



# St. Ambrose Barlow

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Dear parents,

Thank you to all the parents of Year Three children who attended school last night for the Sacramental workshop – the children worked with the catechists on what it means to belong to a community and the parents discussed how Catholic schools operate and what makes them distinct from ordinary state schools. The children are now ready to lead Sunday Mass this weekend at 10am, celebrated by Father John. Please join us for the first of our joint parish, school and home celebrations of this new academic year. Next week, it is the turn of Year Six!

### **Golden Book**

**Reception:** *Children will start attending our weekly Gifts from God assembly, after October half term, and this is when their Golden Book celebrations will begin.*

**Year One:** Thomas Hall has been a real star this week! He has shown great maturity and a fantastic work ethic while working in Year One. Thomas has impressed all the adults he has worked with through his enthusiastic participation in lessons, confidently sharing his answers and opinions. He is using his phonics knowledge brilliantly to support his writing in Literacy and R.E. What an excellent start to Year One, Thomas!

**Year Two:** Elliot Fowler has been working incredibly hard this week in all lessons. He always applies himself and strives to be the best he can be. We have been really pleased with Elliot's perseverance and determination across all subjects. Elliot listens well in class and is always willing to have a go! Elliot is also a brilliant role model for behaviour by always doing the right thing! Well done, Elliot!

**Year Three:** Illana Yassar for being a perfect pupil! Illana puts so much effort into everything she does at school. She is always ready first, has her hand up to contribute to lessons and is a fantastic role model for her peers. Thank you for working so hard, Ilana!

**Year Four:** Elena Earp has had a brilliant week. Her focus in Literacy has been incredible, writing her information booklet about our school. She has been a great role model of behaviour for the class and has had some great answers in lessons. Keep this up, Elena!

**Year Five:** Sonny Chow is just a ray of sunshine, he has impeccable manners and is always helpful inside of the classroom. He is always keen and eager to learn and listens to advice given, then acts on it. Sonny has made an amazing start to this year. Mrs McGrory said she is so pleased to be teaching him and loves having him in her class. Sonny by name, sunny by nature. Keep shining bright, Sonny!

**Year Six:** Caitlin Bradley continues to impress. She made a brilliant start to

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

our school last year and has built upon this at the start of this one. She was chosen to be a prefect by the staff (see below) because of the good impression she has made on each and every one. She is sensible, trustworthy and unfailingly polite. This is fantastic to witness.

### **Prefects**

Congratulations to Zach and Henry, Caitlin, Darcy, Emily and Mia who are our newly-appointed Year Six prefects, and join Maeve and Zane in being our young leaders. Starting this half-term, they will be reading with children in Reception and Year One, and organising library sessions at lunchtime too.



### **Year Five retreat**



Our Year Five pupils will join with other children from Year Five across Birmingham to have a special retreat at Corpus Christi Church on Thursday. We will be transported by minibus in the morning and return to school for lunch. There is no charge for this trip as the costs are being covered by school fund. Further details will be sent to parents next week,

### **Sustainability**

Our sustainability plan is now moving forwards and we are pleased to announce our new Eco councillors are:



**Year One:** Lily and Patrick

**Year Two:** Ava and Lorenzo

**Year Three:** Ella and Lennon

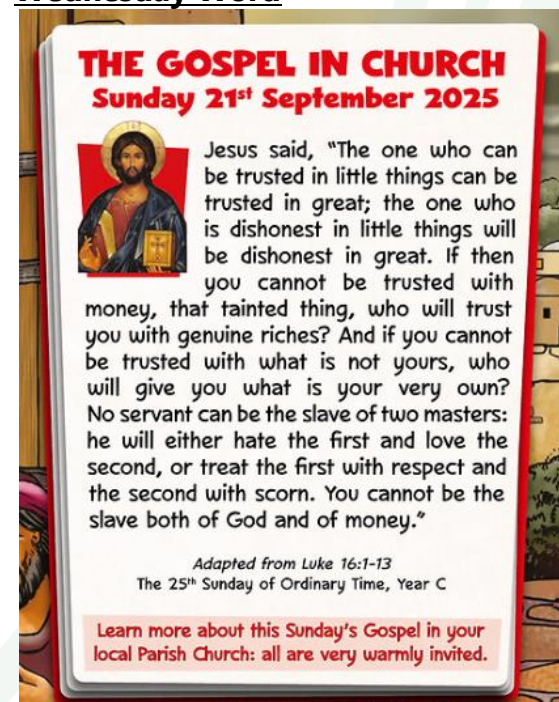
**Year Four:** Alec and Gemma

**Year Five:** Amelie and Enda

**Year Six:** Poppy and Kadey-Mae

We look forward to seeing all the great work they will be doing together to help us achieve our sustainability goals this year.

### **Wednesday Word**



### **Open Sessions for 2026 Reception Prospective Parents**

We are holding two open afternoons for parents of Reception-aged children who would like to start in September 2026. These will take place on Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th October, at

2pm until 3pm. I will introduce our vision of Catholic education, Miss Hodgkins will talk about life in Reception, and the Head Boy and Girl and prefects and will conduct their tour. All are welcome!

### **Birthdays this week**

No birthdays this week – a fallow week for us in school. There are whispers abound for a special celebration for Mrs Corrigan next week though. I'll leave it to you to guess the milestone...



### **September dates for your diary**

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Sept:** Year Three children 'Belonging' Mass 10am

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Individual school photos (pre-school siblings from 8:30am)

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Year Five retreat at Corpus Christi church, Stechford;  
Year Six Sacrament preparation meeting 6pm

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Year Six and Reception 'Enrolment Mass 10am

### **October dates for your diary**

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct:** Poetry day

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct:** Year Two Class Mass 2:30pm

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Open Afternoon for prospective Reception parents 2pm

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Open Afternoon for prospective Reception parents 2pm

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Parent Consultations 3:40 – 6:20

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Harvest Mass, 2pm;  
Parent Consultations 3:40 – 6:20

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year Six Class Assembly

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct:** PTA AGM 9am

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Break up for half-term

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

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** Children return to school

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year Four Class Mass 2:30pm

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year Three 'Forgiveness' Mass

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year Three First Confessions 6pm

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov:** Year Five Class Assembly

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Keyboard and choir concert 2:15pm

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** Year Six to lead parish Mass 10am

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

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 Advent Reconciliation Service

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Reception Nativity 2pm

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS1 @ Mac: 'The Owl Who Came For Christmas'

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 @ Rep: 'Sherlock Holmes'

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS1 Nativity Year One parents

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS1 Nativity Year Two parents

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 Carol Service 7pm

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumpers

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS1/2 Christmas parties (pm)

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School Mass 9:30am; Break up at 2pm: no after-school club

Have a restful weekend. God bless,

Mr Clinton