



# St. Ambrose Barlow

## Catholic Primary School

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Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been a short but busy week! We have ended it by taking Year Four, Five and Six to Mass today to celebrate the feast day of Padre Pio and also to wish Father Paul many happy returns on his (whisper it) 55<sup>th</sup> birthday! He has been a great source of support during last year and this, and I am pleased that the parish and the school are working much more closely together. To this end, tomorrow we host our first Year Three Saturday workshop in the parish hall, starting at 10am. It finishes at midday and is immediately followed by an 'Open Afternoon' at the hall (complete with bouncy castle) where parents and friends of the school and parish are welcome to share their ideas about how best the parish hall can be used for the benefit of the wider community.

Next Friday, in place of our usual celebration assembly, we are having our Harvest Mass. Please join us at 2pm for this special occasion. All next week, we will be collecting Harvest goods (pasta, rice, beans, tinned fruit and vegetables) ready to give thanks to God for all of creation. Afterwards, all our harvest gifts will be donated to the Church of the Ascension's food bank. Your generosity in this endeavour would be hugely appreciated.

### **Golden Book**

**Reception:** Mia Bhachu for settling so well into our Reception class and school life. Mia has followed our classroom rules and has been an excellent role model to her peers. She has also tried very hard with

writing her name in pre-cursive this week!

Keep up the hard work, Mia!

**Year One:** Arlo has been a star since he started Year One. He has worked hard to use phonics in his writing and improve his letter formation. He gives 100% to everything he does and even does it with a big smile! Arlo is always kind to his classmates and checks that they are okay. Great work, Arlo - keep it up!

**Year Two:** Sophia Davies for consistently using her best cursive handwriting (now joined up) and for using some excellent vocabulary in her writing over the past two weeks. She has been trying especially hard to include 2A sentences in her work. Well done, Sophia!

**Year Three:** Layton Parsons for being enthusiastic and positive in everything he does. He always contributes to class discussions, listens well and then applies his new knowledge to what he is doing. He has also been a helpful, considerate member of the class.

**Year Four:** Harrison Walsh has made a fantastic start to Year Four. He has shown hard work and determination across all subjects and has actively participated in class discussions demonstrating his knowledge. (I taught Harrison Maths today and was impressed with his effort and application.) Well done, Harrison!

**Year Five:** Liam Lynch has produced some excellent writing in Literacy lessons exploring the class text *Beowulf*. He has used a variety of sentence types and used a range of vocabulary. He has thought carefully about his writing and linked it back appropriately to the book. He has really impressed us all with his writing and his handwriting. Keep up the good work, Liam!

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we are all **learning to live, love and work together**.

**Year Six:** Eoin Kelly for his endless enthusiasm in all that he does. He has a smile on his face from the moment he arrives at school and tackles all of his work with resilience and determination. He always speaks to staff in a polite and courteous manner and is a fantastic role model for others (apart from his unfortunate football club affiliation).

### School Council

Elections have been taking place all week. Results are still being announced so I am not yet in the position to share who has been elected in each class, but this will be tweeted (along with a photo) during their first meeting, which will take place next week.

### Caught Being KiVa

As a school, we have adopted a programme called KiVa, which is fundamentally an anti-bullying program that has been developed in Finland, funded by their Ministry of Education. The program is evidence-based, meaning that the effectiveness of KiVa has been proven scientifically. KiVa offers a wide range of concrete tools and materials for schools to tackle bullying and promote kindness. At school, we like to 'catch' children being kind - doing the right thing - and celebrate it. This week, Mrs Hunt has caught Tommy Fitzpatrick in Year One being KiVa, when he has been looking after the new Reception children in the playground at lunch time.

### Sacramental Preparation

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who attended yesterday's meeting for Year Three's Sacramental preparation. The first workshop for the children is this Saturday at 10am until midday. There is an open day at the parish hall afterwards, so please stay around and give your feedback for how best the hall can be used for the good of the community.

Due to a clash with Archbishop Ilsley's Open Evening, next week's Confirmation parent meeting has been postponed, and will now take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm, again in the parish hall. The children's Confirmation meeting on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October meeting will proceed as normal, as will their Mass on Enrolment Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### Open Days



**ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**OPEN EVENING 2022**

29TH SEPTEMBER 2022  
5:30PM - 7:30PM  
HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS  
5:30PM AND 6:30PM

**OPEN MORNINGS 2022**

4TH OCTOBER: 9:15AM-10:00AM  
5TH OCTOBER: 9:15AM-10:00AM

Contact the school on 0121 7064200 or enquiry@ilsley.bham.sch.uk by Friday 30th September 2022  
Only those who have made an appointment will be able to attend

Victoria Road, Acocks Green, B27 7XY

Archbishop Ilsley are holding an opening evening on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 5:30 until 7:30. There is an address by the Headteacher at both 5:30 and 6:30.

In addition to this, there are two Opening Mornings being held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of October, at 9:15 until 10am. Please contact the school for an appointment.

### Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Lauren in Year Four who was nine on Monday. Violetta in Year Four was nine yesterday. Tomorrow, both James and Charlie from Year Six celebrate their eleventh birthday. Happy birthday to them all!

### September dates for your diary

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Sept:** FHC children parish workshop 10am

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Year Three FHC Enrolment Mass 10am

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Year Four @ Hall Green library

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Confirmation Parent meeting @ Parish Hall 6pm

**\*\*CANCELLED\***

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Harvest Mass @ 2pm in school hall

#### **October Dates for your diary**

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Oct:** Year Six Confirmation children @ Parish Hall 10am-12pm

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct:** Enrolment Mass for Year Six children 10am

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year Three @ Hall Green library

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year Two Class Mass 2:30pm

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Parent Consultations 3:40 – 6:20

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Parent Consultation 3:40 – 6:20

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year Two children @ Hall Green library

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year Six Assembly 9am

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct:** School closes for half term

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct:** School closed for INSET

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct:** School re-opens for all children

#### **November dates for your diary**

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** FHC parents @ Parish Hall 6pm

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year Six @ St Chad's

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Nov:** FHC Children @ Parish Hall 10am-12pm

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Nov:** FHC children @ Sunday Mass 10am

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year One Class Mass 2:30pm

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Confirmation Parent meeting @ Parish Hall 6pm

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year Three Assembly 9am

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Confirmation children @ Parish Hall 10am-12pm

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Confirmation children @ Sunday Mass 10am

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Influenza vaccinations

#### **December dates for your diary**

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Year Three Reconciliation Service 6pm

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Reception Nativity 2pm

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year One Nativity 2pm

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year Two Nativity 2pm

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 theatre trip 'Nativity Two' @ B'ham Rep

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School Mass of the Immaculate Conception 9:30

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Staff and children Christmas dinner

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 Carol Concert 7pm

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School Mass 9:30am

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Break up at 2pm

Have a good weekend and I will see you all either at Mass this Sunday at 10am with our Year Three children, or on the gate on Monday morning.

God bless,



Mr Clinton

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