Through learning and loving we will follow Jesus.

NEWSLETTER

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Parental Engagement and Parents Workshops

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our parent workshops. We had a fantastic turnout, and it was wonderful to see so many families taking part in learning alongside their children. Your support highlights the importance of school and families working together to help every child thrive. By building this strong partnership, we can support our children's learning, development and wellbeing and help them receive the best possible education. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your children's learning.

Year 4 Shakespeare Workshop – A Midsummer Night's Dream

On Monday 16th November, Year 4 took part in a Shakespeare 'play in a day' workshop based on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This exciting opportunity encouraged the children to express themselves through drama and brought classic literature to life. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.





Year 5 Trip to Astley Green Colliery Tuesday 10th November

The children in Year 5 had a fantastic day at Astley Green Colliery, learning all about the history of mining as part of their local History topic. They explored the museum, discovered how miners lived and worked and even got to see some of the original machinery up close. The visit gave them a deeper understanding of the vital role mining played in shaping our local community.



Anti-Bullying Week 16th-20th November- Break the Silence

This week, beginning Monday 16th November, we marked Anti-Bullying Week in school. This year's theme was "Break the Silence", encouraging children to speak up, seek help and support others.

Throughout the week, we:

Shared and reviewed our Anti-Bullying Policy with the children.
Took part in age-appropriate lessons about bullying during our Curriculum for Life sessions.
Used activities and resources from the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help children understand what bullying is, what to do if they experience or witness it, and how we can all play our part in preventing it.
Continued to reinforce our school values of kindness, respect and looking after one another.

🧦 Odd Socks Day: Monday 16th November
Thank you to all the families who took part in Odd Socks Day on Monday. This helped us to celebrate what makes each of us unique and show our commitment to standing together against bullying.

Thank you for helping us to reinforce the important message that bullying is never acceptable and that no child should feel they have to stay silent.

If you or your child would like any further support or would like to speak to us about any concerns, please get in touch with school. We are always here to help.

Friday 20th November Class Mass St Joseph's Church 10:30am
Thank you to all the parents and families who joined us at St. Joseph's Church today for the Year 1, Year 3, and Year 6 Class Mass. Your presence and support mean so much to our children and school community. It was wonderful to come together to celebrate mass.

Year 5 Trip to Tattenhall
Year 5 had a fantastic time on their art residential at Tattenhall on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th November. It was a wonderful experience for the children to immerse themselves in art, work alongside a professional artist and explore their creativity while learning together outside of the classroom.

Upcoming Events
Year 3 Stone Age Assembly Friday 27th November 9:00am
Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for Year 3's Stone Age assembly on Friday 27th November at 9:00am. The children will share what they have learnt in History and celebrate their knowledge of this fascinating period. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the children's learning with you!

Christmas Hamper Donations – Friday 27th November
On Friday 27th November, children are invited to wear their own clothes and bring a donation from their class list below. The Friends will use the donations to make mixed Christmas hampers, which will be raffled at our Christmas coffee morning.

- Reception – e.g. Packets of rice, noodles, pasta, soup
- Year 1 – e.g. Crisps, Pringles, tortillas, Bombay mix, nibbles
- Year 2 – e.g. Biscuits, chocolates, sweets – Haribo's, jelly babies
- Year 3 – e.g. Tins of savoury foods - soup, veg, beans, tuna, corned beef
- Year 4 – e.g. Tins of sweet foods – fruit, custard, rice pudding
- Year 5 – e.g. Jars – curry sauce, pickles, jam, pasta sauce
- Year 6 – e.g. 50p each – to supplement hampers with shortage items

Monday 30th November Travelling Nativities
Advent begins on Sunday 29th November, a time to prepare in joyful hope for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Our travelling cribs invite families to pause and pray together at home.
Before the Christmas holidays, each child will have the opportunity to bring home a bag of Advent stories, activities and prayers to enjoy with their family.

Please return the bag the following school day so that every child has a turn before the end of term. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Christmas Jumper Swap

The children are invited to come into school in a Christmas jumper on Wednesday 16th December for breakfast with Santa. We understand that children grow quickly, and last year's Christmas jumpers may no longer fit. If you have any Christmas jumpers that are now too small, we would greatly appreciate your donations. These can be handed into the school office and will be passed on to other families.
We also want to remind families that if you are finding it difficult to source a Christmas jumper for your child, please don't hesitate to contact the school confidentially. We are here to support you and ensure every child can join in the festive fun.

Christmas Charities CADOD World Gifts

This year we will be raising money throughout Advent for CAFOD World Gifts. We will be raising money in the following ways
Year 2 Christmas Nativity- we will hold a collection following the Year 2 Nativity

Advent Mass in School

Tuesday 1st December 2026 at 2:pm- Please note this is a change to the original date

Father Keiran will be celebrating mass here in school and everyone is welcome. He will be joined by the whole school and Year 4 will lead the mass.

Year 6 Residential Robin Wood

Wednesday 9th December- Friday 11th December 2026

Year 6 will be away on their residental trip to Robin Wood. If you haven't aready, please complete any outstanding payments.

Christmas Events

Second Hand Toy Sale – Friday 4th December

We are once again holding this annual event, so please can I urge parents and children to start sorting their toys out. Please send into school week beginning 30th November.

Year 2 Christmas Nativity Performances

Mrs Featherstone, Mrs Lavin and the children in Year 2 will be busy this term practicing for the Christmas performances. Parents and Carers are invited to watch this special Christmas performances on the following dates. The children have been given parts to learn so please help your child to learn their words.

Monday 7th December at 2:30 pm
Monday 7h December at 6:00 pm

There is no limit on the amount of tickets available, so please just turn up to the performance of your choice. There is no charge, but we will have a collection for our nominated Christmas Charity at the end of each performance.

Christmas Parties

Infants (**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**) – Monday 14th December at 1:30 pm
Key Stage 2- Tuesday 15th December at 1:30pm

Children will be invited to wear their own party clothes, but please remember they will still play outside at playtime and therefore need a warm coat and appropriate shoes. In addition, we ask that children bring a plate with party food covered up. This may include a cake, a carton of drink, a piece of fruit and packet of crisps. Please do not include anything that needs to be kept refrigerated.

Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 16th December

The cost of the event is **£3** to cover the cost of food and a present payable on ParentPay.





Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 16th December

If your child currently has a packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas Dinner, please let the school office know so your child can be added to the dinner system. The cost is £2.61 and all payments must be made online via Evolve by Tuesday 15th December.

School Levy Building Fund 2026-2027

We kindly ask all parents and carers who have not yet done so to make a contribution of **£10 per pupil or family towards our School Building Fund Levy**. This can be paid via ParentPay. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated and help us to continue improving our school environment for all our children. As a thank you, everyone who makes a payment will automatically be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win a **£100 ASDA voucher!** The lucky winner will be drawn during our Coffee Morning on **Monday 14th December 2026**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

Friends of Twelve Apostles Fund Raising Events

Christmas Coffee Morning and Christmas Hat Competition Monday 14th December at 9:00 am.

This is a chance for everyone to get together. The children will be invited to make a Christmas hat for this event. The school council will judge the entries looking for creativity and imagination and select an overall winner from each class. There will be a small prize for all those that enter.

Star of the Week



Congratulations and well-done to all our stars!

Friday 13th November 2026

Reception – Anna E-S & Emma W
Year 1 – Albie L
Year 2 – Ava H
Year 3 – Xavier H
Year 4 – Mia S
Year 5 – Ellie S
Year 6 – Chester N

Friday 20th November 2026

Reception – David A & Jessica S
Year 1 – Isabella M
Year 2 – Lena R
Year 3 – Robert D
Year 4 – Paige S
Year 5 – Tattenhall
Year 6 – Ricky L



In school

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



On time



Week Commencing: 9th November 2026

Reception 95.67%	Year 1 98.71%
Year 2 98.33%	Year 3 95.67%
Year 4 94.52%	Year 5 93.55%
Year 6 92.59%	

Congratulations
Y1 & Y4

Week Commencing: 16th November 2026

Reception 95.33%	Year 1 99.03%
Year 2 99.00%	Year 3 98.33%
Year 4 99.35%	Year 5 98.06%
Year 6 96.67%	



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