



ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - W.E. 13.10.2023

Class Attendance This Week

Nursery	87.95%	Year 3	98.15%
Reception	95.00%	Year 4	95.00%
Year 1	89.67%	Year 5	100.00%
Year 2	97.92%	Year 6	93.33%

Congratulations!
YEAR 5 have the
best
attendance this
week.



Congratulations!
YEAR 2 have the
best
attendance this
year (so far)!

Class Attendance This Year

Nursery	95.25%	Year 3	97.55%
Reception	94.94%	Year 4	96.19%
Year 1	96.49%	Year 5	97.55%
Year 2	98.57%	Year 6	96.55%

Class Awards

Values & Virtues

Nursery -	Harper Cummins
Reception -	Harper Nguyen
Year 1 -	Emmie Barcroft
Year 2 -	Athena Johnson-Hardy
Year 3 -	Woody Hughes
Year 4 -	Charlotte Dale
Year 5 -	Sophia Thompson
Year 6 -	Isaac Crowley

Reading

Nursery -	Barborka Huostikova
Reception -	Joshua Chijoke
Year 1 -	Lola Booth
Year 2 -	Nathan Whittaker
Year 3 -	Ellis Affui
Year 4 -	Ryan Underwood
Year 5 -	<i>No Permission</i>
Year 6 -	Merielie Vitug

Headteacher

Nursery -	Rosa Gilbert
Reception -	<i>No permission</i>
Year 1 -	Skylar Woolley
Year 2 -	Alfred King
Year 3 -	Jessica Ramos
Year 4 -	Stevie McArdle
Year 5 -	Beatrice Mountford
Year 6 -	Minuki Ariyadasa

Most Dojo's

Nursery -	Tommy Carroll
Reception -	Bella Rigby
Year 1 -	Booker Mutare
Year 2 -	Hashim Babar
Year 3 -	Ellis Affui
Year 4 -	Elliott Tomkinson
Year 5 -	James Farmer
Year 6 -	Noah Notley

Citizenship

Nursery -	Max Smart
Reception -	Elsie Notley
Year 1 -	Jenton Seaman
Year 2 -	Luca Aiftincai
Year 3 -	Morecambe Edgington-Thompson
Year 4 -	Ava Johnson Hardy
Year 5 -	Sreenandhu Nair
Year 6 -	<i>No permission</i>



Family Day

It was lovely having so many families joining us on Monday for Family Day. A big thank you to everyone for coming along and to our fantastic staff for making sure everyone had a great 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.

Staffing Update

We have managed to recruit a new caretaker! Mr. Turkmen will be joining the school in the next few weeks, and I'm sure you'll make him very welcome.



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! Tuesdays 9 – 10am.



Message from Father Adrian

Any Year 6 parents who may be applying for a place at St Joseph's College and would like Father to complete a reference, must take the application after Mass on Sunday 15th October (or after Mass at OLSB on Saturday 14th October) or Sunday 22nd October (or after Mass at OLSB on Saturday 21st October).

No applications will be signed beyond these dates.

Opportunities for Parents

We have lots of opportunities for parents to come along and work with their child in school. Attached to this newsletter are all of the dates for this year when you will be able to come in to school and work alongside your child. Some of these sessions will need to be booked and some will be drop-in. It will be clear which is which.

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. 'Tell those who have been invited,' he said, 'that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.' But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.' So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests."

The Gospel of the Lord

Matthew 22:1 - 10

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus again tries to teach the chief priests and elders. This time he uses being invited to a wedding as His story. The king invites a group of people, but they do not come, so the king asks his servants to invite everyone they can find, bad and good alike. This is what God does every single day; He invites us to be a part of His Kingdom, often we ignore His invite and carry on with our daily lives. This week, accept God's invitation; live your life as God wants you to, make time for God in prayer and share God's love with others.

COLLEGIATE FUNDRAISING

This term, our Collegiate is raising money for Dougie Mac. Many of you will have been touched by the work of Dougie Mac. I encountered first-hand the work of Dougie Mac when my mum spent her final days in the hospice and the only way to describe the staff there are as gifts from God. In order for Dougie Mac to provide the care that it does to a large number of people in our area, they rely heavily on donations and fundraising.

Today should have been our first fundraiser – Splat the Teacher! However, due to the rain we have postponed this event until Friday, 27th October. Splats will be available at a cost of £2 per splat.

Our second fundraiser will take place on 17th November and will be a cake sale – details to follow.

Our final fundraiser will take place in the Summer Term as we will again be having a staff team running/walking the Potters 'Arf in aid of Dougie Mac. I will keep you updated!



HARVEST SERVICE

On Thursday 19th October, we will celebrate the harvest for this year. This celebration will take place in church and everyone is welcome to attend. We will praise God for the harvest through songs and poems.

We remind our families that this is a church service and so must be treated with reverence and respect. The following must be followed when attending our Harvest Service:

No eating, drinking or chewing,

No photos or videos in church,

Younger children should not be running up and down the aisles,

Mobile phones MUST be turned off and no phone calls should be made in church,

Talking must be kept to a minimum, both before and during the service,

Clapping the children's performances will take place at the end of the whole service with the permission of Fr Adrian, please do not clap the children during the service.



This year, as for many years, we will be collecting food for Stoke-on-Trent Food Bank. The Food Bank are in desperate need of food as their demand has doubled! They are now feeding 2000 people per month! Please donate what you can. I know that there are families who cannot donate anything at this time, so please do not worry. If you are able to donate, please do. We will be accepting harvest donations from Monday 16th October until Friday 20th October.

Items of food that could be brought in include:

UHT milk	Sugar (500g)	Soup	Free from' items
Pasta sauces	Sponge puddings (tinned)	Tomatoes (tinned)	Biscuits or snack bars
Cereal (small packs)	Rice pudding (tinned)	Tea bags/instant coffee	Jam
Tinned potato/instant mash	Tinned meat	Tinned fish	
Tinned vegetables	Vegetarian option	Fruit (tinned)	

DIARY DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

October – Vocations Month

Tuesday 17th October

2:30pm Coffee afternoon – come along for a cuppa and biscuit with Mrs Farmer

Thursday 19th October

9:15am Harvest service in church – all welcome to attend if you accept our reverence guide

3:30pm Cross country @ Birches Head Academy

Friday 20th October

4 – 5pm Year 5 and 6 collegiate handball tournament @ Dimensions

Monday 23rd October

11 – 12 Year 3 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

Tuesday 24th October

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and do maths

Wednesday 25th October

3:30 – 5:30pm Parents' Evening – please book via School Cloud

Thursday 26th October

9 – 11am Year 1 Inspire morning – no need to book, please come along for this morning with your child. Unfortunately, we cannot accept younger siblings.

1:15 – 3:15pm Family learning session for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 – Firework Craft. Please book in via the Microsoft Forms link

5 – 7:30pm Parents' Evening – please book via School Cloud

Friday 27th October

Treat day – please send a SMALL treat for your child to eat at break time

3:20pm School closes for half-term



REMINDERS ...

Year 1 Inspire morning

On Thursday 26th October, we are giving Year 1 parents the opportunity to spend time with their child in the classroom, finding out more about the curriculum. There will be lots of fun activities planned and this is a fantastic opportunity for you to spend quality time with your child. If you would like to come along, there is no need to book a place, just turn up. We hope to see you there!



Other classes will get an opportunity throughout the year.

Parents' Evenings

On Wednesday 25th October 3:30 – 5:30pm and Thursday 26th October 5 – 7:30pm, there is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's classteacher for a 10 minute appointment. This will continue as in previous years with a blended approach, so that if parents want to come in to school to meet, they can or they can have a video appointment. All appointments will be strictly 10 minutes as parents may be waiting at home for their video appointment. You will be able to make appointments on School Cloud from Monday 16th October until Friday 20th October (please see separate School Cloud letter).

Parents Evening

Family Learning session

We have an exciting Family Session booked for Years 1 and 2 for Thursday 26th October from 1:15 – 3:15pm. The session title is 'Bang, Pop!' and relates to fireworks craft. You will need to book in for this session and can do this by following the link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ff_X21JOLUqrNU74XKfvxHt7rKpnpEZGvU_RPoISf5UQ1ZSWk5SRVhKR0ZUQTVSFVFBPM1JRUIFVNI4u



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

D. Farmer

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)



Parental Opportunity Dates

Tuesday 24th October 2023

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and do maths – all year groups

Wednesday 25th October 2023

3:30 – 5:30pm Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th October

9 – 11am Inspire morning – Year 1

1:15 – 3:15pm Family Learning – Bang, Pop – Year 1 and 2

5 – 7:30pm Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8th November

3:20 – 3:30pm Class drop-in

Thursday 9th November

9 – 11am Family Learning – Family E-Safety – adults only

Tuesday 14th November

9 – 11am Inspire morning – Year 6

Thursday 23rd November

Family Learning – A Squash and a Squeeze – Year 1 and 2

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and pray – all year groups

Wednesday 6th December

3:30 – 3:30pm Class drop-in

Thursday 7th December

9 – 11am Family Learning – Winter Crafts – Year 1 and 2

Monday 18th December

9 – 11am Inspire morning – Year 5

Wednesday 10th January

3:30 – 3:30pm Class drop-in

Tuesday 16th January

9 – 11am Inspire morning – Nursery

Thursday 18th January

9 – 11am Family Learning – Paintbrush Adventures – Year 3 and 4

Wednesday 24th January

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and read – all year groups

Wednesday 7th February

3:20 – 3:30pm Class drop-in

Tuesday 20th February

9 – 11am Inspire morning – Year 2

Tuesday 27th February

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and do maths – all year groups

1:15 – 3:15pm Family Learning – The Day the Crayons Quit – Year 2, 3 and 4

Wednesday 28th February

5 – 7:30pm Parents' Evening

Thursday 29th February

9 – 11am Family Learning – Rhymetime – Nursery and Reception

3:30 – 5:30pm Parents' Evening

Wednesday 6th March

3:20 – 3:30pm Class drop-in

Thursday 21st March

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and pray – all year groups

Wednesday 10th April

3:20 – 3:30pm Class drop-in

Thursday 11th April

9 – 11am Family Learning – The Tear Thief – Year 5 and 6

Monday 29th April

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and read – all year groups

Wednesday 1st May

3:20 – 3:30pm Class drop-in

Tuesday 7th May

9 – 11am Inspire morning – Year 3

Thursday 9th May

9 – 11am Family learning – Are you a bucket filler? – Key Stage 2

Tuesday 21st May

9 – 11am Inspire morning - Reception

Wednesday 22nd May

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and do maths – all year groups

Wednesday 5th June

3:20 – 3:30am Class drop-in

Thursday 20th June

9 – 11am Family learning – Fun with the Gruffalo – Nursery and Reception

7pm Confirmation



If you book a place on any of these events and subsequently can't attend, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can then offer the place to someone on the waiting list. Thank you.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept any younger siblings at these events.

Parental Opportunity Dates

Friday 21st June

Sports day

Monday 24th June

11 – 12 Year 1 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

Tuesday 25th June

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and pray – all year groups

Wednesday 26th June

9 – 11am Inspire morning – Year 4

Friday 28th June

3:20pm Summer Fair

Monday 1st July

Last week of clubs

Wednesday 3rd July

11 – 12 Reception visit Northwood Day Care Centre

3:20 – 3:30pm Class drop-in

Friday 5th July

Achievement day

Monday 8th July – Friday 12th July

Art Week

Monday 8th July

1pm City swimming gala

Wednesday 10th July

3:30 – 7pm Parents' evening

Thursday 11th July

9:30am City athletics

Friday 12th July

11 – 12 Nursery visit Northwood Day Care Centre

1:45pm Celebration assembly

Wednesday 17th July

9:15am Leavers' Mass

Thursday 18th July

6 – 7pm KS1 EYFS disco

7:15 – 8:45pm KS2 disco

Friday 19th July

Treat day

Toy day

9:15am Leavers' assembly

3:20pm School closes

