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Dear parents,

We have reached the end of the penultimate week of the first part of Summer Term – which sounds quite a mouthful, but that just sums up how busy the week has been! Year Six have been fantastic all week while they completed their SATS and can now look forward to their final eight weeks at St Ambrose Barlow Primary School before moving to their respective secondary schools. Time is flying by!

On Thursday, Father John celebrated the Feast of the Ascension with a Mass here in school, which was a very fitting end to the week. We have been saying the Rosary all week, led by a different class in Key Stage Two each day, and next Wednesday we have our May Procession, starting at Church and ending here in our prayer garden.

Golden Book

Reception: Liyana Mansuri for her wonderful writing and her fantastic imagination this week! Liyana has shown such great determination and perseverance in the face of challenge, applied her phonics and ensured every piece of writing is presented beautifully! She is also so helpful around the classroom and always looking to give a helping hand to

everybody in Reception. Well done, Liyana!

Year One: This week, Georgina Bryant-Corrigan has shown fantastic resilience during our computing lesson. She persevered with an activity that she would normally find difficult, but she powered through and successfully completed it. Georgina has also made brilliant progress in phonics, demonstrating a strong knowledge of sounds and confidently identifying digraphs in words. Super work, Georgina!

Year Two: Elliot Fowler has been working incredibly hard in all of his lessons and always gives his very best. This week, he has shown real determination with his cursive handwriting and is making great progress. In Maths, he confidently identified properties of 2D shapes and he has contributed thoughtfully to class discussions. Any adult that Elliot works with is always telling Year Two staff what a fantastic learner he is — it is so brilliant to hear! Elliot is also a fantastic role model to his peers, consistently demonstrating the right attitude towards his learning.

Year Three: Chris Jobin for working incredibly hard this week. Chris has been giving his best effort in everything he has done especially his maths work! He has been listening carefully, following instructions well and consistently showing excellent

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behaviour. Thank you for being such a good role model, Chris!

Year Four: Ezra Roberts is a wonderful example to the rest of his class. He has his hand up to share ideas, queries and support in every single lesson. His effort in lessons shows through in the work he produces and he never gives up.

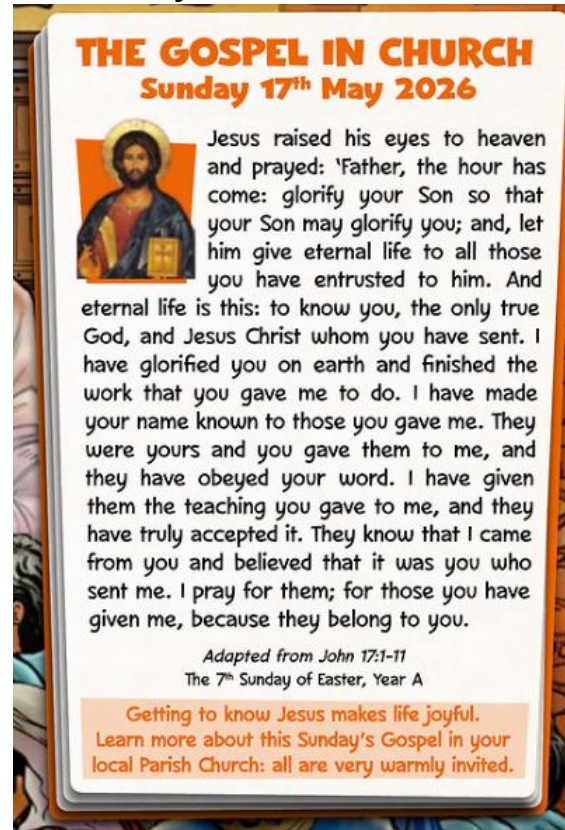
Year Five: This week, Kieron Bradbury-Slater is our star pupil. He has been working on his laptop to support his writing in class and this week he has produced a fantastic adventure story on it. He has used paragraphs confidently and is now including direct speech in his work as well as including ambitious vocabulary and remembering to punctuate his sentences correctly. Kieron has not only bowled us over with his imagination and creativity, he also has a great sense of humour and is always has a positive outlook on life. He really is a little ray of sunshine in the classroom. Shine brightly, Kieron!

Year Six: Staff in Year Six are beyond proud of how hard Katie has worked this year and particularly this week. She has shown determination, resilience, and a fantastic attitude. Well done, Katie — you should be very proud of yourself!


Sponsored Walk

If there is any sponsorship money to still come in, please send it by Monday. The current total stands at an incredible £2371.80. A special mention needs to go to Hollie Stone in Year Six for both helping to organise and for raising so much too. Aidan Sukdeo in Reception also raised over £100. Well done and thanks to all involved for their generosity.

Wednesday Word



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 17th May 2026

 Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. I have made your name known to those you gave me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have obeyed your word. I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted it. They know that I came from you and believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; for those you have given me, because they belong to you.'

*Adapted from John 17:1-11
The 7th Sunday of Easter, Year A*

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

First Holy Communion

Thanks to everyone involved in making Year Three's Sacrament of Holy Communion last Saturday such a success. My thanks to the PTA for decorating the hall with tablecloths and balloons, and for providing drinks and biscuits.

Phonics Workshop – Reception

There are two dates for parents of children in Reception to be aware of.

The first is a workshop, held at 5:30pm on Thursday 4th June and is led by Miss Hodgkins, the second is an opportunity to work directly with your child on Wednesday 10th June at 9am.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to Iyzah in Year Three who was eight on Tuesday. Happy birthday to Alec in Year Four who was

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nine on Wednesday and was celebrated on the radio that morning. He shared his day with Delilah in Year Two who was also seven. This Sunday, Lorenzo in Year 2 turns 7. Happy birthday to all!

May dates for your diary

Wed 20th May: Reception walk down to St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Church; May Procession 2pm from parish church to school

Thurs 21st May: Year Two visit Church of the Ascension;

Year Three visit the Hindu Mandir;

Year Six children to visit Hall Green library @ 2pm

Fri 22nd May: Year Five visit the Sikh Gurdwara;

Break up at 3:30 for half term

June dates for your diary

Mon 1st June: Children return to school

Wed 3rd June: Year One at Twycross Zoo

Thurs 4th June: Year Two children to visit Hall Green library @ 2pm

Sun 7th June: Going Forth Mass / Corpus Christi Procession

Thurs 11th June: Year Three children to visit Hall Green library @ 2pm

Fri 12th June: Whole School Mass for Feast of Sacred Heart

Mon 15th June: KS2 Sports Day

Tues 16th June: KS1 Sports Day 1:30pm

Wed 17th June: Class photos

Fri 19th June: Reception Class Mass 2:30pm

Tues 23rd June: Year Six to Blackwell Court

Thurs 25th June: Year Four violin performance 9am;

Family Mass for leaving families 5pm

Sat 27th June: SAB PTA Summer Fete 12-3pm

Mon 29th June: St Teresa of Calcutta Sports Day @ Alexander Stadium

July dates for your diary

Wed 1st July: Transition Day

Fri 3rd July: Reception Class Assembly

Thurs 9th July: Year Six at B'ham Central Mosque

Fri 10th July: Reports out to parents

Thurs 16th July: Year Six Leavers' Assembly

Fri 17th July: Leavers' Mass

Have a wonderful weekend. Hopefully, by Monday, Celtic will have been crowned winners of the Scottish league.

God bless,



Mr Clinton