



St. Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School, 841 Shirley Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 9JJ

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear parents,

Welcome to your second newsletter of the week. This morning, Year Four led us in a wonderful assembly that was a tour through History with a focus on the Anglo-Saxons, as well as a spiritual dimension with a focus on the RE work they are doing in class. Thanks to all involved! Next week, Year Three will perform their class assembly - we can't wait!

### **Golden Book**

**Reception:** Cairon Collier deserves all the praise for his wonderful work in RE this week. He has produced a beautiful storyboard of the 'Finding in the Temple' with an excellent recount of the story in his own words. Cairon has also been working very hard to apply his phonic knowledge in his writing and showing off his letter formation too!

**Year One:** Ella Shiels has worked incredibly hard over the past few weeks. She has impressed all of the adults in Year One with her determination and perseverance when completing tasks in class. Ella has made great progress in improving her sentence structure and content, carefully checking that her punctuation is correct. Her reading has also come on in leaps and bounds, showing improved accuracy and wonderful prosody through her expressive reading. You're a star, Ella!

**Year Two:** This week, Lorenzo Treshani has been working incredibly hard and we cannot express how proud we are of him. He has contributed amazingly to all lessons, gaining confidence in sharing his ideas with the class. Lorenzo has produced not just one but two brilliant pieces of writing this week independently. He has been working really hard on his handwriting and his sentence structure and is making fantastic progress. We are extremely proud of the hard work and determination we have seen from Lorenzo in recent weeks and we hope this continues throughout the rest of the year. Lorenzo - you are a star!

**Year Three:** Lennon Mooney for consistently being the best person he can be. Lennon works incredibly hard in every lesson. He is an excellent friend, a great role model for his peers, and a joy to have in the classroom. He can be trusted to do anything he is asked! He is literally everything we want from a pupil at St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School (more of this phrase later)!

**Year Four:** Adam Malik has shown wonderful focus this week, his presentation of his work shows the concentration and effort he is putting in. During RE on Friday, he thoughtfully considered the different roles in a parish, asking some questions that showed depth of thought and consideration of the sacrifices people

make to be a part of the Church. It has been fantastic to see! Well done

**Year Five:** John Luckman has shown real maturity this half term. Not only has he started to focus and listen more attentively, he is also putting 100% effort into his tasks. He is constantly challenging himself in Maths which is fantastic to see, and is now trying to take greater pride in his work. His latest writing assessments has shown he is making great strides with his work. We love your new attitude toward your school work, John, and look forward to seeing where this takes you: the sky is the limit!

**Year Six:** Ava Ling-Lee continues to impress all staff in Year Six with her superb attitude to learning. She is thorough, takes her time and is conscientious. Therefore, all work she completes is of a very high standard. Ava is a brilliant friend and role model to everyone. She is a delight to teach and we are all excited for what the rest of the year holds.

### Wednesday Word

#### **THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

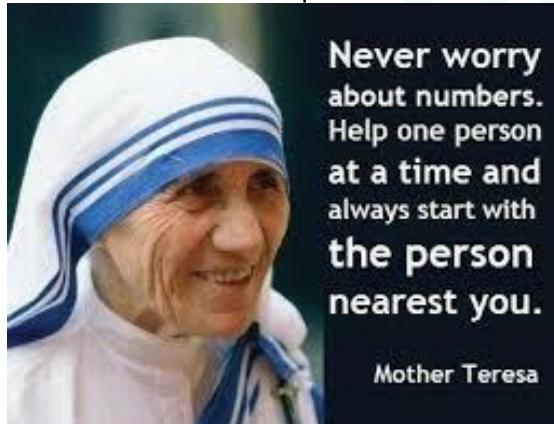


Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: "How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people mistreat you and persecute you and speak all kinds of slander against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Our assembly on Monday looked at the Old Testament and New Testament, and how certain stories mirror, or contrast, or compliment each other. One example of this is taken from this week's Gospel, where Jesus's Sermon on the Mount as he preaches the Beatitudes build on the Ten Commandments given in Exodus. They provide a framework for modern Christians of how to live their life. Talking of which....

### Learn from the Saints

Continuing the theme of St Teresa of Calcutta started earlier this week, here is another beautiful quote from her:



You may think we are asked to do a lot of tasks these days. In fact, all we are asked to do really is show love to others.

### Office Manager

The closing date for the Office Manager role was Wednesday and interviews will take place on Monday. The closing date for the Receptionist role to assist life in the office is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please send all completed application forms to [recruitment@sab.bham.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@sab.bham.sch.uk)

## **Wraparound fees and school dinners**

Now we have reached the end of the month, please ensure any outstanding fees are paid and your accounts are up to date. Furthermore, should you require any items of uniform, we have some in stock. Mrs Corrigan will communicate directly what is available.

## **Gardening Club / Eco – Council**

Well done to all involved



achieving the bronze award from the Bee Conservation Trust. A special thank you to Mrs McGrory especially, who is wonderful in every aspect and, to coin a description often used by staff about children, is everything we want from a teacher at St Ambrose Barlow.

## **Parking**

I received an email and then had a long talk with a local resident who had raised concerns on behalf of other residents on Temple Avenue. She was annoyed and upset that sometimes parents park across her driveway, making it impossible for her to get the car in or out. Please, do not obstruct the drive ways of local residents.

Residents can report illegally park cars using the following link:  
[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report an illegally parked vehicle](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle)

Please be aware that registered keepers can receive a PCN and be fined. I know I am speaking to a very small proportion of parents. I know the vast majority of parents arrive in good time

and park further away from school and walk up. I know it is possibly three parents that I am addressing. See the photos below:



### **Birthdays this week**

Happy birthday to Vincent in Reception who was five on Wednesday. Today, Conall in Year Five has been enjoying wearing his own clothes in preparation for his tenth birthday tomorrow, and on Sunday Michael in Year One turns six.

Happy birthday also to Amelie in Year Five who was ten last week. Also, Isaac in Year Three turned eight, Isla in Year Two turned seven, and Elijah in Year One turned six!

Thank you also for your kind words and cards and gifts as I celebrated my own birthday yesterday. I think I made one comment at the start of the week to a small group of Year Six children who I teach Maths to, and word spread like wildfire. Thanks also to the member of staff who is impressionable enough to be convinced by a six year old child to leave a cake in my office with 86 candles on. Punishment will be swift.

### **February dates for your diary**

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Five to visit Hall Green library 2pm

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Three Class Assembly 9am; Year Six Class Mass 2:30pm

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Six to visit Hall Green library 2pm; Break up at 3:30 (club operating as normal)

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb:** School closed for INSET

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** School re-opens for all children

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

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Year Three 'Friendship' Mass

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Five @ Black Country Museum; Year Three to visit Hall Green library 2pm

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Year One Class Mass

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Parent Consultations @ 3:40 -6:20

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March:** KS2 Reconciliation Service; Parent Consultations @ 3:40 - 6:20

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Four to visit Hall Green library 2pm

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Two Class Mass

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Shakespeare Week

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Three First Holy Communion INSPIRE Workshop 9am

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

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Five to visit Hall Green library @ 2pm and Year Six @ 2:30pm

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Three children to lead Palm Sunday procession at 10am Mass

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Three 'Palm Sunday' Holy Week assembly

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Year Four 'Last Supper' Holy Week Assembly

### **April dates for your diary**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Year Five 'Gethsemane' Holy Week Assembly

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Year Six 'Stations of the Cross' Holy Week Assembly; Break up for Easter at 2pm – no club after-school

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April:** children return to school for Summer Term

Have a good weekend, all. We shall see you on Monday morning.

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