



ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Summer Term 1 Newsletter 2024

Class Attendance this week ...

Nursery	97.96%	Year 3	100.00%
Reception	89.81%	Year 4	100.00%
Year 1	94.58%	Year 5	98.33%
Year 2	97.50%	Year 6	97.92%

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Years 3 & 4
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Class Attendance this year ...

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Year 3 has the
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year (so far)!

Nursery	92.50%	Year 3	97.58%
Reception	93.47%	Year 4	95.24%
Year 1	95.63%	Year 5	97.04%
Year 2	96.63%	Year 6	96.68%



Class Awards



Reading

Nursery -	George Delves-Humphries
Reception -	Prosper Omotosho
Year 1 -	Florence Piva
Year 2 -	Sam Harding
Year 3 -	Ellis Affui
Year 4 -	Billie Crutchley
Year 5 -	Lauren Shaw
Year 6 -	Emmy Wilbraham

Values & Virtues

Nursery -	Harper Cummins
Reception -	Myroslava Shkolna
Year 1 -	Reuben Soleimani
Year 2 -	No permission
Year 3 -	Evelyn George
Year 4 -	Philip Okoye
Year 5 -	James Farmer
Year 6 -	Austin Pinnington

Most DoJo's

Nursery -	Milo Allen
Reception -	Joshua Chijoke
Year 1 -	Lola Booth
Year 2 -	Noah Eric-Famogun
Year 3 -	Ellis Affui
Year 4 -	Obie Hughes
Year 5 -	Violet Barlow
Year 6 -	Gracie-Jae Lyons

Headteacher

Nursery -	No permission
Reception -	Uswah Haseeb and Haniya Masood
Year 1 -	Edward Mountford
Year 2 -	Ben Cartlidge
Year 3 -	Kimberley
Year 4 -	Socrates Mutare
Year 5 -	Georgia Schwamberger
Year 6 -	Abigail Williams

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.

We have some parking permits for Forest Park in school, so please pop in to school. We will need your email address to pass on to the council and ensure they have the correct registration number.

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

Mrs Dean will be temporarily leaving us today 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.



Uniform Reminders

As we enter in to our Summer Term, and hopefully some sunny weather, the summer uniform is as follows:

Girls

Girls are able to wear pink and white gingham (checked) summer dresses.

Boys

Boys are able to wear grey school shorts.

Reminders:

All children must be wearing black shoes (not trainers)

Boys must wear grey socks

Girls must wear white socks or grey tights

Long hair must be tied up with small, plain bobbles and headbands



Photography Competition

Our annual photography competition launched 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.



Litter Pick



There is a litter pick in our local area on Saturday 23rd March. Please check details on the picture.

Bottles

The Birches Head and Northwood volunteer group are asking us as a school to collect 2 litre empty drinks bottles – they are hoping to make poppies in November, but are going to need lots!. If you are able to help, a box will be in the Reception area after Easter.

Family Learning

Our next Family Learning session will take place on Thursday 11th April from 9 – 11am. The Tear Thief is a session for children in Years 5 and 6 and their families. In the session the children will share in the book 'The Tear Thief' and explore emotions. If you would like to sign up, please complete the Microsoft Form by Tuesday 9th April. Places are limited to 12.

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Places of Worship

As part of our RE curriculum, the children across the school learn about other faiths. Next term, the children in Key Stage 2 will be visiting the place of worship for the other faith that they are studying.

Our children in Year 4 will be visiting a synagogue on 16th April.

Our Year 3 children will be visiting a mosque, our Year 5 children will be visiting a Hindu temple and our Year 6 children will be visiting a Sikh gurdwara.

We feel that it is very important that our children visit these places of worship to gain a greater understanding of these different religions. We live in a multi-cultural city and a multi-cultural country. By having understanding, we build respect for other faiths.

Holy Week

Sunday marks the start of Holy Week – the most Holy Week in the Church's year. The start of Holy Week is Palm Sunday, where Jesus was greeted by huge crowds as he entered Jerusalem. They were waving palm leaves and shouting 'Hosanna'. People were so excited to see Jesus – they knew how special this man was. This is in stark contrast to what was to come on Good Friday.

We enter the Easter Triduum on Thursday with Maundy Thursday. On this day, Jesus had the Passover meal with His closest friends. This is where He shared the bread and wine with his friends. He told them that this would become His Body and Blood; something that we repeat every time we go to Mass. Following the meal, Jesus went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. Here, he was arrested following Judas's betrayal.

Jesus was sentenced to death the following day, we know this day as Good Friday – which seems a very strange name for a day when Jesus died on the cross. However, this is a good day because this is the day that God sacrificed His only Son to save each one of us. Even in Jesus's final moments on the cross, he was able to forgive one of the men crucified alongside Him. Jesus is taken to the tomb.

When Jesus's friends go to the tomb on Sunday, they find the tomb empty. That is when they remember what Jesus had told them – that he would rise again. Easter Sunday is the most special day in the Church's year; it is the day that God fulfilled His new promise to us – His Son died so that we could have everlasting life.

Mass times
Palm Sunday 9:30am
Maundy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
Good Friday 3pm
Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil 6:30pm
Easter Sunday 9:30am or 11am at OLSB



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 Apostles Creed. In this prayer we profess our faith:

*I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.*



Values & Virtues

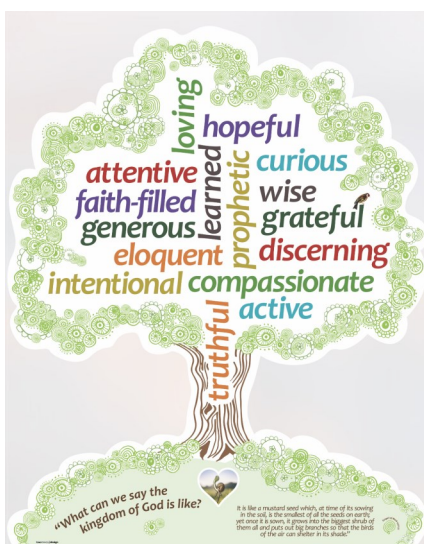
Our new Values and Virtues for next half term are: Eloquent and Truthful.

When we are eloquent we are learning to:

- Speak or write fluently;
 - Use language to express our ideas clearly;
 - Choose our words to show kindness;
 - Choose our words not to hurt others;
 - Express ourselves through speaking, dance, drama, painting or writing;
- Use our creative gifts to say things that are interesting, truthful, memorable and faithful.

When we are truthful we are learning to:

- be honest and truthful and follow in Jesus's footsteps;
- live as Jesus wants us to;
- be truthful to ourselves and to Jesus;
- stand up for the truth.



Diary Dates



Monday 8th April

8:50am School opens

Wednesday 10th April

Year 3 visit Gladstone Pottery Museum

2:30pm Key Stage 1 and Early Years assembly – parents welcome to attend

3:20 – 3:30pm Class drop-in

4 – 5pm Cross country @ Haywood Academy

Thursday 11th April

9 – 11am Family Learning for Years 5 and 6 – The Tear Thief

9 – 12 Swimming gala @ New Horizons

1 – 3pm Football @ Northwood Stadium

2:45pm Key Stage 2 assembly – parents welcome to attend

Monday 15th April

Clubs start

1 – 3pm Year 5 visit St Margaret Ward

Tuesday 16th April

10:30 – 12:30 Year 4 visit Newcastle synagogue

4 – 5pm Year 3 and 4 cross country @ Haywood Academy

Thursday 18th April

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

1 – 3pm Football @ Northwood Stadium

4 – 5pm Year 5 and 6 cross country @ Haywood Academy

Friday 19th April

Closing date for photography competition

11 – 12 Year 5 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

Sunday 21st April

9:30am Family Mass – all welcome to attend. Children receiving the Sacraments must attend as part of the programme

Tuesday 23rd April

St George's Day

9:15am Whole school Mass to celebrate St George's Day – all welcome to attend

Wednesday 24th April

6pm Meeting for children in Year 3 who are going to receive First Holy Communion and their parents

Thursday 25th April

Oliver Twist production for all children

Friday 26th April

Year 4 class assembly

Monday 29th April

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and Read – please come along and read with your child

1 – 3pm Year 5 visit St Margaret Ward

Wednesday 1st May

3:20 – 3:30pm Class drop-in

Thursday 2nd May

9:15am Whole school Mass followed by crowning of Mary for May

Friday 3rd May

Year 5 class assembly

Monday 6th May

School closed for May Day

Tuesday 7th May

9 – 11am – Year 3 Inspire Day

Wednesday 8th May

10am Good Shepherd Mss @ Holy Trinity, Newcastle – Catholic Life leaders to represent SGSM

11 – 12 Year 3 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

6pm Meeting for Year 6 children wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and their parents

Thursday 9th May

Ascension Day

9 – 11am Family Learning for Key Stage 2 – Are you a bucket filler?

2pm Whole school Mass to celebrate Ascension Day

Friday 10th May

Year 2 class assembly

Saturday 11th May

12pm First Holy Communion

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May

Key Stage 2 SATS

Monday 20th May

11 -12 Year 6 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

Friday 17th May

Year 1 class assembly

Tuesday 21st May

9 – 11am Reception Inspire morning

1:30pm Red Cross workshop for Year 6 – Empathy and Migration

Wednesday 22nd May

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and do Maths – all welcome

1 – 3pm Year 6 visit Sikh Gurdwara

Thursday 23rd May

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

Friday 24th May

Year 3 class assembly

Treat day

3:20pm School closes for half term

Advanced date

Sports days will take place on Friday 21st June at Northwood Stadium from 1:30pm

What Fun We've Had This Half Term!

Science Day



On Monday 11th March, the whole school celebrated Science Day. Everyone had a great day and all loved the Star Dome.



Stoke Schools Sing



On 6th March, Mrs Davidson took our choir children to The Mitchell Memorial Theatre to take part in Stoke Schools Sing. The children were amazing!

Recorder Festival



On 6th March. Mrs Thompson took Year 5 to The Victoria Hall to take part alongside 600 other children in The Recorder Festival. They played brilliantly!

Food Bank Visit



Three of our Catholic Life leaders went along to the Food Bank and took on a volunteer role – sorting the food and seeing where it's given out to those people in need.

Father Hudsons Sponsored Events

A big thank you to all of the children for their hard work raising money for Father Hudsons. They took part in sponsored silences, sponsored runs, sponsored penalty shoot outs, sponsored obstacle courses. They raised a grand total of £????



Class Visits

This term, our children have visited a variety of places including: Tittesworth Reservoir, Cannock Chase, Peak Wildlife Park, Stanley Head, Manchester Museum, Liverpool World Museum, Hanley Library, Sandyford Fire Station.

The children learnt so much on their visits and saw lots of new places. The children's behaviour on all of the trips was impeccable.



Fun in Our Classes

The children have worked hard in their classes this half term and done so many different things.



Easter Eggs

We hope the children enjoy their Easter Eggs! A BIG thank you to Miss. Williams, Asda Fenton and the School Fundraising Community for their kind contribution.



School Fundraising Community (SFC)

PLEA

We are desperate for volunteers/new members to help with our School Fundraising Community. For the past few years it has been run by staff and we would like more parents to be involved. If you can spare some time to help please call in at the school office. Thank you.

Dance Extravaganza

What an amazing performance from our dance group! They performed their 'Rocky' routine to Eye of the Tiger on stage at the Victoria hall. We are very proud of you! Thank you to the staff who have supported them throughout.



Reminders

If you would like your child to change from hot dinners to sandwiches or vice versa now is the time to do so. On returning to school after the Easter break your child will be asked their meal choice. You will need to stay with that choice for the Summer 1 half term.

School meals should be paid for on ScoPay at the beginning of the week (prior to have a meal).

Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Kind regards

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Mrs. Farmer

