



# ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



## Weekly Newsletter – w.e. 26.04.24

### Class attendance this week ...

Nursery	91.40 %	Year 3	98.60%
Reception	93.30%	Year 4	93.00%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98.70%</b>	Year 5	98.00%
Year 2	98.65%	Year 6	98.30%

Congratulations!  
**Year 1** has the  
best  
attendance this  
week!



### Class attendance this year ...

Nursery	92.30%	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>97.80%</b>
Reception	93.90%	Year 4	95.20%
Year 1	95.60%	Year 5	97.10%
Year 2	96.70%	Year 6	96.50%

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

## Class Awards Values & Virtues

### Reading

Nursery -	Willow Guinivan
Reception -	Brodon Twigg
Year 1 -	Isla-Rae Clarke
Year 2 -	Noah Eric-Famogun
Year 3 -	Clinton Igbo
Year 4 -	Ahmed Naeem
Year 5 -	El-Spencer Affui
Year 6 -	Marta Nowik

Nursery -	Iyla Sellars
Reception -	Millie Sellars
Year 1	Booker Mutare
Year 2 -	Harrison Lee
Year 3 -	Makanaka Nhambu
Year 4 -	Leia Chomanicz
Year 5 -	James Farmer
Year 6 -	Louie Glass

### Citizenship

Nursery -	Florence Peart
Reception -	Archie Coxon
Year 1 -	Ted Wilbraham
Year 2 -	Wilson Shaw
Year 3 -	Annabel Osunde
Year 4 -	Elliott Tomkinson
Year 5 -	Lauren Shaw
Year 6 -	Jack Lovatt

## Most Dojo's



Nursery -	No permission
Reception -	Victoria Gkourra
Year 1 -	Edward Mountford
Year 2 -	Layton Allen
Year 3 -	Adrian Mdaya
Year 4 -	Sebastian Baura
Year 5 -	Ivy Wilbraham
Year 6 -	Merielie Vitug

## Headteacher

Nursery -	Rosa Gilbert
Reception -	Gavin Okeke
Year 1 -	Braylen-Lee Williams
Year 2 -	Eliza Wallace
Year 3 -	Woody Hughes
Year 4 -	Philip Okoye
Year 5 -	Saali Shamil
Year 6 -	Rylan Luby



### 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>

### May the Month of Mary

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, mother of Jesus. As part of this, we will have Mass on Thursday at 9:15am and will crown our Mary statue in the prayer garden. We would love for you to come along and be a part of this.



### First Holy Communion – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm

Our Year 3 children will receive the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm. All are welcome to come along to support the children in this special day.

### Key Stage 1 and 2 SATS

As we enter May, our Key Stage 1 and 2 SATS tests will begin.

Key Stage 1 SATS will take place during the month of May.

Key Stage 2 SATS will take place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

I know our children will put in 100% and have prepared well for these tests. Children should be ready to take the tests in their stride. However, if they feeling worried about the tests, please see your child's class teacher to discuss this further.

### Staffing Update

Today, Miss Meaney leaves us to continue with her Master level degree. We wish her lots of luck for the future.



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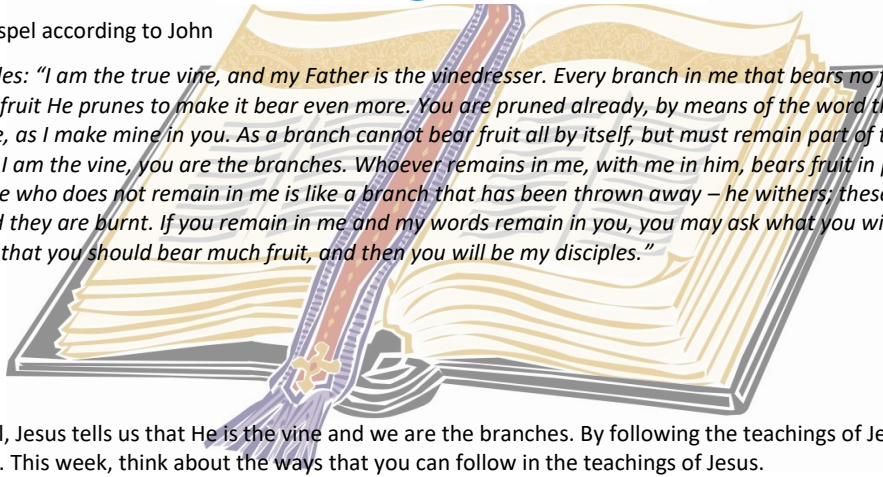
# Sunday's Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to John

*Jesus said to His disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit He cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."*

The Gospel of the Lord

John 15:1 - 8



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the vine and we are the branches. By following the teachings of Jesus, we remain a part of the vine and will bear fruit. This week, think about the ways that you can follow in the teachings of Jesus.

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## 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 Hail Mary, as we are about to enter the month of Mary:

*Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*



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## Diary Dates ...

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

8:50 – 9:20am Stay and read – all welcome to come and read with their child

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

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

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

9:15am Whole school Mass followed by crowning of Mary – all welcome to attend

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

9am Year 5 class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – May Day

SCHOOL CLOSED

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

9 – 11am Year 3 Inspire day – all welcome to come along, no need to book

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

8:50am Nursery book start visit from the library – parents welcome to attend, no need to book

10am Good Shepherd Mass @ Holy Trinity, Newcastle (4 children will represent SGSM)

11 – 12 Year 3 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

6pm Meeting for Year 6 children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and their parents

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day

9 – 11am Family Learning session – Are you a bucket filler? – Please book via Microsoft Forms

2pm Whole school Mass for Ascension Day – all welcome

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

9am Year 2 class assembly

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

12pm First Holy Communion

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# Reminders

## Family Learning

Our next family learning session is 'Are you a bucket filler?' aimed at Key Stage 2. In the session, children will think about the things that make them happy and how they can fill their happiness bucket. The session will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 9 – 11am. If you would like to book a place, please follow the link and book a place. Places are limited to 13 and bookings will close once 13 is reached or at 3:30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

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## 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**

## Careers – we need you!

Our children find out about different careers throughout the year. They do this by watching videos or viewing information online.

We would love for parents to come in and talk to our children about their career, so that we can get a first-hand understanding of what your career is about.

We share all different careers, so whatever your job, you could be really helpful to our children.

If you are able to help with this, please email school on [sgsmcp@sgsmnewman.co.uk](mailto:sgsmcp@sgsmnewman.co.uk) and we can organise a time for you to come and chat to a group of children.



## 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.



## Dinner Money

If your child has a school dinner please ensure payment is made every MONDAY (in advance of receiving school meals for that week).

If payment has not been received we will request that you send your child in with a packed lunch. Thank you.



Thank you for your continued support.

Regards

Mrs. D. Farmer

Principal

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