

Catholic Academy

The Communicator Friday 17th May 2024



A message from Mrs Hamilton

This week, Year Six sat their SATs tests along with Y6 pupils all over England. You may be aware from the media that these are difficult tests which all Y6 pupils are required to sit. Media coverage often tells us how challenging they are and how adults would find the tests difficult. Our Y6 children have been exceptional this week; we are so very proud of them. They have approached this challenge calmly and with determination and maturity. Whatever the results, they have all be absolute super stars. A big thank you to Mr Hewitt, Mrs Farrell, Miss Dawson and all those who helped to prepare Y6.

Next week, Year Six are off on their next adventure – their residential visit to Stanley Head. They will be accompanied by Mr Hewitt and Mrs Byrne. Mrs Farrell and Mrs Hudson will attend as day visitors. Nursery class will be taught by Miss Delves next week who they know very well.

Please keep Year Six and the staff who will be taking good care of them in your prayers. Have a safe trip and a wonderful time Year Six. We know that you will make the most of every experience – you lucky lot!



Catholic Life

May is the month when we traditionally honour Our Lady in the Catholic Church. We ask Mary to hear our prayers and intercede for us so that Jesus hears and answers our prayers.

On Tuesday, we will be crowing our statue of Mary in the Prayer Garden and presenting Mary with flowers as is traditional in the month of May. Children are encouraged to bring a flower / small bunch of flowers to give to Mary. If your child is able to do so, please send flowers into school on Tuesday.



On Sunday, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Pentecost. When Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after His resurrection, He asked the disciples to travel around the world and spread His Good News. Jesus knew that this would be a difficult task and so promised to send them help. 10 days later, at Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help the disciples. Just as the Holy Spirit helped the disciples, it can also help us today.



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,

Replace the tension within us with a holy relaxation.

Replace the turbulence within us with a sacred calm.

Replace the **anxiety** within us with a quiet **confidence**.

Replace the fear within us with a strong faith.

Replace the bitterness within us with the sweetness of grace.

Replace the darkness within us with a gentle light.

Replace the **coldness** within us with a loving **warmth**.

Replace the night within us with Your day.

Replace the winter within us with Your spring.

Straighten our crookedness.

Fill our emptiness.

Dull the edge of our pride.

Sharpen the edge of our humility.

Light the fires of our love.

Quench the flames of our lust.

Let us see ourselves as You see us.

That we may see You as You have promised us.

And be healed through Your Word.

Amen



Pre register at the link above to receive:

Free bus travel to and from the event (applicable on any service in Stoke on Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme, not valid on certain longer distance services).

Free sweet treat for under-18s

Exclusive booking period for certain limited-capacity events

Entry into prize draw for a limited edition Keele 75 hoody

Award Winners

WOW Award	
Nursery	Darson Klebukowski
Reception	Layla Stefani
Year One	Daisy-May Bailey
Year Two	Joylene John Vincent
Year Three	Chibugo Okeke
Year Four	Mia-Rose Kearney
Year Five	Beau Bewley
Year Six	Mya Latham

Values & Virtues	
Nursery	Bobby Meakin
Reception	Charlie Bailey
Year One	Dennis Calin
Year Two	Abukaker Bilal
Year Three	Beatrice McIntyre
Year Four	Lewis Schifano
Year Five	Alfie Potts
Year Six	Scarlett Grimes

Award Winners

Presentation	
Nursery	Kasiemobi Nnajiofor
Reception	Ava-Rae Quelch
Year One	Chisimdi Nnajiofor
Year Two	Lola Warrender
Year Three	Elsie Meakin
Year Four	Lily Grundy
Year Five	Rosie Maughan
Year Six	Sam Szczepanski-Beech

Homework Hero	
Nursery	Indie-Grace Grocott
Reception	Evelyn Lawton

Award Winners

100 Dojo Awards		
Grave Ijeh	Adelina Enachi	
Logan Russell	Zak Gregory	
Lennon Gilbert Spencer	Kane Esposito	
Billie-Mae Nixon	Ava-Jade Myatt	
Ifeh	Okeke	

75 Dojo Awards		
Sebastian Miroiu	Ruby Worrall	
Abbie-Rose Green	Leo Price	
Savannah McCarthy		

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 who have the best attendance this week 100%

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

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
Thursday 23.5.24 2.15pm	Instrumentalist Concert
Friday 24.5.24	Golden time reward menu School closes for Half Term
Monday 3.6.24	School opens
Wednesday 5.6.24	Y3 visit to the Roman Experience in Chester
Thursday 6.6.24	Goblin Car Event
Friday 7.6.24	Town Sports Event
Monday 10.6.24	Class, Team and Leavers Photos
Wednesday 12.6.24	Y5 visit to SMW (Music lesson)
Thursday 13.6.24	KS2 Mass in school

Future Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 26th June – Tunstall Town Sports Presentation Evening

Thursday 27th June – Year 4 visit to SMW to see a performance of The Wizard of Oz

Sunday 30th June - First Holy Communion

Tuesday 2nd July – Y5 Water Sports day at Stanley Head

Tuesday 2nd July – Reception class visit to the Sealife Centre

Tuesday 2nd July – Y1 visit to Lytham St Annes

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

Wednesday 3rd July – Y3 visit to the Victoria Hall to watch a Halle Concert

Thursday 4th July - Summer Disco

Friday 5th July 2.00pm - Y1 Inspire Workshop

Monday 8th July – Nursery visit to Westport Lake

Tuesday 9th July 6.00pm - Y6 Production

Wednesday 10th July – City Athletics

Wednesday 10th July – Y2 visit to Twycross Zoo

Friday 12th July - Achievement Assembly

Tuesday 16th July – Attendance Reward Trip to Drayton Manor Theme Park

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