



*"The word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us"*  
John 1:14

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 18.11.22

*Faith-Filled*

**and**

*Hopeful*

**Rights and Responsibilities (linking to Mary and Joseph having to travel to Bethlehem and being displaced and International Migrants day 18.12)**

All God's people have the right to food, work, clothes, a home, school and medical care. These 'rights' are things that every person on earth needs in order to live a full life. But many people do not have them. Jesus wants people who enjoy these rights to help their sisters and brothers obtain their rights. It is not enough to feel badly for others. Jesus says it is our responsibility to see that everyone receives his or her rights.

*Focus Hymns – 'Were you there?' and 'When I Needed a Neighbour'*

It has been a lovely week, one where we've been able to come together as a school community on several occasions.

To celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week, parents and carers were invited to a Nursery Rhyme Workshop, giving them a chance to work with their children, using and making nursery rhyme resources. there was such a lovely atmosphere.



Parents and carers of our Confirmandi were also invited to join their children in school for a preparation workshop. They made individual banners and took the opportunity to learn more about their chosen saints.

And finally, Year 4 invited family member in to help them with their textiles project. We welcomed some 'super - nans' who showed us their excellent sewing skills and helped the children to produce some excellent results!



Next week sees the start of a new Liturgical Year (following the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday) and a perfect way to start the year is to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please pray for our children who will be receiving the Holy Spirit on Thursday evening.

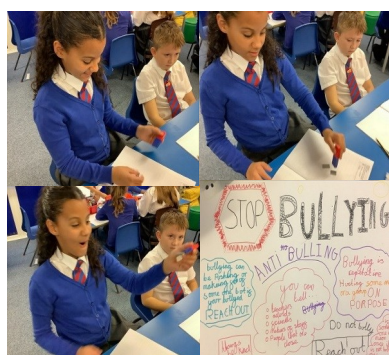


# Class Activities - KS2



During Maths Week, Year 3 has been doing various activities. For example, we went on the Ipad to take part in TTRS. The children were challenging their friends on their timetable to see who can do it the fastest. We also looked at different artist on how they used shapes and angles to create their art. The children had a go themselves. As a whole class we played the Numberella Escape Rooms where we had to work out the clues to be able to rescue people. We also looked at Bean Thirteen where we tried to make equal groups with the number 13.

For 'Maths Week England' Year 4 enjoyed their maths related activities, and read 'How Big is a Million'?



We have been very busy in Year 5! We have been testing out different properties of materials in Science.

We had the pleasure of Rhianah and Lincoln leading our collective worship this week focussing on Anti-Bullying and thanking God for always being there for us.

We also focussed on Anti-Bullying in our PSHE lessons. We created some fantastic posters to put around school to help promote kindness.

Year 6 made anti bullying posters, referring to catholic social teaching values to reinforce how to treat each other as brothers and sisters of God.



The have also this week made their own profile clay tiles in DT, in preparation for next week, where they will make their own models of Florence Cathedral. The children have already drawn their ideas into their sketch books!



## Our Pope's Prayer Intentions November

### Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



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# Mr G's Recommended Reads

My theme this week is kings.

For a younger readers...

'The Cook and the King' by Julia Donaldson



There once was a very hungry king, who really needed a cook, but the king was very fussy; he tried all the cooks in the kingdom, but no one is good enough. Then he spots Wobbly Bob. Maybe Bob can whip up his favourite dinner? But how will Bob be able to cook for the king when he's scared of . . . well, everything?!

Discover how the hungry king helps Wobbly Bob face his fears on a cooking adventure across the land and sea.

For our older readers...

'The King Who banned the Dark' by Emily Haworth - Booth



This week I've chosen a picture book.

There was once a little boy who was afraid of the dark. There's nothing unusual about that. Most children are afraid of the dark at one time or another. But this little boy was a Prince, and he decided that when he became King, he would do something about the dark. He would ban it. When a King bans the dark completely, installing an artificial sun, and enforcing "anti-dark" laws, it seems like a good idea.

The citizens don't need to worry about monsters, crime, or any of the other scary things that might live in the dark. But what happens when nobody can sleep, and the citizens revolt? Will the King face his fears and turn the lights off?

The King Who Banned the Dark is a beautiful story about how we need the dark in order to enjoy the light.



### FREE author talk webinar: Help Your Child DO Maths, Even If You DON'T

Parents know how important it is for their child to be confident in maths, but many feel worried by their own struggles with it. Solihull local authority is pleased to be working with Dr. Rosemary Russell who will be delivering a free online event for parents on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 7:30pm – 8:30pm.**

Following last year's successful session, Rosemary will repeat her author talk via Microsoft Teams and show how any parent or caregiver (even those who think they are 'rubbish' at maths) can help give their child a 'can do' attitude to it.

Based on her latest book; **Help Your Child DO Maths, Even If You DON'T**, Rosemary addresses how parents can build up their child's confidence and give them the positive attitude that is so important to learning the subject. Rosemary will share 10 things from her book that ANYONE can do to help their child with maths – **without doing any maths at all**. So, whatever your own feelings about maths, you can help!

To book your free place at this event, please email [inset@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:inset@solihull.gov.uk), stating the name of the event and your name, email address and telephone number. A link to the event will then be forwarded closer to the event

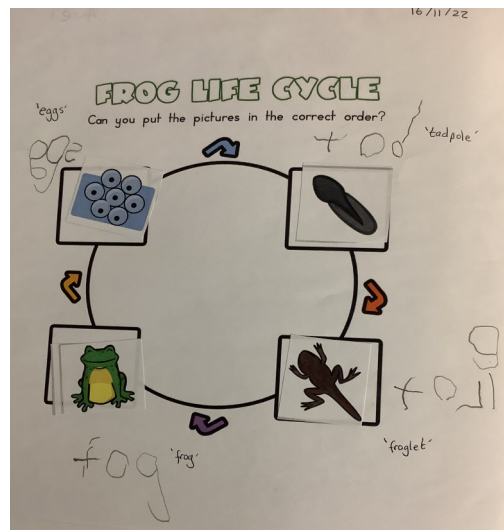
## Free Dental Supplies

We recognise that the cost of living is increasing at the moment and oral health is important for a child's development, so we have a limited supply of free toothbrushes and toothpaste available for children aged 3-8. Please contact the school office or Mrs Dixon if you are interested.

## Science Superstars

Early Years have worked hard applying their literacy skills in their science work this week.

The children were learning different nursery rhymes this week and one focus was 'Five Speckled Frogs' as part of our 'Understanding the World' lessons the children looked at the life cycle of a frog and the different stages of this special life cycle. This fantastic piece of work was created by Harley C-HI!



## Reminder - Non-Uniform Days

Please see below dates for the remaining Christmas Fayre non-uniform days along with the relevant donation request.

Friday 25th November - donate bottles of pop

Friday 2nd December - donate chocolate

Friday 9th December - donate cakes



## Dates for your Diary

### Wednesday 23rd November

AM - School Photographs (for family photographs arrive at 8.40am)

### Thursday 24th November

6.30pm - Year 6 Confirmation

### Friday 25th November

All day - Non-uniform Day (donate bottles of pop for Christmas Fayre)

### Friday 2nd December

All day - Non-uniform Day (donate chocolate for Christmas Fayre)

### Friday 9th December

All day - Non-uniform Day (donate cakes for Christmas Fayre)

3.15pm - Christmas Fayre

### Wednesday 14th December

School Christmas Dinner

### Friday 16th December

2.00pm - Break up for Christmas holiday

### Wednesday 4th January

8.55am - Children return to school

### Inset days 2022 - 2023

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 27th February 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

# National Online Safety

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about**

## CALL OF DUTY: MODERN WARFARE II

The Call of Duty (CoD) series is a worldwide gaming phenomenon, with millions of copies sold every year. While 2022's release, Warzone, wasn't quite as well received, this latest entry - Modern Warfare II - has so far proved a massive commercial success. A sequel to the recent Modern Warfare reboot (and not to be confused with the original Modern Warfare 2 from back in 2006), the game is an online shooter which features - unsurprisingly - extreme violence, rendered in realistic graphics. Amid the explosions and political nature of the plot, there's much for parents to be aware of.

**AGE RATING**  
PEGI 18

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- VIRTUAL VIOLENCE**  
Like most of its predecessors in the genre, Modern Warfare II contains an 18 age rating from PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system) which means it's not suitable for children under 18. This rating is based on the game's content for violence, language, gambling, and sexual content. According to PEGI's website, "depictions of gross violence, including blood and gore, are common throughout the game."
- OFFENSIVE CHAT & MESSAGING**  
Most children are likely to spend the majority of their time on Modern Warfare II in online multiplayer modes. This means that they will be able to communicate with other players via voice chat and text chat. The world of Call of Duty is a competitive one, and players often use offensive language to taunt their opponents.
- IN-GAME PURCHASES**  
Modern Warfare II follows the trend of many other games in the series, offering a free-to-play model. However, it also includes in-game purchases for cosmetic items, such as skins for weapons and characters. These purchases can be made using real money, and parents should be aware of the potential for children to spend money on these items.
- POLITICAL SENSITIVITY**  
Previous CoD games have been criticised for attempting to "rewrite history" by using fictional characters to represent real-world events. The same fictional version of history is presented in Modern Warfare II, but the game also includes a "historical" mode which shows the real events that took place. This could lead to children developing a distorted, inaccurate view of world politics.
- AN ADDICTIVE EXPERIENCE**  
Multiplayer modes in Call of Duty are designed to be addictive, with frequent updates and new weapons, abilities and equipment. The game's fast-paced action and competitive nature can lead to children spending long hours playing, which can impact on their sleep and schoolwork.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

- RESPECT THE AGE RATING**  
Based on accurately representing combat situations, Call of Duty games are unsuitable for children under 18. Parents should be aware of the risks of children playing games with inappropriate age ratings, which can lead to exposure to violence, language, and gambling.
- SET SPENDING LIMITS**  
If your child is likely to be tempted by buying that "must-have" weapon or skin, consider removing your child's access to the internet or computer to prevent impulse purchases. Parents should also be aware of the potential for children to spend money on in-game purchases, and should set limits on how much money they can spend.
- CLOSE OFF COMMUNICATION**  
Unless your child is playing with their closest friends, it may be best to limit their communication with other players. Modern Warfare II includes a "mute" button, which allows players to mute other players who are using offensive language. Parents should encourage their children to use this button to protect themselves from harassment.
- TRY OTHER MODES**  
If it seems that your child only plays Modern Warfare II in multiplayer, you could try out the game's single-player modes. These modes include a "campaign" mode, which tells a story, and a "warzone" mode, which is a battle royale game. These modes may be more suitable for children than the multiplayer modes.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Dr. Sarah Brown, a leading expert in child psychology and technology, has been working in the gaming industry for many years. She has advised parents on how to protect their children from the risks of online gaming, and has also advised game developers on how to make their games more suitable for children.

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#WakeUpWednesday

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## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Keesha M

in

Reception

and Nj L in

Year 4

We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Lennon K

Nursery

Harley C-H

Reception

Abigail M

Year 1

Tiahnah B

Year 3

Tia-May B

Year 4

Jaymee-Lee F

Year 5

All Confirmandi Children

Year 6

For being Faith-Filled and Hopeful

### Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 1 with 97.3%. *Well done!*

### Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week were Year 1 and Year 2.

### Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Max T, Oscar W, Lizzy-Shay B-H and Millie-Mai P.



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Our fabulous tweets continue!!! Have a look at some of our most recent tweets! Please don't forget to join our tweeting community by tweeting us @SJBsolihull

**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 15h**  
We welcomed our families in today for our Confirmation workshop. The children reflected on the Holy Spirit in the Bible. They got creative to make their banners. #CatholicLife #SJBRE @OurLadyandAllSaints @BCPP\_ 🙌🙌🙌



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 16**  
Our Year 4 super scientist Dr. Harwood was busy teaching us about animal classification. He led a class quiz and highlighted good understanding by the children. 🙌🙌🙌 #SJBWAreScientists #GodsCreatures @OurLadyandAllSaints @BHTSciAssoc



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 16**  
In #PrayerandLiturgy Year 4 reflected on the people that listen to us in our times of need. "Jesus is always listening." "I can tell my teacher anything." They recognised that Jesus is present in all the people that care for them. @OurLadyandAllSaints @BCPP\_ #AntiBullyingWeek 🙌



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 16**  
This week Year 5's collective worship was focussed on Anti-Bullying. We thanked God for always being with us and learnt to respond to our prayers in sign language. #collectiveworship #AntiBullyingWeek @BCPP\_ @OurLadyandAllSaints



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 16**  
Year 1 thought about ways they could offer support to those feeling lonely or sad as part of their #collectiveworship and #AntiBullyingWeek 🙌



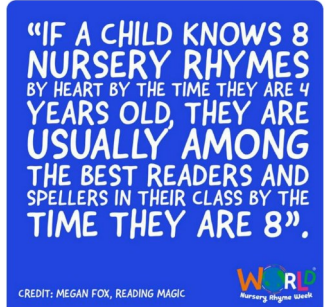
**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 16**  
Y3 enjoyed learning sign language in response to our prayers this week. They reflected on the people who can support them in times of trouble. We recognised that Jesus can be seen in those that are there for us in times of need. #collectiveworship @OurLadyandAllSaints #RE @BCPP\_



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 16**  
The children in Year 1 learnt sign language as a response to our prayers in #collectiveworship today. #RE @BCPP\_ @OurLadyandAllSaints



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 15**  
EYFS are enjoying singing and signing lots of nursery rhymes during "World nursery rhyme week". #worldnurseryrhymeweek



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 15**  
Thank you to our Head Boy and Head Girl for delivering the Anti-Bullying Week - Reach Out - Assembly to the whole school. @OurLadyandAllSaints #AntiBullyingWeek 🙌 #ReachOut 🙌 #PSHE



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 14**  
Inspired by Kenneth Nolan's artwork, Year 6 are creating their own striped patterns, thinking about fractional amounts and proportion. #mathweek2022 🙌



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 15**  
#worldnurseryrhymeweek



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 11**  
Our KS2 children reflected on #RemembranceDay2022 after their assembly. They wrote prayers to honour the soldiers and talked about how lucky we are to have had such brave soldiers protecting our country. #RemembranceDay #NeverForgotten @OurLadyandAllSaints @BCPP\_ 🙌



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 11**  
Fr Michael came into Year 4 today to bless our holy font. The children are looking forward to using it. Thank you Fr. Michael we are lucky to have you. 🙌 #CatholicLife #SJBFamily @OurLadyandAllSaints @BCPP\_



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 11**  
Our fantastic readers in KS2 received their golden coins today! Mr Craggs took them to spend it in our book vending machine. #SJBWeLoveReading #SJBReadingforpleasure @OurLadyandAllSaints @britishlibrary 🙌🙌🙌



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 11**  
Year 4 were so creative in their #GodlyPlay today. They studied the story of Jesus, Mary and Martha. "Mary made the right choice, listening to Jesus." "I would listen to Jesus." "I wish I was there to listen to Jesus." #SJBRE #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSaints @BCPP\_ 🙌🙌🙌



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 11**  
Miss Morton led us in #PrayerandLiturgy to create this beautiful display of Remembrance 🙌 the children dedicated their poppies to the soldiers and their families. #RemembranceDay #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSaints @BCPP\_ #SJBRE



## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*O Lord Jesus Christ, our King and Saviour, may we never forget your love for each one of us. We praise you always.*

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear how Jesus is laughed at while on the cross and how two thieves have very different things to say to him. We think about the type of king that Jesus is and how we can share his love with others.

**Gospel:** Luke 23:35-43

*The people stood there watching while the Jewish leaders jeered at Jesus: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah whom God has chosen!"*

*The soldiers also mocked him: they came up to him and offered him cheap wine, and said, "Save yourself if you are the king of the Jews!"*

*Above him were written these words: "This is the King of the Jews."*

*One of the criminals hanging there, hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"*

*The other one, however, rebuked him, saying, "Don't you fear God? You received the same sentence he did. Ours, however, is only right, because we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!"*

*Jesus said to him, "I promise you that today you will be in Paradise with me."*

Kings are powerful, but on the cross Jesus seems helpless. He is going to die, and the people can't understand it.

We know now that this was all a part of God's plan - Jesus had to die so that we are saved.

Jesus is a very different kind of king. He is the king of love. He gives us all a chance of new life with him in heaven.

Even when things are bad, when we are frightened, or hurting, upset or lonely, Jesus is right there with us. He knows how it feels to be laughed at, to be sad, to be in pain. And just like he did with the second thief on the cross, he is always willing to love us and to welcome us.

We can be kind, welcoming and generous. We can make sure that when we have power, we use it as Jesus did – for the good of all people – not just to make ourselves rich or important. We can make sure we include others in our friendships and in our games. We can join together with others to raise money or to change a situation that we think is unfair or needs improvement.



This week, when things are difficult, remember that Jesus is always with you. And when you see that things are difficult for others, perhaps you can try to do all that you can to be loving towards them and to help them.

*O King of Kings, you died so that we might have new life. Help us to share your love with each other and to be there for each other in the most difficult times. Amen.*

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.