



# ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - W.E. 22.09.23

### Class Attendance This Week

Nursery	93.91%	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>99.23%</b>
Reception	98.33%	Year 4	93.33%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>99.23%</b>	Year 5	95.33%
Year 2	98.25%	Year 6	97.33%

Congratulations!  
Years 1 & 2 have the best attendance this week.



Congratulations!  
Year 1 have the best attendance this year.

### Class Attendance This Year

Nursery	96.26%	Year 3	98.89%
Reception	96.47%	Year 4	96.15%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98.97%</b>	Year 5	97.56%
Year 2	98.86%	Year 6	97.95%

## Class Awards

### Values & Virtues

Reception—	Bella Rigby
Year 1 -	Eric Opritiou
Year 2 -	<i>No permission</i>
Year 3 -	Rhys Underwood
Year 4 -	Rehan Saleem
Year 5 -	Lily Barcroft
Year 6 -	Jack Lovatt

### Reading

Reception—	Victoria Gkourra
Year 1 -	Isla-Rae Clarke
Year 2 -	Ben Cartlidge
Year 3—	James Hyett & Callum Lowe
Year 4 -	Obie Hughes
Year 5 -	Caven Carter
Year 6 -	Choe Gulasova

### Headteacher

Reception -	Uswah Haseeb
Year 1 -	Jacob Jones
Year 2 -	Alby Bywater-Stephenson
Year 3 -	Billy Carr
Year 4 -	Elliott Tomkinson
Year 5 -	Caleb Stanyer
Year 6 -	Marta Nowik

### Most Dojo's

Reception—	<i>No permission</i>
Year 1—	Braylen-Lee Williams
Year 2 -	Eliza Wallace
Year 3 -	Scarlett Stanyer
Year 4 -	Rehan Saleem
Year 5 -	James Farmer
Year 6 -	Louie Glass

### Citizenship

Reception—	Theodora Zelalem
Year 1 -	<i>No permission</i>
Year 2 -	Ava Foden
Year 3 -	Morecambe Edgington-Thompson
Year 4 -	Ryan Underwood
Year 5 -	Molly Wallace
Year 6 -	Emmy Wilbraham



### Baby and Toddler Group

Our baby and toddler group started this week, so please spread the word and come along to join in the fun! Tuesday's 9–10am.



### Family Day

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, we will hold our termly family day. You will have the opportunity to come and work with your child for a morning or an afternoon session. Due to space constraints, we can only have one family member per child and you can only spend the morning or the afternoon with your child.

If you would like to be included on our register, please sign up using the following link by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ff\\_X21JOLUgrNU74XKfxHt7rKpnpE2GvU\\_RPolISf5UNDNIQVFN0RKOTRKiBDRFNxVjZJNzREQy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ff_X21JOLUgrNU74XKfxHt7rKpnpE2GvU_RPolISf5UNDNIQVFN0RKOTRKiBDRFNxVjZJNzREQy4u)

You will need to complete one form per child. Please do not put more than one child on each form.



### Monthly drop-in

Starting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding class drop-in sessions on the first Wednesday of every month. This is an opportunity for you to speak to your child's class teacher and look at your child's work. You are of course still able to speak to your child's class teacher every day.



### School Fund

Each family is asked to contribute £10 per year to the School Fund. This money is used for a variety of things including subsidising trips, visitors and themed weeks. School Fund money is very important as without it school trips would be much more expensive to go on and the children would miss out a number of experiences.



# SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

Jesus said to His disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, 'You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.' So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. He said to them, 'You go into my vineyard too.' In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.' So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. 'The men who came last,' they said, 'have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat.' He answered one of them and said, 'My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first, last."

Matthew 20:1 - 16

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shares another story. The workers at the end of the day feel very unhappy about the workers who did an hour work receiving the same amount of money as those who worked the full day. If we were in that situation and we had been working all day, we would feel angry that the workers who worked an hour and were paid the same amount. Jesus is trying to teach us that no matter at what point in time we do God's work and follow His teachings, we will all have the same reward – a place in Heaven.

## VOCATIONS MONTH

In October, the North Staffs Deanery will be praying for vocations. Vocations are God's calling to each of us. Some may be called to teaching, some to nursing, some to caring, some to family life and some to religious life. During October, we ask you to pray the following prayer:

Heavenly Father,  
we ask you to send labourers  
into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people,  
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate  
and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,  
so that those whom you call  
have the courage to give themselves  
to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



# DIARY DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September

9:30am Centenary Mass – all welcome to celebrate 100 years of our parish

## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Clubs start

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and read

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

9:15am Whole-school Mass – all welcome to attend

9 – 12 Year 6 visit SMW for a PE session

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

9am Year 5 class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

4 – 5pm Year 3 and 4 Collegiate football @ Dimensions

October – Vacations Month

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

3:20pm Class drop-in – please come along and see your child's class teacher and your child's work

3:30pm Closing date for Family Day bookings

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Individual and sibling photos

11 – 12 Year 4 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

4 – 5pm Lionesses Collegiate football tournament @ Dimensions

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Family Day – please complete online booking form



### Pupils Arriving Late

We are having a number of pupils arriving late to school each day.

It is very important that all children arrive at the academy on time each day. Please be reminded that the **school gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am**. If your child arrives after 8.50am they will be classed as late.

If your child is 5 minutes late each day, this could mean they miss 3 days of learning a year.

Our Collegiate Welfare Officer regularly monitors the registers for absence and late marks.

Please ensure you get your child to school on time.

Thank you for your support.

### Dinner Money Reminder

Please ensure dinner money is paid at the beginning of each week.

Your child will need to stay with their choice of either a school dinner or sandwiches for the half term.

Dinner money is £15.50 per week (Year 3—Year 6) & £12.00 (Nursery).

Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals and therefore do not need to pay.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

*D. Farmer*

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)

