



ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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Class Attendance this week ...

Nursery	89.60%	Year 3	98.00%
Reception	90.27%	Year 4	96.00%
Year 1	96.67%	Year 5	98.00%
Year 2	95.00%	Year 6	93.33%

Congratulations!
Years 3 & 5 have the best attendance this week!



Class Attendance this year ...

Nursery	92.18%	Year 3	97.49%
Reception	93.61%	Year 4	95.08%
Year 1	95.66%	Year 5	97.02%
Year 2	96.60%	Year 6	96.61%

Class Awards Values & Virtues

Reading

Nursery -	Barborka Huostikova
Reception -	Hendrix Johnson
Year 1 -	Lily Booth
Year 2 -	Noah Gravano
Year 3 -	Heidi Simpson
Year 4 -	Elliott Tomkinson
Year 5 -	Lily Barcroft
Year 6 -	Chloe Gulasova

Nursery -	Tommy Carroll
Reception -	Mylo Wood
Year 1 -	Jacob Jones
Year 2 -	Ikenna Nwabueze
Year 3 -	Rhys Underwood
Year 4 -	Luca Gilbert
Year 5 -	Lauren Shaw
Year 6 -	Ibrahim Azeez

Citizenship

Nursery -	Nik Labuda
Reception -	Bella Rigby
Year 1 -	No permission
Year 2 -	Emmanuel Okoye
Year 3 -	Callum Lowe
Year 4 -	Obie Hughes
Year 5 -	Seyiram Yebuah
Year 6 -	Austin Pinnington

Most DoJo's



Nursery -	No permission
Reception -	Myroslava Shkolna
Year 1 -	Insha Fatima
Year 2 -	Ava Foden
Year 3 -	Makanaka Nhambu
Year 4 -	Abigail Beru
Year 5 -	Oba Eric-Famogun
Year 6 -	Ellie Simpson

Headteacher

Nursery -	Nevaeh Dale
Reception -	Prosper Omotosho
Year 1 -	Isla Clarke
Year 2 -	Belvya Biju
Year 3 -	Charlie Meehan
Year 4 -	Idris Azeez
Year 5 -	Sreenandhu Nair
Year 6 -	Ella Anson



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

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!

Sadly, Mrs. Casey will be leaving us on Friday, 12th April to spend more time with her family. Mrs. Casey has worked at SGSM's for 19 years and we would like to thank her for all her hard work as a Learning Mentor, Breakfast Club Assistant and then as School Secretary.



SGSM Book Day

As always, we celebrate Book Day on a slightly different day to World Book Day and will 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.

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

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to Him, "Sir, we should like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: "Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" A voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, "It was an angel speaking to Him." Jesus answered, "It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours." "Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself." By these words He indicated the kind of death He would die.

The Gospel of the Lord

John 12:20-33

In this Sunday's Gospel, we are in the fifth week of Lent – getting closer to Easter Sunday. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that if we serve Him, we must follow Him and if we do this, we will be rewarded in Heaven. When Jesus asks us to follow Him, he is wanting us to follow His teachings – care for the poor and needy, love others, love God.

This week, spend time thinking about the how you follow Jesus. Do you look for good in all people? Do you show care for others? Do you pray? What could you do more of?

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 the Prayer of St Francis of Assisi (one of our class Saints):

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.*



These words may be familiar as they form the basis of the hymn Make me a Channel of Your Peace.

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 dedicated the whole day to all things science! The children had a brilliant day and I will share photos in our half termly newsletter next week.



Diary Dates

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

12:30 – 3pm Year 5 visit Sandyford Fire Station for Safe and Sound session

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

8:15am Jayne Clamp will run a Park and Stride from Hanley Forest Park – please meet on the car park

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

2:30pm Values and virtues assembly – Parents welcome to attend

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

The winner of the Diversity tickets is the Lee family.

A big thank you again to Lily for donating her tickets to us.

Reminders

Please ensure all monies owing to school are paid in full by Friday, 22nd April e.g. dinner money, after school club, breakfast club. Thank you.

Appointments during school time

Please try to make any medical appointments out of school hours. Whilst we are aware this can sometimes be unavoidable we would appreciate your support in this matter. Thank you.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

D. Farmer

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)

