



# ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



## Weekly Newsletter - w.e. 08.12.23

### Class Attendance this week ...

Nursery	92.50 %	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>98.57%</b>
Reception	93.20%	Year 4	90.67%
Year 1	96.00%	Year 5	95.00%
Year 2	97.33%	Year 6	97.67%

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### Class Attendance this year ...

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Nursery	92.43%	Year 3	<b>97.78%</b>
Reception	94.51%	Year 4	95.24%
Year 1	95.97%	Year 5	97.25%
Year 2	97.24%	Year 6	96.88%

## Class Awards

### Values & Virtues

Nursery -	Tommy Carroll
Reception -	Elsie Notley
Year 1 -	Isla-Rae Clarke
Year 2 -	Eliza Wallace
Year 3 -	Charlie Meehan
Year 4 -	Gabriela Labuda
Year 5 -	Akshi Arulrajah
Year 6 -	Tommy Senior

Nursery -	<i>No Permission</i>
Reception -	Gavin Okeke
Year 1 -	Aizah Akhtar
Year 2 -	Luca Aiftincai
Year 3 -	Heidi Simpson
Year 4 -	Rehan Saleem
Year 5 -	Ivy Wilbraham
Year 6 -	Marta Nowik

### Headteacher

Nursery -	Harper Cummins
Reception -	Bella Rigby
Year 1 -	Maddison Nash
Year 2 -	Wilson Shaw
Year 3 -	Morecambe Edgington-Thompson
Year 4 -	Luca Gilbert
Year 5 -	Leon Kaminski
Year 6 -	Noah Notley

### Most DoJo's



Nursery -	Iyla Sellars
Reception -	Archie Coxon
Year 1 -	Furhaya Akhtar
Year 2 -	Louie Galante
Year 3 -	Princess
Year 4 -	Vincenzina Gravano
Year 5 -	El-Spencer Affui
Year 6 -	Ellie Simpson

### Citizenship

Nursery -	Carter Dennis-Benn
Reception -	Brodon Twigg
Year 1 -	<i>No Permission</i>
Year 2 -	Ava Foden
Year 3 -	Lola Schwamberger
Year 4 -	Stevie McArdle
Year 5 -	Violet Barlow
Year 6 -	<i>No Permission</i>



#### 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.



#### 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.

#### 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

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; He will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.'

And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins.

John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, "Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of His sandals. I have baptised you with water, but He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:1 - 8

This Sunday's Gospel comes at the very beginning of Mark's Gospel. We hear from John the Baptist who tells others of Jesus's coming and just how powerful He will be.

This Sunday, we light the second candle; the candle of Peace. This week pray for peace in our world.

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## Christmas Fayre

Today we hold our Christmas Fayre. I will update you on the total raised next week.

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed – whether that is buying raffle tickets, sending in prizes or coming along to the event. A big thank you to all the staff for making it happen.



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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.



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## Christmas Week

During the last week of term, we will have our Christmas Week. This is a lovely week that we spend with the children in that magical time of Christmas.

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, we celebrate Christmas Eve. We ask that the children come to school in their pyjamas. We will watch a film together and spend the day getting ready for Christmas Day.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, we celebrate Christmas Day. Children come to school in their school uniform as normal. We ask that all children go to the school hall in the morning so that we can celebrate Christmas day together. We will hopefully have had a visit from a special someone too. We will also have our Nativity Service in the afternoon, which will be led by Early Years and Key Stage 2. All are welcome to attend this, but families are reminded that this is a church service and therefore no photos or videos are allowed. You will be given a reverence guide on entry and we ask that you follow this.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, we celebrate New Year's Eve with parties during the afternoon. Children come to school in school uniform. We are asking families to pay £1 per child on Scopay to help pay for party food.

Our week end on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December when we celebrate New Year's Day with our toys. Children come to school in school uniform.



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## Christmas Shop

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, we will have our Christmas shop. This is an opportunity for your child to buy gifts for others. Gifts will be on sale from £1.50 to £5.



# Diary Dates for the Next Two Weeks ...



## 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

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

9 – 11am Year 5 Inspire morning

1pm onwards Christmas shop

1pm Northwood Day Care visit school for Christmas concerts

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Eve – all children to wear pyjamas**

1pm onwards

Christmas shop

## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Day

2:15pm Nativity Service led by Key Stage 1 and Early Years

6 – 7pm Key Stage 1 and Early Years disco

7:15 – 8:45pm Key Stage 2 disco

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

1pm onwards Class parties – please pay £1 on Scopay

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Toy and treat day – please send a small treat to eat at break time. No electronic games to be sent to school

## Funding for 2 year olds

The Department for Education have requested that we share the following information:

*From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code, with mid-January to the end of February being the optimum time to apply in case they need to provide further information to support their application.*

*To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.*

*There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the [Childcare Choices](#) website, where they can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.*

This does not mean that we will be accepting 2 year olds, but to make you aware of the possible funding available.

## Year 5 Inspire Morning

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, we are giving Year 5 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!



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

*D. Farmer*

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)





# Disco

## Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Disco

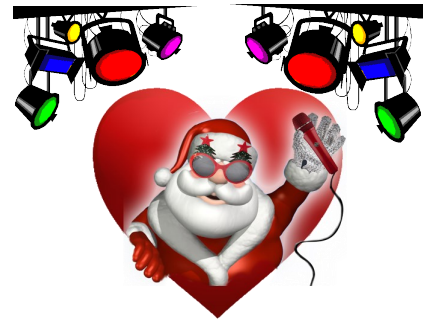
- Parents/Guardians of all children in **Foundation Stage** to remain with their child. **Please only one parent per child. Key Stage 1 parents DO NOT need to stay.**
- Please do not block the fire exits.
- If it is necessary to bring a child who is in Key Stage 2, then these should sit in the Year 6 classroom until 7pm and will then need to be supervised by a parent before the start of the Key Stage 2 disco at 7:15pm.
- As we are so tight for space, no prams should be brought into the hall.
- Any parents remaining with their child are responsible for their child's behaviour.
- Children should not leave the hall at the end of the night without their Parent/Guardian.

Only children attending St George and St Martin can attend the Disco. This includes younger siblings. Younger siblings cannot run around the dance floor.

## Key Stage 2 Disco

- Children will not be supervised by staff before 7:15pm
- Parents should leave their child once they have registered.
- Children should not leave the hall at the end of the night without their Parent/Guardian.
- Mobile phones are not allowed in the disco
- Only children attending St George and St Martin can attend the Disco

Children must be collected promptly at 8:45pm



## An Invitation from St Margaret Ward

*'A Christmas Cracker'*  
Christmas Concert

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
December

7pm in the  
School Hall

*Tickets are available from Miss Hayes or  
Mrs Smith at break or lunchtimes.  
They are also available on the door.*

£4 Adult  
£3.50 concessions  
(Cash Only please)

