

# Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026



Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

## Alton Castle

I had the pleasure of accompanying 21 Year 5 pupils along with Mr Jordan, Mrs O'Shea and Miss Ashton to Alton Castle for 3 days this week for an Adventure and Spiritual Retreat. The children were so excited to live in an actual castle for the duration of the retreat and loved taking part in all the activities and castle life. Our pupils experienced hiking, biking, low-ropes, survival, in addition to some beautiful prayer services and reflections and of course Mass. Thank you children for your excellent behaviour, teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm. Special thanks to Mr Jordan for organising the visit and to all the accompanying staff who made this residential trip possible for our pupils. Please look at all the beautiful photos on X (twitter).



## Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Just a reminder that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed on that day.



## Congratulations Coventry City Football Club

As a school with many Coventry City fans amongst our staff, pupils, governors and families, we are delighted that the football club has been promoted back into the Premier League. This is something that is bringing much joy and excitement across the city and we will be celebrating with our own 'Promotion Party' on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. On this day pupils will be allowed to wear CCFC kits or sky blue, we will be decorating school, Dawn and Jo our cooks are looking at some sky blue themed food and we have invited Sky Blue Sam to visit us for the day.

## Father Pontius

Sadly, we have had news this week that Father Pontius, our Parish Priest will be moving to the Diocese of Wrexham in June. Father Pontius has been a wonderful spiritual leader for our parish and school, as well as a school governor. We will miss him greatly but know he will continue God's work in his new parish. We are very glad that he will still be here to celebrate First Holy Communion with our Year 3 pupils. At this point in time we do not know who the new parish priest will be. We will keep Father Pontius in our prayers as he prepares for this new chapter in his vocation.

## St Osburg's 300 Club – Support our church.

We are excited to invite you to join St Osburg's 300 Club, a monthly prize draw that raises much needed funds for our church while giving you the chance to win generous cash prize.

How it works: – costs £2 per month for a number

Monthly draw.

Prizes of £50, £30 and £20 awarded each month for the winning numbers drawn out.

Please consider signing up – membership forms are available from the school office or back of church – good luck! 😊

## Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check - Meeting for Parents in the school hall

All pupils in Year 4 across the country are required to take part in the statutory Multiplication Tables Check. It is such an important life skill to know all the multiplication times table up to 12 x 12 and this is what we strive for with all our pupils. We would like to invite all our Year 4 parents to a meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3.20pm in the school hall, where Mrs Bardell will explain all about the test and how we can work in partnership at home and school to help the children to feel confident with their times tables.

## Top Tweets From This Week

Deverdun enjoyed exploring the breathtaking countryside of Alton- ask us what we saw, heard and did on our trek.

Our Nursery children enjoyed sharing their Spring Time Musical Showcase all about new life, growing and giving thanks to God.

This afternoon, Year 2 pupils enjoyed their first computing lesson. Everyone was excited to program their own animation! Well done, children! 🎮🖱️📺👏

The reception children enjoyed exploring how rooms in homes have changed over time. They looked at storybook rooms from the past before drawing rooms in their own homes today. The children made some excellent comparisons! 🏠



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**Year 6 SATs** Our Year 6 pupils will be taking their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) from Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026. This is the week when all year 6 pupils across the country who are eligible will be sitting the tests. Obviously, the children are busy preparing for the tests in school but there is information available on the Year 6 page of the school website about how you can also support your child at home. It is really important that Year 6 pupils are in attendance every day in the lead up to and during SATs week.

## Boscombe Beach

For your information we have requested with Boscombe Council to rearrange our planned Key Stage 2 beach visit for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Once we have confirmation, we will share further information with you all. 😊

**Summer Uniform** Pupils are now welcome to wear summer uniform if they wish. This means that in all year groups boys may wear grey tailored shorts instead of trousers and girls may choose to wear red gingham summer dresses. In addition, Key Stage 2 pupils may choose to wear a white polo shirt instead of shirt and tie. **Please remember that all pupils should be wearing black school shoes not trainers to school.**

**Boot Fund** Some of our families may be eligible to access vouchers for new school shoes from local charity Coventry Boot Fund. Please contact the school office to enquire if this is something you would like to access. Many of our families benefit from this opportunity. The cut-off date for applications this term is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026.



## Attendance & Punctuality – Whole school for this week: 95.1%

Mrs Roberts Year R		Miss Doran		Mrs Oluermi Year 2		Mr Dingley Year 3		Mrs Bardell/Mrs Crowley Year 4		Mr Jordan Year 5		Mrs McDevitt Year 6	
90.3%	3 late	96.3%	0 late 😊	100%	2 late 😊	93.6%	3 late	97.7%	4 late	93.3%	0 late 😊	94.6%	4 late

## Next Week at a glance:

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April Year 3 Swimming – wear PE kits Year 5 PE kits	9am PM 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4pm 3.20pm	Mission Assembly Year 5 – Joy of Moving Science and Fitness for those not attending Alton Netball club – Y6 Creative Club – Y1/2 & Lego Club (Y2,3,4,5) Year 4 parents meeting – Multiplication Tables Check
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April Year 3 & Y4 PE day	AM 3.15-4.00pm 3.30pm	Guitar lessons Athletics Club – (Y3,4,5,6) Governor's Meeting – quality & standards.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.15pm	Nursery Parents Workshop Pop Choir – (Y3,4,5,6) Football – Y2,3,4,
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April Year R, 1 & 2 PE day	9.05am 3.15-4.15pm	KS2 Mass with the Parish Football – Y5/6
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May Year 6 PE day	9.00am	Friday assembly – May is for Mary

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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