



ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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Class Attendance this week ...

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| Nursery | 94.12% | Year 3 | 99.31% |
| Reception | 95.93% | Year 4 | 95.00% |
| Year 1 | 90.00% | Year 5 | 98.33% |
| Year 2 | 95.00% | Year 6 | 91.33% |

Congratulations!
Year 3 have the
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week!



Class Attendance this year ...

Congratulations!
Year 3 have the
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year (so far)!

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|-----------|--------|---------------|---------------|
| Nursery | 92.46% | Year 3 | 97.67% |
| Reception | 94.25% | Year 4 | 95.18% |
| Year 1 | 95.40% | Year 5 | 97.05% |
| Year 2 | 96.59% | Year 6 | 96.36% |

Class Awards Values & Virtues

Reading

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|-------------|------------------|
| Nursery - | Tommy Carroll |
| Reception - | Bella Rigby |
| Year 1 - | Jacob Jones |
| Year 2 - | Miruna Aiftincai |
| Year 3 - | James Hyett |
| Year 4 - | Sebastian Baura |
| Year 5 - | Oba Eric-Famogun |
| Year 6 - | Chloe Gulasova |

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| Nursery - | Jesse Baura |
| Reception - | Oluchi Nwabueze |
| Year 1 - | Braylen-Lee Williams |
| Year 2 - | Courtney Mavengano |
| Year 3 - | Kodi Jay Bowman |
| Year 4 - | Arabella Galante |
| Year 5 - | Seyiram Yebuah |
| Year 6 - | Scarlett Foxall |

Citizenship

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| Nursery - | Leyla Szalas |
| Reception - | Laila Shakil |
| Year 1 - | Skylar Woolley |
| Year 2 - | Ella Rawlinson |
| Year 3 - | Eliza Mountford |
| Year 4 - | Charlotte Dale |
| Year 5 - | Darcy Doolan |
| Year 6 - | Minuki Ariyadasa |

Most DoJo's



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|-------------|----------------------------|
| Nursery - | Carter Dennis-Benn |
| Reception - | Stanley Barlow |
| Year 1 - | Reuben Soleimani |
| Year 2 - | Ben Cartlidge |
| Year 3 - | Princess Rumbizo Chimuriwo |
| Year 4 - | Gabriela Lambuda |
| Year 5 - | El-Spencer Affui |
| Year 6 - | Ellie Simpson |

Headteacher

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|-------------|---------------------|
| Nursery - | George Rawlinson |
| Reception - | Uswah Haseeb |
| Year 1 - | Eric Opritoiu |
| Year 2 - | Oliver Murphy-Lewis |
| Year 3 - | Scarlett Stanyer |
| Year 4 - | Billie Crutchley |
| Year 5 - | Caleb Stanyer |
| Year 6 - | Jamie Russell |



Staffing Update

Sadly, Mrs Casey will be leaving us today after 19 years at our school. We thank her for everything that she has done over these years and wish her lots of luck for the future.

Miss Meaney will also be leaving us on 26th April. As you know, she has returned to university and with the increasing workload, Miss Meaney has taken the decision to leave after-school club. We wish her lots of luck for the future.

Time for some happy news now!

Mrs Dean gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Zara Louise on Easter Sunday – 31st March, weighing 8lb 5oz. Mummy and baby are doing well.

As the saying goes, 'things come in 3s'. I am pleased to inform you that Miss Arnold is also pregnant and is due in September.



We welcome to our staff, Miss Mulliner in the office who has replaced Mrs Casey. I'm sure you'll make her feel very welcome.

Mrs Hepple is also joining us from Monday 22nd April as a HLTA to replace Mrs Barlow. Again, I'm sure you'll make her feel very welcome.

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>

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.



Sunday's Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you!" In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But He said, "Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as He said this He showed them His hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" And they offered Him a piece of grilled fish, which He took and ate before their eyes. Then He told them, "This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled." He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and He said to them, "So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in His name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this."

The Gospel of the Lord

Luke 24:35 – 48

This Sunday, we hear of Jesus after rising from the dead coming to be with His friends again. Even after all of His teaching, the disciples are still finding it difficult to believe what they are seeing. Jesus teaches them again, and finally they start to realise what Jesus had meant all along.

This week, think about your own faith and what you believe. Share this with one another as a family. In last week's Gospel, we heard about Doubting Thomas and the words that Jesus said were, 'Happy are those who have not seen, yet believe.'

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 Nicene Creed, a prayer we say most weeks in Mass. In this prayer we profess our faith:

*I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.*

Amen.



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

Wednesday 17th April
Reception height and weight check

Thursday 18th April
9:15am Whole-school Mass – all welcome to attend

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
Swimming starts for Y5
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
9am Year 4 class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

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.

Places of Worship visits

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.

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.

Uniform reminders

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

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

Boys are able to wear grey school shorts.

Reminders:

All children must be wearing black shoes (not trainers)

Girls must wear white socks or grey tights

Boys must wear grey socks

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



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

D. Farmer

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)

