



*Catholic Academy*

# The Communicator

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



# A message from Mrs Hamilton

Happy New Year! I hope that all of our children and families enjoyed a happy and peaceful Christmas together and pray that 2024 is filled with joy, love and good health for all in the St Joseph's community.

## 2024 Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,  
As we embrace 2024, guide our steps in this ever-changing world. Fill us with wisdom and strength, keeping our focus on Your eternal love.

We pray for global peace, healing where there's hurt, and unity in our communities. May our leaders act with justice and truth, reflecting Your heart.

Bless our young people with growth and purpose. Revitalize our church, letting the Gospel's message shine brightly. Deepen our bond with You, teaching us to love as Jesus did.

Lord, as we journey through 2024, we trust in Your plan and grace.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



## Catholic Life

In assembly on Tuesday, we reflected on the Epiphany; the day when baby Jesus was revealed as the Son of God to the three wise men as they saw Him for the first time. We talked about the gifts that the Wise Men brought for baby Jesus and the gifts that we would give to Jesus this week. The children made it their mission to give love for one another, kindness to their friends, forgiveness, joy, peace and sharing as gifts to Jesus this week.

# Watch Me Learn Maths

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, we are inviting parents into the classroom to watch their child learn Maths. We understand that parents are sometimes unsure how best to help their child with Maths and which methods to show them. We hope that this session will help you to better understand how your child learns so that you can help them to do their best in Maths at school.

**Reception, Y1, Y3, Y5**

9.45 am – 10.45 am

**Y2, Y4, Y6**

10.45 – 11.45am

**Nursery**

2.00pm – 2.50pm

You do not need to book a place or tell us that you are coming, please sign in at the office on the day.

Please note that you will be joining a Maths lesson; these sessions are not suitable for toddler siblings

## Fluency homework

A reminder that one of the best ways that you can help your child with Maths is to ensure they complete their daily fluency homework (Y1 – Y6). Your child should be able to complete these 4 questions in a few minutes with a little or no help. Daily practice in basic Maths skills will make a huge difference to your child's success at school.







Yesterday, our Choir represented St Joseph's brilliantly and put on a fabulous performance at Young Voices in Birmingham alongside Urban Strides, MC Grammar, Natalie Williams and Nandi Bushell. Thank you to our wonderful children, to Mrs Cliffe for organising such a great opportunity for our children and to Mrs Cunningham for accompanying the children.





## Award Winners

WOW Award	
Nursery	Chimamanda Ikedinobi
Reception	Everly-Sophia Cotton
Year One	Chisimdi Nnajofer
Year Two	George Rigby
Year Three	Tim Laskowski-Sidley
Year Four	Tommy Hodnett
Year Five	Logan Swinswood
Year Six	Jayden Ingram

Virtues Award – Compassionate and Loving	
Nursery	Jessica Hewitt
Reception	Anitta Reji
Year One	Katalaya Doherty
Year Two	Lola Warrender
Year Three	Ezimai Kelsall
Year Four	Lola Nixon
Year Five	Stephan Shiju
Year Six	Natasha Cook

## Award Winners

### Presentation Award

Nursery	Munachimso Alexander
Reception	Sienna Davis
Year One	Macie Johnson
Year Two	Maciej Jezierski
Year Three	Decoda Doherty
Year Four	Logan Russell
Year Five	Braxton Klebukowski
Year Six	Lexi Jones

### 100 Dojo Award

Skylar Staham	George Bourne
William Popescu	

### 75 Dojo Award

Zainab Mehdi	William Beardmore
Dennis Callin	Lucas Barnett
Harri Hargreaves	Flourish Akinlawon
Ethan Bewley	Darcie Davies
Bailey Hawkes	Aurora Shaw

# Attendance

Congratulations to

Year Six

who have the best  
attendance this week

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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.



As you know, St Joseph's provides a high quality education to help all children to achieve their very best. Children can only benefit from this education if they are in school and so we encourage children to attend school every day that they are well enough to do so.

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. Please ensure that all holidays are booked during the school holidays:

<https://www.stjosephscatholicacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=66>





# Diary dates – this half term



<b>Monday 15.1.24</b>	SEND Parent Coffee Morning
<b>Monday 15.1.24</b>	Y5 visit to SMW (D and T lesson)
<b>Tuesday 16.1.24</b>	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability
<b>Thursday 18.1.24</b>	Y5 Camerata Workshop in school
<b>Monday 22.1.24</b>	Watch Me Learn Maths Parent Session (see above for detail)
<b>Tuesday 23.1.24</b>	3.30pm and 5.00pm Y6 Parents SATS Meeting
<b>Friday 26.1.24</b>	Nursery Dress up Day (People who help us)
<b>Monday 29.1.24</b>	Andy Tooze Poetry Day
<b>Thursday 1.2.24</b>	9.30am Key Stage 2 Mass in School. <b>Please do join us</b>
<b>Thursday 1.2.24</b>	Y6 Height and Weight Measurement
<b>Monday 5.2.24</b>	2.15pm Y6 Inspire Workshop
<b>Tuesday 6.2.24</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>Wednesday 7.2.24</b>	Y4 Visit to the Potteries Museum
<b>Thursday 8.2.24</b>	Y2 in school workshop with the Royal Opera House
<b>Friday 9.2.24</b>	School closes for Half Term
<b>Monday 19.1.24</b>	School Opens

# Future Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th March - World Book Day celebrations in school

Friday 8th March 2.30 - KS1 Mothers Day Service

Monday 11th March 6.30pm - Confirmation

Monday 18th March - Parents Evening

Friday 22nd March 2.30pm Nursery and Reception Easter Bonnet Parade

Wednesday 17th April 2.30pm - Y3 Class Saint Liturgy. Y3 parents invited into the classroom to celebrate the feast of St Bernadette

Monday 22nd April - Watch Me Learn. Parents invited to join their child in the classroom. Reception, Y1, Y3 and Y5 9.45 - 10.45, Y2, Y4, Y6 10.45 - 11.45, Nursery 2.30

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May - Y6 SATs

Monday 20th - Friday 24th May - Y6 residential trip to Stanley Head

Monday 10th June - Class and Team Photos

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

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