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Thursday 27th November 2025

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

RE: Holy Communion and Confirmation Programme 2025-2026

I am writing to you regarding the arrangements for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2025-2026. As you are aware, the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation are very important spiritual events for your child, and it is essential that they are fully prepared as they embark upon these Sacraments.

The preparation for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will require commitment from both yourselves and your child. You are encouraged to participate in all meetings and, of course, attend weekend Mass on a regular basis.

An initial sacramental meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th January, 2026 at 5pm. If your child wishes to take up Reconciliation and First Holy Communion or Confirmation, your attendance, including the children, is encouraged.

Please complete the attached commitment form and return to school at your earliest convenience, noting that a Mass of Commitment for all children receiving the Sacraments this academic year, both in Year 3 and Year 6, will take place at St. Mary's Catholic church on Sunday 1st February. Once committed, arrangements can begin to be made such as the ordering of booklets, ties, medals etc.

The format for this year's programme will consist of parent meetings, delivered by myself and children's sessions delivered by catechists during the school day.

Further meetings will follow the Mass of Commitment and they will be held in the school hall on dates to be confirmed in the new year.

The purpose of the introductory meeting on Tuesday 13th January 2026, is to explain to you what is involved in the Sacramental preparations for you and your child



Regulations from the Archdiocese of Birmingham, relating to how children are prepared to receive the Sacraments state that non-Catholic children and those who have not yet been baptised will still be able to receive the Sacraments, but will need to undergo further instruction in order to do so; please arrange privately with Father John.

Please complete the reply slip below to confirm that you wish your child to be enrolled onto the Sacramental Program and I would be grateful if you could also indicate if you will be attending the Introductory Meeting, **in the school hall**, on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 5pm.

Thank-you in advance for supporting your child at this very important time of their spiritual development. If you have any queries regarding the programme, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on Tuesday 13th January at 5pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J A Scattergood
RE Lead

I, _____, parent of _____,
wish/do not wish * for my child to be enrolled into the Sacramental Program 2025-2026

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion (Year 3)

Confirmation (Year 6)

Please state if you will attend the Introductory Meeting on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 5pm in the school hall.

I will/will not* be able to attend (* delete as appropriate)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

