



# St. Ambrose Barlow

## Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

What a week! We celebrated our First Holy Communion on Saturday; the children celebrated their second communion on Sunday, and we have ended our week with yesterday's Ascension Mass and today's May Procession. Our Catholic Life drives our school forward and is something that is totally embraced by our children.

Next week, of course, is the start of Year Six's SAT which are a necessary fixture in the calendar of their school life but consider them a celebration of all the children have learnt and remembered. They certainly should not be something to dread. We also have Year One's assembly next week on Friday at 9am, and the PTA disco on Friday night too.

Both of our residential trips (one UK based, one in France) are definitely going ahead next year, and parents are invited to a meeting on Monday at 4pm to find out the latest changes and to offer feedback.

### Golden Book

**Reception:** Elliott Evans for showing such great listening skills so far this half term. He has really tried to ensure he is focusing in lessons and putting his hand up. Elliott has produced some fabulous work in RE this week, learning all about Our Mother Mary and drawing a wonderful picture of Her too. Keep up the hard work, Elliott!

**Year One:** Amelia Mehmood for working hard this week in all her subjects. She is especially working hard to identify split digraphs in real and alien words during phonics lessons - this is fantastic! Amelia

has also learned all of her assembly lines and she says them with great volume and confidence. Super work, Amelia!

**Year Two:** Millie Kirk contributes consistently to every single lesson. Her answers are extremely eloquent and she is very confident when explaining her answers in class. She has written a brilliant adventure story this week based on '*The Owl and the Pussycat*', which Millie modified and made her own. She always makes sure she includes everything within the success criteria in her writing and always take her time to go back and read what she has read and presents her work so neatly. Well done, Millie!

**Year Three:** James Smyth for his determination and focus this week. James has worked hard when learning about time in Maths this week. He has also contributed thoughtfully during R.E. this week and has made great contributions to class discussions on the importance of prayer and what prayer means to him. A great week. Well done, James!

**Year Four:** Eugene Newman for his enthusiasm and love of learning. He puts his best effort into every lesson and his motivation and curiosity is an inspiration for all of his classmates. He pushes himself to produce his best work every lesson. Well done, Eugene!

**Year Five:** Noah Parkes-Brown for consistently being the best person he can be. Noah works incredibly hard in every lesson. He is a great help around the classroom, always being the first one to help with jobs and tidying up. He is an excellent friend and will always help his peers in lessons, especially in Maths. He is everything we want from a pupil at St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School!

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**Year Six:** Patrisha Arulprasad for consistently being a brilliant role-model in all that she does. Patrisha works incredibly hard each and every day. Her work is always beautifully presented and completed to a high standard. Her behaviour is impeccable and she is a pleasure to have in the class.

### Wednesday Word

#### **THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH** **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, Keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you have given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

*Adapted from John 17:11-19*  
The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B

### May Procession

What wonderful weather we had today for our May Procession. Thank you for all your kind donations of flowers, which were laid at Mary's feet and then donated to Birmingham Hospice in Selly Oak (formerly St Mary's Hospice). Thanks to all those who attended – parents and grandparents and siblings – and we look forward to seeing you next year too!

### Pentecost Party

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, we will be celebrating the church's birthday – the Feast of Pentecost. For this very special occasion, we would like all children to come to school in their finest attire/party clothes. Staff too! School fund should

cover the cost of the party food (this is why it's important to contribute!) Rumour has it there may even be a special cake to celebrate, and definitely some dancing too! The PTA, wonderful as ever, have offered to give all the children ice lollies too, to kick start our Summer Fete fundraising – to that end, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May will be an own clothes day, in exchange for a bottle (preferably alcoholic .... you know the drill by now).

### Mrs Bresnen

As announced during Thursday's Ascension Mass by Father Paul, Mrs Bresnen has given birth to a beautiful baby girl. We are all delighted! Both mother and child are doing well, and staff have already had a video WhatsApp call! Below is beautiful Maeve Nancy Bresnen, in all her God-given glory.



### Senior Leadership team update

Mrs Bresnen is a remarkable Deputy Headteacher. However, in her absence, the Governors have agreed to create two temporary Assistant Headteacher posts. These have been filled by Miss Ball and Miss Newman, who will support me on pastoral provision and curriculum development respectively. I know they are more than capable of stepping up in this role and I know they will do all they can to support the children and the school.

Miss Traynor is our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, and still leads on Special Educational Needs.

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## **SATS**

It is absolutely essential that every Year Six children is in school next week, without exception. They have worked hard over the course of the past four years, and as they undertake their Key Stage Two assessments, we trust they will perform to the best of their ability. Every child in the country undertakes them, and they are a useful way of benchmarking performance of schools but, in my professional opinion, they are only a small element of what education is truly about. At St Ambrose Barlow, we educate the whole child – spiritually, socially, academically and emotionally. Year Six, do your best, but each of you are a masterpiece in the eyes of God regardless.



## **Birthdays this week...**

Happy birthday to Albie in Year Two who was seven on Monday, and happy birthday to Poppy in Year Four who was nine on Wednesday. On Thursday, Mila in Year Three turned eight, and tomorrow Charlie in Year Five turns ten. On Sunday, Ilyzah in Year One turns six. Happy birthday to all!

## **May dates for your diary**

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May:** Paris parent meeting  
4:00pm

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Year Six @ Hall Green Library 2pm

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Year One Assembly 9am; PTA Family Disco @ 7pm, Scanlons

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Year Two @ Hall Green Library 2pm

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Own clothes day in exchange for a bottle donation; break up at 3:30pm

## **June dates for your diary**

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** School re-opens

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Three @ Hall Green Library 2pm

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Whole School Mass (Sacred Heart) 9:30am

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June:** Corpus Christi Procession after 10am Mass

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Six to Blackwell Court

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Four @ Hall Green Library 2pm

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception Class Mass 2pm

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Going Forth Mass and Communion Breakfast 10am

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Five @ Hall Green Library 2pm; Year Three and Year Six parents' Sacramental Programme evaluation 6pm Parish hall

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Sports Day TBC

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Keyboard and choir concert 2pm

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Six @ Hall Green Library 2pm; Family Mass 5pm

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception Assembly

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Summer Fete 12pm

## **July dates for your diary**

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Transition Day

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Year Two @ Hall Green Library 2pm

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July:** Reports given out

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Leavers' Assembly 9am

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Leavers' Mass 9:30am

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Break up at 2pm

Have a lovely weekend. I was going to say enjoy the sunshine but I think after our last few days of clear blue skies, the rain is due to return. Same as it ever was. God bless you,



Mr Clinton

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