Samiha will be leaving us at the end of the Summer term. We thank them for their service and dedication during their time at the Rosary School and wish them the very best in their new adventures.

In September we will welcome Mr Costello as our Year 1 teacher and Miss Shanley to Year 3.

As part of our ongoing transition work, we have planned for children to work with their new class teacher in their new classroom next week. This will be an important opportunity for your child to get to know their new teacher and prepare for September.

Dates for the diary

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| Monday 30 th June | Transition week |
| | Wellbeing crew |
| Wednesday 2 nd July | Year 6 transition day |
| | Football tournament |
| Thursday 3 rd July | Girls Football (Year 5 & 6) |
| | Football Tournament |
| Monday 7 th July | Wellbeing crew |
| Tuesday 8 th July | Year 3 trip to Roman Lunt Fort |
| Wednesday 9 th July | Year 1 trip to Black Country Museum |
| | Reception and Nursery Sports Day |
| | Football Tournament |
| Monday 14 th July | Wellbeing crew |
| Thursday 17 th July | Youth Prom |
| Friday 18 th July | Break up for Summer holidays |
| Wednesday 3 rd September | Year 1 - 6 return to school |
| Thursday 4 th September | Nursery and Reception children start |

School Notices

Earrings

Can I please remind parents that children are only permitted to wear a small gold stud to school and these need to be removed for PE, in line with our Health and Safety policy. Thank you to all the parents who support school with this policy.

Contact Details

If any of your details have changed recently can we please ask that you contact the school office. This could be a change of address, or a change of phone number or perhaps a change in emergency contact details. We will then update our school records accordingly. If you wish to change the names of people on the pick-up list please contact the school office.

School Website

Please refer to the website to find out information about the school and events that are taking place in school. It is possible to sync the school calendar to your mobile phone.

Parking Arrangements

We have been fortunate to have secured arrangements to use the Mosque car park. The carpark will be open for parents to use from 8.30am until 9.15am each morning and from 2.45pm until 3.45pm every afternoon except Friday. Can we once again stress the

importance of using this facility rather than parking on pavements, blocking gates and using the corner of roads. **DO NOT USE THE CHURCH CARPARK FOR PARKING.**

Once again we have a number of cars that are being parked in such a way that may endanger the lives of children including double parking. The police have issued a number of tickets to drivers and will continue to monitor parking and driving on Bridge Road. If you see anyone parking or driving dangerously you can take a picture and share on the website below.

<https://nextbase.co.uk/national-dash-cam-safety-portal/>

This can be used to prosecute drivers.

Free School Meals

If you feel your child is entitled to free school meals please contact Mrs Kennedy and she will do an online search. This will enable families to access HAF events free of charge during the holidays.

Play Equipment

Can I please remind parents that the play equipment is not for use at the end of the day especially by young children. Please keep your children with you and don't allow them to use as we do not have adults to supervise and there is a risk of accidents happening.

Early Help Offer

Please remember to visit our Early Help Offer on the school webpage where you will find information about the support we can offer as a school. If at any point you need additional support please see myself, Mrs Banks or any member of our pastoral team.

<https://www.rosaryrc.bham.sch.uk/early-help-offer/>

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child please contact a member of our safeguarding team. Information can be found on our webpage.

<https://www.rosaryrc.bham.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

My Family Coach

There are times when we all need help with parenting. My Family Coach is a free online service with lots of videos and advice on how to support children at each stage of their

development. Please take some time to view the resources available to support with the many challenges of parenting. <https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>

Community Notices

Birmingham School Health Support Service

NHS
Birmingham
Community Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP-IN CLINIC

Every
Tuesday
and
Thursday
from
4:30-5:30pm



Your School Nurse is here to help you feel healthy, happy and safe during your school years and to get the best from your education.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse. We provide a confidential and friendly service.

<https://nhs.vc/BCHC/C-F/Schl-Nurse/Drop-In>

Best Care
Healthy Communities

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NHS
Birmingham
Community Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

ChatHealth

Do you know where I can get some health advice?

The School Health Support Service can help students with all kind of things like...

Relationships, mental health, alcohol, bullying, self-harm, smoking, drugs and healthy eating

Text the School Nurse for confidential advice and support on 07480635485

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact a member of school staff or your doctor. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent the school nurse from sending messages to you by texting **STOP** to our number. Please respect your school's mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.

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After school and holiday activities for 4-16 year olds

Football club

Martial arts

After school club

Holiday care and holiday play scheme

After school and holiday activities

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Football club

Boys & girls
6-12 years

Come train and be part of a team
Tuesdays 6pm to 7.30pm
£3 per session



Martial arts

5-16
years

Help your child with their
coordination, respect,
concentration, behaviour,
fitness and direction

Fridays 4.30pm to 5.30pm
£4 per session



Holiday care

4-14
years

Week days 8.45am to 5.15pm
Full day care, breakfast, evening
snack. Packed lunch required.



Holiday play scheme

4-14
years

Week days 10am to 3pm
A range of activities including
sports, creative arts, cooking, team
games, workshops, off site activities,
outings. Packed lunch required.

After school club

4-14
years

Monday to Thursday 3pm to 6pm
Play opportunities, collections from
local schools, snack included.
£48 weekly (£46 for siblings)
£14 daily (£13 for siblings)

We accept college/university finance places



Youth groups

Boys and Girls youth groups

Contact Reece Keye or
Rico Gardner-Blake...

0121 328 3043

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