



# ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Weekly Newsletter - w.e. 20.10.23

## Class Attendance this week ...

Nursery	89.58%	Year 3	97.12%
Reception	93.15%	Year 4	96.33%
Year 1	90.67%	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Year 2	98.62%	Year 6	96.33%

Congratulations!  
**YEAR 5** have the  
best  
attendance this  
week with  
**100%!**



## Class Attendance this year ...

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

Nursery	94.37%	Year 3	97.54%
Reception	94.66%	Year 4	96.21%
Year 1	95.61%	Year 5	97.92%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>98.58%</b>	Year 6	96.52%

## Class Awards

### Values & Virtues

Reception -	<i>No permission</i>
Year 1 -	<i>No permission</i>
Year 2 -	Ava Foden
Year 3 -	Princess Chimuriwo
Year 4 -	Abigail Beru
Year 5 -	Molly Wallace
Year 6 -	Jamie Russell

### Reading

Reception -	Stanley Barlow
Year 1 -	Jacob Jones
Year 2 -	Hashim Babar
Year 3 -	Jessica Ramos
Year 4 -	Mahlia James
Year 5 -	Amelia Shaw
Year 6 -	Zak Shamil

### Headteacher

Reception—	Theodora Zelalem & <i>No permission</i>
Year 1 -	Ted Wilbraham
Year 2 -	Bobby Wilson
Year 3 -	<i>No permission</i>
Year 4 -	Ahmed Naeem
Year 5 -	Obanijesu Eric-Famogun
Year 6 -	Lana Shaw



## Most DoJo's

Reception -	Millie Sellars
Year 1 -	Jenton Seaman
Year 2 -	Elloise Faulkner-Poole
Year 3 -	James Hyett
Year 4 -	Gabriela Labuda
Year 5 -	Emmeline Lee
Year 6 -	Minuki Ariyadasa

## Citizenship

Reception -	Joshua Chijoke
Year 1 -	Alana Rogers
Year 2 -	Louie Galante
Year 3 -	Aayan Mandaza
Year 4 -	Arabella Galante
Year 5 -	El-Spencer Affui
Year 6 -	Ella Anson



### 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! You may have seen Mr. Turkmen this week, please make him feel welcome to our SGSM family.



### Uniform Reminders

As we are coming into the colder months, please ensure your child has outdoor PE kit – navy joggers, and navy hoody (this DOES NOT have to be branded). Children cannot wear their burgundy school jumpers and cardigans for PE.

A reminder that girls should be wearing white socks or grey tights. Black socks and tights are not part of our school uniform.

### Year 1 Inspire morning

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

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# Sunday's Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what He said. And they sent their disciples to Him, together with the Herodians, to say, "Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, "You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with." They handed Him a denarius, and He said, "Whose head is this? Whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. He then said to them, "Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

The Gospel of the Lord

Matthew 22:15 - 21

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear of the Pharisees trying to trap Jesus by asking if they should pay taxes; this is a no-win situation. Jesus was able to turn the tables on the Pharisees and outwit them; something that they did not like.

Jesus tells the Pharisees to give 'to God what belongs to God'. What things do we have that belong to God? God gave us life and so we should dedicate our lives to God; we should live our lives as Jesus taught us – love one another. This can be difficult, particularly in a world where this is not very evident. This week show those around you the love of God.

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## Collegiate Fundraiser

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.

We hope to do our first fundraiser on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, where you can come along and Splat the Teacher - £2 per splat.

Our second fundraiser will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> 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!



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## Harvest Service

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrated the harvest. It was a beautiful celebration and I was very proud of the children.

A big thank you to everyone who donated to our Food Bank. A reminder that you can donate at any time – there is always a collection box in the reception area.

Items of food that could be brought in include:

UHT milk	Sugar (500g)	Soup	Free from' items
Pasta sauces snack bars	Sponge puddings (tinned)	Tomatoes (tinned)	Biscuits or
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)	



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## Message from Fr. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October (or after Mass at OLSB on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October).

No applications will be signed beyond these dates.

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# Dates for the Next Two Weeks

## Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

11 – 12 Year 3 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and do maths

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

3:30 – 5:30pm Parents' Evening

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

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

3:20pm School closes for half-term

3:20pm Splat the Teacher - £2 per splat



## Reminders

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Other classes will get an opportunity throughout the year.



### Parents' Evenings

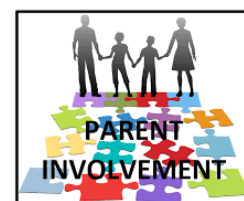
On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 3:30 – 5:30pm and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 5 – 7:30pm, there is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's classteacher for a 10 minute appointment. This will continue as in previous years with a blended approach, so that if parents want to come in to 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.

Parents Evening

### Family Learning session

We have an exciting Family Session booked for Years 1 and 2 for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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:

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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

*D. Farmer*

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)

