



# ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Weekly Newsletter - w.e. 01.12.2023

## Class Attendance this week ...

Nursery	85.96%	Year 3	97.86%
Reception	93.60%	Year 4	88.33%
Year 1	98.33%	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Year 2	96.00%	Year 6	98.33%

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



## Class Attendance this year ...

Congratulations!  
**YEAR 3** have the  
best  
attendance this  
year (so far)!

Nursery	92.43%	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>97.70%</b>
Reception	94.63%	Year 4	95.64%
Year 1	95.96%	Year 5	97.45%
Year 2	97.23%	Year 6	96.81%

## Class Awards

### Values & Virtues

Nursery -	Milo Allen
Reception -	John Collins
Year 1 -	Furhaya Akhtar
Year 2 -	Louie Nocilla
Year 3 -	Eliza Wallace
Year 4 -	Laila Rose Taylor
Year 5 -	Sebastian Cristini
Year 6 -	Lana Shaw

### Reading

Nursery -	Willow Guinivan
Reception -	Archer Jones
Year 1 -	Ododo- Ife Jegede
Year 2 -	<i>No permission</i>
Year 3 -	Woody Hughes
Year 4 -	Abigail Beru
Year 5 -	El-Spencer Affui
Year 6 -	Zak Shamil

### Headteacher

Nursery -	Leyla Szalas
Reception -	Laila Shakil
Year 1 -	Braylen-Lee Williams
Year 2 -	Noah Eric-Famogun
Year 3 -	Annabel Osunde
Year 4 -	Rehan Saleem
Year 5 -	Seyiram Yebuah
Year 6 -	Oliwia Nowik

## Most DoJo's



Nursery -	George Delves-Humphries
Reception -	Harper Nguyen
Year 1 -	Maddison Nash
Year 2 -	Layton Allen
Year 3 -	Morecambe Edgington-Thompson
Year 4 -	Philip Okoye
Year 5 -	James Farmer
Year 6 -	Emmy Wilbraham

## Citizenship

Nursery -	Harper Cummins
Reception -	<i>No permission</i>
Year 1 -	Jacob Jones
Year 2 -	Alby Bywater-Stephenson
Year 3 -	Naomi Asiegbu
Year 4 -	Idris Azeez
Year 5 -	Ava Cummins
Year 6 -	Nela Kislanova



### Family Learning Session

Thank you to our Year 3 and 4 families who came along to our 'Super Tato' Family Learning session – it looked like everyone had a fantastic time!

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, we have a Winter Crafts Family Learning session. This will take place from 9 – 11am and is for children and their family member in Year 1 or 2. You will have received a text if you have a place. If you can no longer attend the session please contact the school office so we can give your place to someone on the waiting list.

### SHARP System

We have recently become a part of SHARP System. The SHARP system allows your child to make an **anonymous report about anything that is troubling them**. This can be personal, for example, they may be having difficulties with school-work, friendships or their mental well-being. The SHARP system can also be used for them to share a concern for someone else. The SHARP system can be accessed by following:

<https://sgsmnewman.thesharpsystem.com/admin>

### Dougie Mac Toy Collection

Dougie Mac have asked us to do 'Bring a Toy' to school. This doesn't have to be a new toy, it can be a toy or book that your child no longer uses that can then be taken to one of the Dougie Mac charity shops and sold on. Not only does this raise money for Dougie Mac, but it also stops toys ending up in landfill and so helps towards us looking after our planet. The ladies also said that old clothing could also be brought. Please only donate items that are in good condition and can be used again.

Please bring any items in from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### Food Bank Collection

Don't forget, our Food Bank collection point accepts donations all year round.

### Park and Stride

I'd like to remind all parents that there is the Park and Stride initiative operating for our school. Parents are allowed to park at Forest Park, or Northwood Stadium for free of charge. You simply need to complete a form to receive a permit. If you are interested, please call in at the school office.

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## Sunday's Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark

Jesus said to His disciples:

“Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!”

The Gospel of the Lord

Mark 13:33 - 37

This Sunday is the start of Advent. During Advent we think about God loving us so much that he sends his only Son. Advent is a time of preparing. We prepare our homes for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas, but we must also prepare our hearts. What things can you do as a family to prepare your heart?

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us to always be ready. We should make sure our hearts are always ready to receive Jesus.

During Advent, we light candles each week. The first candle that we light is the candle of Hope, which is also known as the candle of Prophecy. The candle reminds us of the hope we have in God that He will fulfil the promises set out in the Old Testament, that a Messiah would come and save the world.

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## Christmas Fayre

After a number of years of no Christmas Fayre, we will be back! Our Christmas Fayre will take place on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** after school.

Thank you for all donations as part of our non-uniform day. We are still welcoming any donations of:

- Unwanted gifts (unopened)
- Books (in good condition)
- Stationery e.g. pens, pencils, note books
- Cakes/biscuits



Please do come along from 3pm for our biggest fundraiser of the year. We're also hoping for a visit from Father Christmas!

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## Christmas Concerts

As you can see from the dates, we have our Christmas concerts coming up. Each of our Key Stage 2 classes (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) class will perform their concert on different days. Every child will be allocated 4 places for the concert. There is no space for more, so please only bring 4.

Our choir will be performing on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, so parents of these children can come and watch their child perform, standing at the back and then leave the concert.



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## Pantomime Visit

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school will be visiting The Regent Theatre to watch the pantomime. Children will leave school after having their lunch. Early Years and Key Stage 1 children will travel to the theatre by bus and Key Stage 2 children will walk to the theatre – please ensure children are dressed for the weather. All children should bring their water bottle to school and will be given an ice-cream during the performance (dietary requirements will be catered for). The children are due to return to school by 4:15pm.



## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

First Sunday of Advent

## Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

11 – 12 Year 1 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

9 – 12 Year 3 visit St Margaret Ward

12:30 – 3pm Year 5 visit St Margaret Ward

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

3:20 – 3:30pm Class drop-in – all welcome

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

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

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

9am Reception class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

3pm Christmas Fayre

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

1:15pm Visit from the Fire Service for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

9:15am Year 3 Christmas concert (including Choir) – 4 places reserved for each Year 3 child

11am Choir to visit Northwood Day Care Centre

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

9:15am Year 4 Christmas concert – 4 places reserved for each Year 4 child

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

9:15am Year 5 Christmas concert – 4 places reserved for each Year 5 child

2pm Whole-school Mass – all welcome to attend

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

9:15am Year 6 Christmas concert – 4 places reserved for each Year 6 child

1 – 4pm Whole-school pantomime at The Regent Theatre

# Diary Dates for the Next Two Weeks ...



### 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.

All Key Stage 2 children should either have a clip-on tie, or a 'proper' tie. Key Stage 2 children cannot wear an elastic tie.

## Prayer of the Month

Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 will be learning the Hail Mary.

Key Stage 2 will be learning The Magnificat.

### The Magnificat

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
Henceforth all generations will call me blessed.  
The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.  
He puts forth his arm in strength  
And scatters the proud hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
And raises the lowly.  
He fills the starving with good things,  
Sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

D. Farmer

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)

