

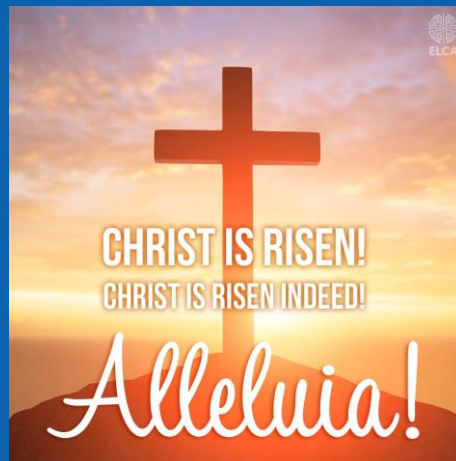


Catholic Academy

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A message from Mrs Hamilton



Welcome back! I hope that the children enjoyed the Easter break. They have returned to school enthusiastic and ready for the fun of the Summer Term.

As you know, the Summer Term (particularly the second half) is usually a busy time in school; all of the dates which are planned are at the end of this newsletter so please take the opportunity to take note of them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoeKlaSpXqs>

Catholic Life

Happy Easter!

The Catholic Church is now in the season of Eastertide; a joyful time of thanksgiving and praise for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The risen Jesus shows us that it really is true that "With God, all things are possible!" Eastertide is a time of hope for the future. I wish the blessings of peace, faith and hope on our children, families, staff, parish and local community at this time.



Eloquent and Truthful

This half term, our virtues are Eloquent and Truthful. We are eloquent and truthful when we understand and explain our feelings, ideas, beliefs and questions respectfully to others, accepting that they may have different ideas. God gave us the gift of speaking so that we can speak His word, found in the bible, to others both in our words and in our actions.

We can express ourselves eloquently in music, writing, dance, drama, sport and creative arts as well as in speaking.



Jesus said:
'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'

We sometimes find it difficult to find the right words to express our thoughts and feelings. Moses said to God, 'But, my Lord, never in my life have I been a man of eloquence. I am a slow speaker and not able to speak well.' God answered him. 'Now go, I shall help you to speak and tell you what to say.'



"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Your sight." (Psalm 19:14)

Times Table Rock Stars

Our rock star day was a great success and many of our children looked AMAZING. Being able to remember times table and division facts quickly without counting makes Maths so much easier. Everyone can learn Times Tables with practise and TTRS is a brilliant way to do this. All children from Y2 – Y6 have a TTRS login and should practise at home at least 4 times a week for a few minutes. Please ask your child's teacher if you need help to access

TTRS. TTRS.



Calling all new and expectant parents



Stoke-on-Trent Family Hubs

BABY SHOWER EVENTS

Join us at our fun, friendly events for new and expectant parents. We will have a host of local services, groups and information all under one roof so that you can get all of the information and support you need.



19th April 9:30 - 11:30

Westfield Family Hub

Buccleuch Rd, Normacot, ST3 4RF

23rd April 5pm - 7pm

Tunstall Family Hub

Town Hall, 142 High St, ST6 5TP

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call (01782) 237500 or visit

facebook.co.uk/stokefamilyhubs

Tunstall Family Hub (in the new Town Hall building) have lots of services, groups and information for you.

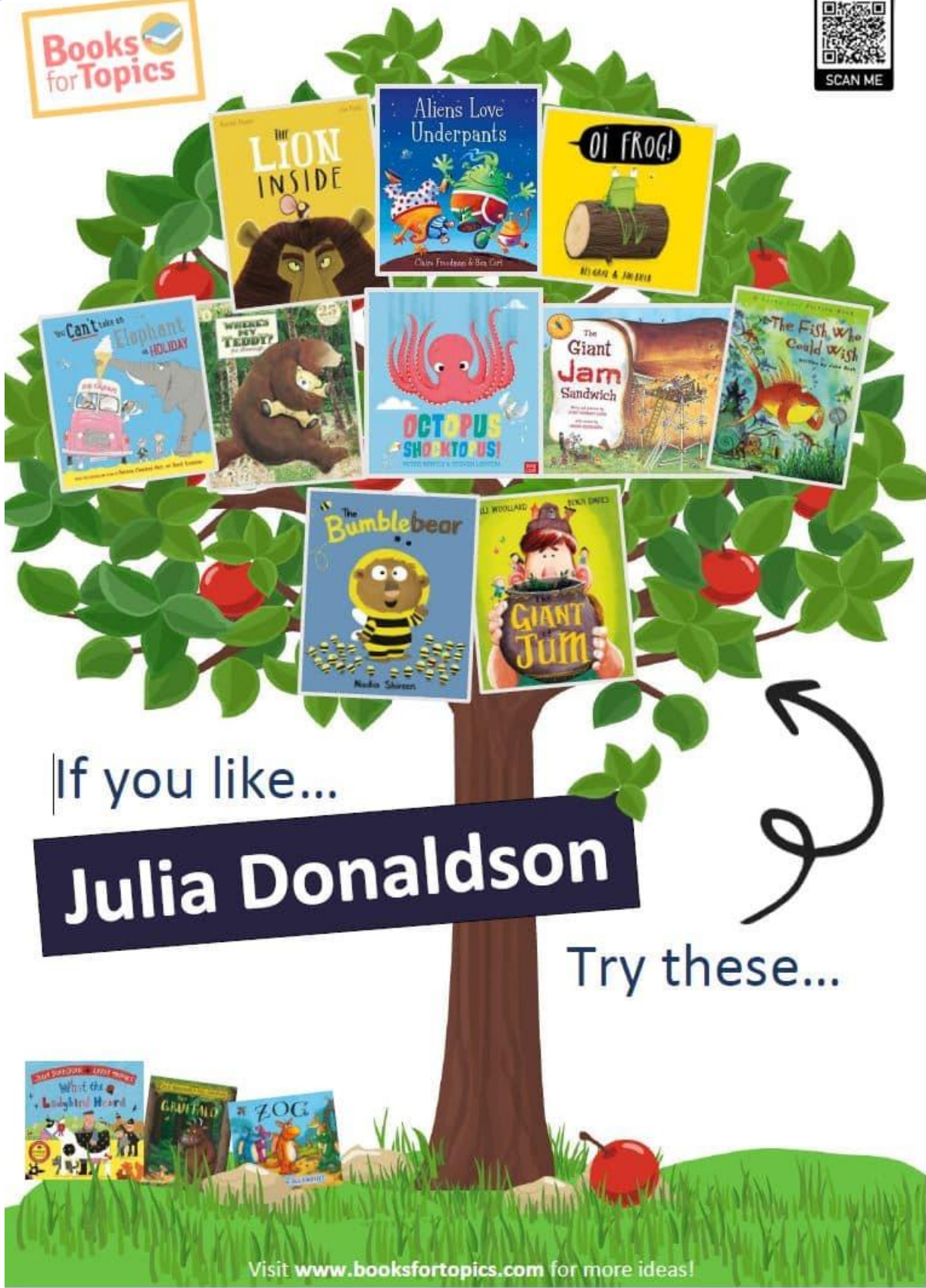
We love books!

As you know, reading is one of the most important skills that we can teach our children. Reading is proven to help children to learn well, speak well, have a good vocabulary, spell well, relax, develop their imagination and improves wellbeing.

It can sometimes be tricky for children to find the book that sparks their interest and love of reading. There are new books coming out all of the time and keeping up with the best children's books can be a challenge.

Over the next few pages, you will find some well known and well loved children's authors which your child may enjoy. If your child already enjoys these authors, there are recommendations for other, similar books which your child may enjoy.

We have many of these books in our school library and the local library will have them too. Challenge your child to read something new this week.



If you like...

Julia Donaldson

Try these...

Visit www.booksfortopics.com for more ideas!

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/BranchingOutJuliaDonaldsonBFT.pdf>



If you like...

Supertato

Try these...



Visit www.booksfortopics.com for more ideas!

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If you like...

Rainbow Magic

...try these!



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If you like...

Horrid Henry

...try these!



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If you like...

The 13-Storey Treehouse Series

...try these!



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<https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/BranchingOutTreehouseSeriesBFT.pdf>



If you like...

Michael Morpurgo

Try these...



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Award Winners

| WOW Award | |
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| Nursery | Haley Sz-Balla |
| Reception | All Reception Children |
| Year One | Ada Brzozowski |
| Year Two | Joylene John-Vincent |
| Year Three | Marni Davison |
| Year Four | Caleb Jenkinson |
| Year Five | Logan Swinswood |
| Year Six | Tulisa Price |

| Virtues Award – Faith Filled and Hopeful | |
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| Nursery | Bobby Meakin |
| Reception | Connor Burgess |
| Year One | Racheal Bailey |
| Year Two | Sienna Bailey |
| Year Three | Chaiyse Taylor |
| Year Four | Keira-Lei Kelly |
| Year Five | Grace Ifeh |
| Year Six | Joseph Esposito |

Award Winners

| Presentation | |
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| Nursery | Jimmy Dean Evans |
| Reception | Everly-Sophia Cotton |
| Year One | Mitchell Kelsall |
| Year Two | Rory Castry Peters |
| Year Three | Bailey Hawkes |
| Year Four | Lola Nixon |
| Year Five | Emy Susan Jestin |
| Year Six | Scarlett Grimes |

| Homework Hero | |
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| Reception | Amara Cotterell-Rogers |

| 100 Dojo Awards | |
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| Lexi Jones | Heidi Burgess |
| Eva Thomas | Lisa Quinn |
| Keira-Lei Kelly | |
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| 75 Dojo Awards | |
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| Obianuiji-Nwa Ijeh | Caelan Cotterell-Rogers |
| Scarlett Grimes | |
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Attendance

Congratulations to
Year 4
who have the best
attendance this week
94%

A polite reminder that children who are ill with vomiting or diarrhoea MUST stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

This year, our attendance reward trip to Drayton Manor will be for any children who have 100% attendance. The class with the best attendance will have a treat of their choice in school.



As you know, we are only able to authorise a Leave of Absence in term time in the most exceptional circumstances and some requests will result in a referral to the Education Welfare Service for a Penalty Warning.

Our 2025 – 2026 term dates are now available on our website. Please do check these before booking any holidays:

Diary dates

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| Monday 15.4.24 | Nursery Visit to Westport Lake City 7's Assembly |
| Tuesday 16.4.24 | Year Five visit to Saint Margaret Ward for a PE lesson |
| Wednesday 17.4.24 2.30pm | Y3 Class Saint Liturgy. Y3 parents invited into the classroom to celebrate the feast of St Bernadette |
| Friday 19.4.24 | Town Swimming Gala |
| Monday 22.4.24 | Watch Me Learn. Parents invited to join their child in the classroom. Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y3 and Y5 9.45 - 10.45, Y2, Y4, Y6 10.45 - 11.45 |
| Tuesday 23.4.24 | Y4 visit to Imagine That Liverpool Swimming restarts for Y6 |
| Thursday 25.4.24 | Y5 visit to SMW for a PE lesson KS2 Mass in School at 9.30am |
| Friday 26.4.24 | St George's day celebrations in school. Children in St George may come to school wearing their own clothes including something red |

Diary dates

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| Monday 29.4.24 | 9.00am SEND Parent Coffee Morning |
| Tuesday 30.4.24 | Fire Service rearranged visit to EYFS and KS1 |
| Tuesday 30.4.24 | Y5 visit to SMW for a PE lesson |
| Thursday 2.5.24 | Nursery Class Visit to Manchester Airport Visitor Centre |
| Monday 6.5.24 | Bank Holiday Monday School closed |
| Tuesday 7.5.24 | Dentist visit to 5 year old children in Reception and Y1 |
| Thursday 9.5.24 | Ascension Day Mass in Church at 11.00am Y1 – Y6 |
| Monday 13.5.24 – Thursday 16.5.24 | Y6 SATs tests |
| Monday 20.5.24 – Friday 24.5.24 | Y6 residential trip to Stanley Head |
| Thursday 23.5.24 | KS2 Mass in School at 9.30am |
| Friday 24.5.24 | School closes for Half Term |
| Monday 3.6.24 | School opens |

Future Diary Dates

Friday 7th June – Town Sports competition

Monday 10th June - Class and Team Photos

Wednesday 19th June – Y6 visit to Alton Towers

Friday 21st June 2.15pm Nursery Class Inspire Workshop. Nursery parents invited into the classroom

Monday 24th - Friday 28th June - Change4Life Week

Wednesday 26th June - Sports Day. 9.30 EYFS, 11.00 KS1, 1.00 KS2

Sunday 30th June - First Holy Communion

Wednesday 3rd July 2.30pm Y4 Class Saint Liturgy. Y4 parents invited into the classroom to celebrate the feast of St Peter

Thursday 4th July - Summer Disco

Friday 5th July 2.00pm - Y1 Inspire Workshop

Tuesday 9th July 6.00pm - Y6 Production

Friday 12th July - Achievement Assembly

Tuesday 16th July 6.00pm - Y6 Presentation Evening, Meal and Disco

Wednesday 17th July 2.15pm - Summer Concert

Thursday 18th July 9.30am Leavers Mass in Church

Thursday 18th July – Class Parties

Friday 19th July 9.00am Leavers Assembly, Toy Day, School closes