



ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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Class Attendance this week ...

Nursery	89.34%	Year 3	94.14%
Reception	95.56%	Year 4	98.00%
Year 1	96.33%	Year 5	98.67%
Year 2	98.67%	Year 6	97.33%

Congratulations!
Year's 2 & 5 have
the best
attendance this
week!



Class Attendance this year ...

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

Nursery	92.31%	Year 3	97.47%
Reception	93.76%	Year 4	95.04%
Year 1	95.62%	Year 5	96.98%
Year 2	96.67%	Year 6	96.76%

Reading

Nursery -	Lucas Truong
Reception -	Archie Coxon
Year 1 -	Subhaan Asad
Year 2 -	Louie Galante
Year 3 -	James Hyett
Year 4 -	<i>School Trip</i>
Year 5 -	Saalih Shamil
Year 6 -	Marta Nowik

Class Awards Values & Virtues

Nursery -	Iyla Sellars
Reception -	Uswah Haseeb
Year 1 -	Grayson Seaman
Year 2 -	Noah Eric-Famogun
Year 3 -	Eliza Mountford
Year 4 -	<i>School Trip</i>
Year 5 -	El-Spencer Affui
Year 6 -	Ella Anson

Citizenship

Nursery -	George Rawlinson
Reception -	Oluchi Nwabueze
Year 1 -	Insha Fatima
Year 2 -	<i>No permission</i>
Year 3 -	Charlie Meehan
Year 4 -	<i>School Trip</i>
Year 5 -	Leon Kaminski
Year 6 -	Iulian Rata

Most DoJo's



Nursery -	Florence Peart
Reception -	Bella Rigby
Year 1 -	Nella Crutchley
Year 2 -	Sam Harding
Year 3 -	Kimberley Onyejiaka
Year 4 -	<i>School Trip</i>
Year 5 -	Ava Cummins
Year 6 -	<i>No permission</i>

Headteacher

Nursery -	Milo Allen
Reception -	Archer Jones
Year 1 -	Lily Booth
Year 2 -	Ava Foden
Year 3 -	Nina Onyejiaka
Year 4 -	<i>School Trip</i>
Year 5 -	Emmeline Lee
Year 6 -	Nela Kislanova



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 today. We wish her lots of luck as she moves to Abbey Hill.

At the end of this term, Mrs Dean will be temporarily leaving us to have her second baby. We can't wait to see baby Dean!

Mother's Day Shop

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Mother's Day shop. We hope mums and nans enjoy their well-deserved presents. We also raised £130 for school funds.



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.

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_X21JOLUqrNU74XKfxxHt7rKpnpEZGvU_RPolISf5UM09DNIM1SINRQIo4SzVCRVYxROI PSTMyOC4u

Places will be capped at 12.

Sunday's Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him. Yes, God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through Him the world might be saved. No one who believes in Him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God."

The Gospel of the Lord

John 3:14 - 21

In this Sunday's Gospel, we are in the fourth week of Lent – halfway through now. We hear Jesus tell Nicodemus of the love God has for the world – so much that he sent His only Son, knowing that He would have to die. As we come closer to Easter, we should reflect on the sacrifice that God made – seeing His Son die on the cross.

This week, spend time thinking about the sacrifices you have made during Lent. How are you doing with your giving things up, doing something extra and praying? Make a real effort this week. Even if you haven't been able to keep your 'giving up', try again.

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 week's prayer is the Act of Faith:

O my God, I firmly believe

that you are one God in three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins,

and that he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths which the holy catholic Church teaches,

because in revealing them you can neither deceive nor be deceived.

Amen



Mission Together

On Monday, the children in Reception to Year 6 had an assembly relating to the work of Mission Together. Mission Together are part of Mission and 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, Mission Together strives to provide it.

Over the next few weeks, each class will have a collection box where any loose change could be donated to Mission Together.

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.



Diary Dates

Sunday 10th March

Mother's Day

Monday 11th March

Last week of clubs

Science Day

Raffle tickets for Diversity tickets go on sale

Tuesday 12th March

Reception visit Tittesworth Reservoir

Year 1 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 (Draw for Diversity tickets to take place)

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

Monday 18th March

Start of Photography Competition

8:15am Jayne Clamp will be visiting school to share information about Park and Stride

3:30pm All clubs letters returned

Tuesday 19th March

Book Fair arrives

10 – 11am Year 4 visit Hanley library

1:30 – 2:30 Year 5 visit Hanley library

Wednesday 20th March

9:15am Journey of the Cross Mass – all welcome to attend and share in our final Mass of the term

10:30 – 11:30am Children with 700 Dojos to go to Hanley Forest Park – please send trainers

7pm Dance Extravaganza at The Victoria Hall

Thursday 21st March

BOOK DAY – CHILDREN DRESS UP

6 – 7pm Disco for Early Years and Key Stage 1 children

7:15 – 8:45pm Disco for Key Stage 2 children

Friday 22nd March

Treat day

11 – 11:30am Nursery children visit Northwood Day Care Centre

2:15pm Nursery Easter Bonnet

3:20pm School closes

Photography Competition

We will be launching our annual photography competition on Monday 18th March. The theme is again 'God's Wonderful World'. Please get out and about and take photos of 'God's Wonderful World'. You can either email photos to school sgsmcp@sgsmnewman.co.uk or bring in copies of your photos. The closing date for entries will be Friday 19th April and judging will take place the following week. First prize will be £20 Amazon voucher, second prize £10 Amazon voucher and third prize £5 Amazon voucher.

Please ensure you include your child's full name and class.

Diversity tickets raffle

One of our Year 5 children has two tickets to see Diversity at The Regent Theatre on Wednesday 20th March. However, this clashes with the Dance Extravaganza and she has chosen to take part in this, rather than see Diversity! So, Lily Barcroft has donated her tickets for us to raffle off. We will be selling raffle tickets next week for £1 per ticket and these will be available on the school yard before and after school. The draw will take place in Friday's assembly (15th March).

This is a fantastic opportunity and a big thank you to Lily for allowing this to happen.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

D. Farmer

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)

