



Autumn Term  
September 2023



# Nursery Parents' Newsletter

Welcome to St. George & St. Martins Catholic Academy.

We are all really looking forward to teaching your children this year and working with yourselves to provide the children with a fantastic start to their education.

All children have made a fantastic start to the year already, settling in really quickly, making new friends, exploring all areas of the classroom and learning our classroom routine.

This termly newsletter will give you more information about what is going on in the classroom and what the children will be learning throughout the term.

You will have already had your first weekly newsletter, this highlights more precisely what areas of learning we will be focusing on that forthcoming week and the theme of the week with additional things for you to do at home.

Our topic this Term is 'Me and my World' which will be taught through our Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, including the following areas of learning: Religious Education; Communication and Language; Physical Development; Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Here are just some of the activities that the children will be involved in during this term. In some cases, the activities will be guided by the children's interests.

### Days to remember:

Music and Movement on **Mondays** (no jewellery to be worn)

Music on a **Tuesday**

PE on **Wednesday**

(no Jewellery to be worn & PE kit in school please)



#### Communication & Literacy:

Learning new songs, rhymes, poems & stories about the body and ourselves, families and our pets.  
Listening to and following instructions.  
Listen to stories with increasing attention.  
Experimenting with mark making  
Role play areas- Home Corner  
Circle times  
Topic related vocabulary

#### RE:

God's Family  
Creation  
God our Father cares for us  
Advent

#### Expressive Arts and Design:

Self/ family portraits  
Drawing their pets and friends  
Firework displays  
Junk modelling  
Emotions monsters  
Construction blocks  
Creative table creations

#### PSE:

Belonging to different families.  
Discuss feelings, likes & dislikes.  
Self hygiene & eating healthily  
Making new friendships  
Sharing and turn taking  
Following the School Rules  
To become more confident and independent



#### PD:

Weekly Music & Movement  
Fitness and exercise  
Health and Self hygiene  
Developing fine & gross motor skills  
Dough Disco  
PE (multi skills)  
Fine / Gross motor skills activities

#### Understanding the World:

#### Mathematics:

Learning to say/ sing new number rhymes  
Learning to count a small number of objects.  
Develop an interest in counting & numbers.  
Measuring children's height using everyday Objects.  
Use 2D shapes to build objects  
Creating repeating patterns.  
Days of the week/ months of the year.  
1:1 counting forwards and backwards  
Begin to represent numbers  
Beginning to use the language of size

Talk about themselves/ likes and dislikes/ pets  
Drawing around a child & labelling body parts.  
Healthy eating and food choices  
Exploring the season of Autumn and looking at changes in our environment.  
Recognise similarities/differences between themselves and others—height/hair/skin colour  
Harvest Festival  
Where do they live? Exploring the local environment.  
Bonfire night

### Staff in Nursery

Mrs Griffiths

Class teacher

Mrs Dean

Class teacher

Mrs Miceli

Teaching and learning Assistant

Miss Harrison

Early Years Apprentice



## What can you do at home?

- Encourage your child to observe what is going on around them and talk about what they have seen, heard, environmental print etc. (Phase 1 phonics)
- Encourage your child to join in with simple nursery rhymes and songs.
- Encourage your child to have a go at getting dressed and undressed.
- Encourage your child to count and develop an interest in numbers. i.e. count stairs, cutlery, steps it takes to get from the living room to the kitchen.
- Talk to your children about their family and where they live to enrich our topic of 'Me and my World'.
- Read books and visit the library together so the children will develop an interest in reading and develop good comprehension skills
- Start using pens and pencils to mark make, starting with simple patterns like: lines, circles, waves, and zigzags.
- Play lots of listening games like: Simon says, traffic lights to develop those listening skills.
- Where possible, encourage your child to sit at table and use a knife and fork. To aid the fine motor skills and running of lunchtime in school.



**Class Author**  
**'Eric Carle-**

We will be reading lots of books throughout the year by this author and completing activities linked to his stories. It would be great if you could share some of these stories together at home. You can find a lot of stories on you tube.

Eric's stories are fabulous for children to recall his repeated phrases, encourage your child to join in and talk about the pictures in the story.

Just a reminder.....

- PE kit is a blue polo shirt, maroon shorts and black pumps, please ensure this is always on your child's peg.
- A spare change of clothes in school just in case we have any accidents or we play in the rain. All items of clothing to be labelled with children's names please.
- No jewellery to be worn on PE & music and movement days. (Monday/ Wednesday)
- If children are still being toilet trained please ensure we have nappies and wipes in their bags. Please try your best at home to start transitioning from nappies to pants.

**Thank you**

Please don't forget that if you have any questions or concerns you are more than welcome to speak to any member of the nursery staff.



## **Our Class Saint:**

Family and Community	<p style="text-align: center;">The Holy Family</p> 	<p>The Holy Family (Jesus, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph) are the ultimate model for Christian families</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Feast Day: 30<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>
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**It would be fantastic if you could send in...**



Boxes / pots we can use for making models- the children will really enjoy this!

A bag that can be kept on your child's peg that contains a change of uniform, and spare socks/ tights and pants.

## **Diaries.**

Please remember to sign your child's diary when you have read with them at home. The children will enjoy sharing their books with us in the classroom and it helps us to know how they are doing at home.