



ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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Class Attendance this week ...

Nursery	96.73%	Year 3	97.24%
Reception	83.09%	Year 4	95.00%
Year 1	96.67%	Year 5	97.67%
Year 2	95.33%	Year 6	97.67%

Congratulations!
Years 5 & 6 have
the best
attendance this
week!



Class Attendance this year ...

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

Nursery	92.45%	Year 3	97.63%
Reception	93.67%	Year 4	94.90%
Year 1	95.58%	Year 5	96.90%
Year 2	96.58%	Year 6	96.73%

Class Awards Values & Virtues

Reading

Nursery -	Willow Guinivan
Reception -	Theodora Zelalem
Year 1 -	Oakley Bowman
Year 2 -	Emmanuel Okoye
Year 3 -	N'femi Atilola
Year 4 -	Stevie McArdle
Year 5 -	Violet Barlow
Year 6 -	Archie Glass

Nursery -	No permission
Reception -	Prince Igbo
Year 1 -	Alana Rogers
Year 2 -	Zayaan Mirza
Year 3 -	Billy Carr
Year 4 -	Stevie McArdle
Year 5 -	Seyiram Yebuah
Year 6 -	Gracie-Jae Lyons

Citizenship

Nursery -	Jesse Baura
Reception -	Uswah Haseeb
Year 1 -	Aizah Akhtar
Year 2 -	Alessia Allen
Year 3 -	Rhys Underwood
Year 4 -	Gabriela Labuda
Year 5 -	Ivy Wilbraham
Year 6 -	Marta Nowik

Most DoJo's



Nursery -	Nik Labuda
Reception -	Brodon Twigg
Year 1 -	Nella Crutchley
Year 2 -	No permission
Year 3 -	Clinton Igbo
Year 4 -	Sebastian Baura
Year 5 -	Oba Eric-Famogun
Year 6 -	Louie Glass

Headteacher

Nursery -	Barborka Huostikova
Reception -	Victoria Gkourra
Year 1 -	No permission
Year 2 -	Ella Rawlinson
Year 3 -	James Hyett
Year 4 -	Leia Chomanicz
Year 5 -	Sophia Thompson
Year 6 -	Simon Hurd



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 schoolwork, 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>

Staffing Update

Sadly, Mrs Barlow will be leaving us on Friday 8th March. We wish her lots of luck as she moves to Abbey Hill.

Mother's Day Shop

On Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March we will hold a Mother's Day shop. Children will be able to buy gifts for mums and nans.



Parking

I am getting daily complaints about the parking around school. Myself and Mr Bridgewater will aim to be patrolling the road at the start and end of the day to try and deter drivers parking inappropriately. However, we cannot always be there and would be grateful if you could ensure you are parked correctly and that anyone bringing or collecting your child is parked correctly.

A child WILL be hit by a car at some point if things continue as they are. I'm asking for everyone's support in this matter and asking that if you see inappropriate parking, please contact the council. The more parents who contact them, the more notice they may take.



Sunday's Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple He found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, He drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Then His disciples remembered the words of scripture: 'Zeal for your house will devour me'. The Jews intervened and said, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of the sanctuary that was His body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words He had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in His name when they saw the signs that He gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust Himself to them; He never needed evidence about any man; He could tell what a man had in Him.

The Gospel of the Lord

John 2:13 - 25

In this Sunday's Gospel, we are in the third week of Lent and hear about Jesus driving the sellers out of the Temple. This is one of my favourite Gospel readings, because we hear Jesus become angry. He is angry at the sellers using His Father's house to trade. The Jews did not like this and questioned him. Jesus gave them an insight into his death and resurrection after three days, but they did not understand what this meant. This Gospel reading is one of my favourites, as we hear that Jesus gets angry. We often think of Jesus as someone who only ever shows those positive, caring emotions. In this reading, Jesus shows that he will not tolerate people using His Father's house as a market and this comes through as anger. We often use this reading as an example to the children that it is ok to feel a range of emotions, and that we learn to deal with these emotions.

This week, spend time as a family reflecting on the emotions you have felt this week. Why did you feel them? What were your actions? What could you have done differently?

Year of Prayer

In 2025 we celebrate a Jubilee Year of the Church. To prepare for this special occasion, Pope Francis has dedicated the year of 2024 to the Year of Prayer. Throughout the year, we will be sharing prayers with children, supporting them in prayer and teaching them ways to pray. We would love for you to share in this too. When we share the prayers of the month, say them as a family. Prayers can be simple and said at any time. Prayers can be to ask God for help, to thank God, to ask for forgiveness. They can be for ourselves, our friends, our family, people from around the world.

This year, we will share prayers with you each week that you can say as a family. This weeks' prayer is Prayer to the Guardian Angel:

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and to guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.



World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March. As always, we will be slightly different and celebrate on Thursday 21st March. We are asking that children dress up as a character from a book – please do not go out and buy new costumes, if you are struggling for ideas, please come and see us. Our book day will coincide with when the Book Fair will be at school. The Book Fair will arrive on Tuesday 19th March for the rest of that week.

Family Learning

Our next Family Learning session is called 'Greener Planet' and will be for children in Year 3 and 4. The session will run from 9 – 11am. In the session, the children will think of ways to look after our planet.

If you would like to book on, please book using the following link by Monday 11th March:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ff_X21JOLUqrNU74XKfvxHt7rKpnpEZGvU_RPolISf5UM09DNIM1SINRQlo4SzVCRVYxR0IPSTMyOC4u

Diary Dates

Monday 4th March

1pm onwards Mother's Day shop

Tuesday 5th March

Year 5 bikeability

1pm onwards Mother's Day shop

Wednesday 6th March

Year 5 take part in the Recorder Festival at The Victoria Hall

3:20 – 3:30pm Class drop-in – come along to see your child's class teacher and your child's work

5:15pm School choir arrive at Mitchell Memorial Theatre for Stoke Schools Sing

7pm Stoke Schools Sing

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day – NOT OUR DRESS UP DAY

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

Friday 8th March

Year 4 visit Manchester Museum

11 – 11:30am Nursery and Reception visit Northwood Day Care Centre

2:15pm Nursery and Reception Mother's Day Service

Sunday 10th March

Mother's Day

Monday 11th March

Last week of clubs

Science Day

Tuesday 12th March

Reception visit Tittesworth Reservoir

Year visit Cannock Chase

Wednesday 13th March

11 – 12 Year 1 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

1 – 3pm Year 5 visit St Margaret Ward

1 – 3pm First Reconciliation for Year 3 children

6pm Confirmation meeting for Year 6 and their parents

Thursday 14th March

9 – 11am Family Learning – Greener Planet for families in Year 3 and 4

3 – 5pm First Reconciliation for Year 3 children

Friday 15th March

9am Year 1 class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

Sunday 17th March

9:30am Family Mass – all welcome to attend. Children in Years 3 and 6 wanting to receive the Sacraments must attend as part of the programme

Live Simply

I am very pleased to inform you that we have achieved the LiveSimply Award validating that we are living simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with the world's poorest communities.

The award, championed by overseas development charity CAFOD, was presented last week after they successfully planning and implementing faith inspired actions that highlighted the importance of caring for people and the planet. The actions have had a positive impact throughout the school, in our local community, and globally too, as we reached out to make a difference.



Missio

On Monday, the children in Reception to Year 6 will have an assembly relating to the work of Missio. Missio are a charity who share God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Sometimes this need might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together; vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it.

Following the assembly, the children will come home with a sticker and bookmark to prompt you to ask them about the work of Missio. Over the next few weeks, each class will have a collection box where any loose change could be donated to Missio.

Science Day

On Monday 11th March, we will be dedicating the whole day to all things science! We will have a special visitor coming along, and all children will have the opportunity to take part in a space session in a blow up planetarium.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

D. Farmer

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)

