



# St. Ambrose Barlow

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Dear Parents,

Another lovely week and this half term is already starting to fly by. We had our Ash Wednesday whole school Mass this week, and the singing that accompanied the imposition of ashes was beautiful! Thank you to Madam Grange who (I think) made her debut playing the piano at a weekday Mass for us. Our next whole school Mass at church is for the feast of the Annunciation on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – exactly nine months before Christmas, of course - and all are welcome!



### **Golden Book**

**Reception:** Yuet Kwan Zizi Chow for having such a 'can do' attitude. We have been learning a new concept in Maths and she has listened very well during lessons and applied these new skills during our maths activities. Zizi always tries her very best and does it with a smile on her face. Well done, Zizi!

**Year One:** Isabella Davis for always being such a well behaved, kind and caring member of Year One. She always listens well in lessons and she produces fantastic work as a result. Her work in her RE lessons shows how thoughtful she is, especially this week when she

was reflecting on love. Keep on being the superstar that you are, Bella!

**Year Two:** We are so proud of Iyzah Hussain this week! She has shown a lot of determination and perseverance across all subjects. She tries her best in everything she does. Iyzah has worked really hard with her reading too and is reading aloud clearly and confidently! Well done, Iyzah!

**Year Three:** Lawson Wilkins for always being so helpful around the classroom. He is always on hand to give things out and collect things in to help his teachers as well as being a great tidier! Lawson has made fantastic progress with his reading so far this year and we are incredibly proud of him!

**Year Four:** Emily Healy has been a wonderful example to her classmates this week. She has produced some fabulous work in Maths this week and her presentation is always immaculate. Her writing is fantastic and she always looks to improve using every tip and trick she can!

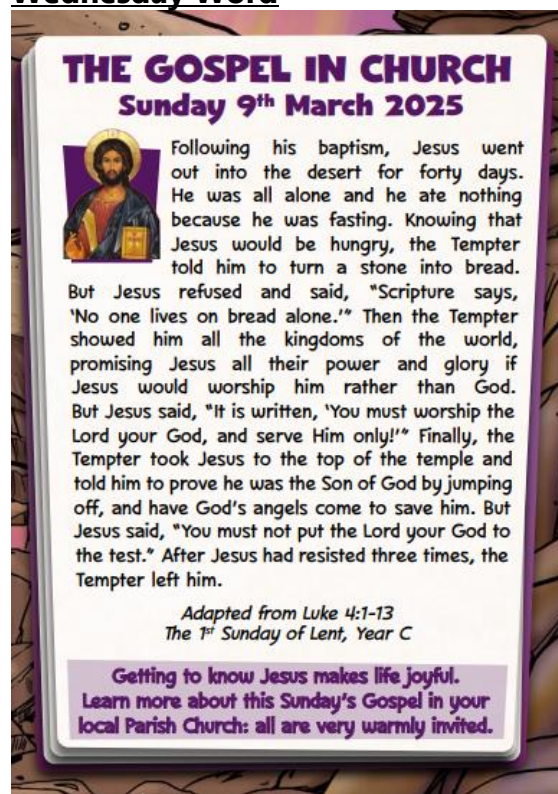
**Year Five:** Darron Mariampillai has worked particularly hard in his Maths this week, showing a real improvement in his attitude towards learning. He has also worked well in Literacy where he has focused on improving his handwriting. We have seen a very mature Darron in class this week, focusing better in lessons, having a go at answering questions and working well to complete all the tasks set in the time allocated. Whatever he has had for

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breakfast this week, I think he needs to share it with a few of us in Year Five as it seems to be making a difference. Well done, Darron - same again next week please!

**Year Six:** Elijah Roberts has been so focused on his learning this week and showed an excellent attitude in his group who led their liturgy on Monday. His closing prayer was superb and most appropriate as we approached the change from Ordinary Time to Lent. Elijah is an enthusiastic member of Year Six who is always happy to contribute to class discussions as well as offer a helping hand when it is needed. Thank you, Elijah!

### Wednesday Word



### World Book Day

This was a great success! The children looked brilliant. We had a Matilda, two versions of Miss Trunchball (one with poor Amanda and her pigtails, one with

a huge chocolate cake), characters from Dr Seuss – Thing 1 and Thing 2, the Cat in the Hat, the Lorax – plenty of Harry Potters and other assorted characters from the books, complete with backcombing of hair where necessary. We had Indiana Jones, Willy Wonka, astronauts, Where's Wally, Postman Pat and his black and white cat, Mr Men, Fireman Sam, Gangster Grannies and plenty of participants from The Midnight Gang. The characters went on and on. The inflatable dinosaurs were a great addition too! It was a great day and engendered a real sense of community too. Thank you all for getting so involved.

### Year Five/Six Residential Parents' Meeting

This will be held this Monday at 5pm in the school hall. Please come along to find out information about staffing, final payments, activities, and assorted arrangements for the two trips taking place on Monday 19th June and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

### Parking

A moan, I am sorry to say. At the end of the day, when 210 children are being dismissed, there will naturally be congestion. Please either a) arrive early and park by school, b) arrive early and park further away from school and walk, c) arrive later on and be prepared to walk a little or wait. The same applies in the morning (although this is less of an issue due to our 'soft start').

Please do not obstruct our neighbours' drives or parkways. Our neighbours, rightly, complain to school and I fully

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support their actions when they report to the police and/or council, often with photographic evidence. At the start of this week, a black Audi (registration BJ24 THE) parked across a resident's driveway on Boyleston Road and, with their inconsiderate parking, prevented them from accessing their own property. Please be more considerate in future.

### **Shakespeare Week**

Now World Book Day is over, we can concentrate on Shakespeare Week which takes place on 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March. Year Six will also be visiting Stratford to take part in an RSC workshop!

### **Request from Father Paul**

Would you, or someone you know, be able to serve the parish by joining the Parish Council 2025? Nominations are being sought by the Second Sunday of Lent. For more details and to see what is involved pick up the leaflet in church this weekend. You can deposit your nominations in the Red Box in the porch of the Church. This would be a wonderful way to demonstrate our strong parish/school relations.

### **Parent Consultations**

This will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 3:40 until 6:40. While we wait to get our new online booking system for parents, we have made manual bookings using Autumn Term's appointments as a basis and will email these out next week.

**Please contact the office if you do not receive one!** If you cannot make this appointment, please let the school office know that you cannot attend.

Please note that any changes to the original appointments will be down to which timeslots we have available – unfortunately, it will not be possible for parents to request a specific time or day. We have taken every care to arrange sibling appointment that are on the same day at a time that is relatively close. Parent appointments will take place in the hall and there will be an opportunity either before or after the appointment to view your child's books in the classroom.

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

Happy birthday to Tayla-Mae in Year Three who was eight on Monday. Happy birthday to Henry, also in Year Three, who was eight on Wednesday (and thank you for the cakes for the food bank too). Happy birthday to John in Year Six who is eleven today. Happy birthday to Emily O'K in Year Five who is ten tomorrow and happy birthday to Lily in Year Six who is eleven on Sunday.

### **March dates for your diary**

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Five/Six residential meeting 5pm

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Five and Year One at the Black Country Museum; Year Six to visit Hall Green Library

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Parent Consultations 3:30 – 6:40

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Key Stage Two Reconciliation service 1:30pm; Parent Consultations 3:30 – 6:40

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Two to visit Hall Green Library

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Year One Class Mass 2:30pm

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Shakespeare Week starts in school

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Whole School Mass for the Annunciation 9:30am

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Six on Stratford Theatre Tour; INSPIRE workshop for Year Three children and parents

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Five to visit Hall Green Library

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Two Class Assembly 9am

Have a good weekend and hopefully the spring sun continues to shine.

God bless,



Mr Clinton

**April dates for your diary**

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Year Three at Compton Verney

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** Year Two to visit Selly Manor Museum; Year Three to visit Hall Green Library

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> April:** Year One at Olton Friary Catholic Church

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> April:** Year Two at Church of the Ascension; Year Four at Singers Hill Synagogue

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> April:** Reception at St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Church

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> April:** Year Three at Hindu BAPS Shri Mandir; Keyboard concert at 2:15pm

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> April:** Year Five at Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> April:** Year Three at parish hall for First Communion workshop 10am

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> April:** Year Three children to lead 'Palm Sunday' procession at church at 10am

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> April:** Year Three to lead 'Palm Sunday' Holy Week assembly

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> April:** Year Four to lead 'Last Supper' Holy Week assembly

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> April:** Year Five to lead 'Gethsemane' Holy Week assembly

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> April:** Year Six to lead 'Stations of the Cross' Holy Week assembly; schools closes for end of term at 2pm – no Kidzone club.