



Catholic Academy

The
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A message from Mrs Hamilton

On Monday 22nd April, we are holding our Summer Term Watch Me Learn sessions. For most classes, the focus will be on online safety. Keeping our children safe online and ensuring that they are using and watching content which is appropriate can be a challenge and these sessions will help parents to understand the online safety messages given to children in school as well as sharing ways that parents can fulfil their responsibility in keeping their child safe online. For Y4 parents, this session will also give you the opportunity to meet Mrs Pitchers if you haven't already done so.

You do not need to book into Watch Me Learn; please just sign in at the school office on Monday:

Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y3 and Y5 : 9.45 – 10.45
Y2, Y4, Y6: 10.45 – 11.45

You can find online safety guides for parents to help their children to safely use online games, social media and devices online at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

There are tips about talking to children about their online use at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Advice about helping children to stay mentally well while online can be found at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

Catholic Life

This week, Year Three celebrated the feast of their class saint, Saint Bernadette. Many thanks to the families who joined us to enjoy this special prayer time together.

St Bernadette is most famous for seeing visions of Our Lady in the grotto. It is these visions which eventually led to the founding of the Shrine of Lourdes which is still an important pilgrimage place for many today.

Saint Bernadette is the patron saint of the sick and many visit Lourdes to pray for healing.

Praying to St Bernadette

St Bernadette was chosen by God as a channel of His graces and blessings. This means that we can ask St Bernadette to listen to our prayers and place them in the hands of her beloved son, Jesus. We can pray to St Bernadette about anything but she is most known for prayers of healing for the sick.

Personal, Social Health Education

This term in PSHE, our whole school focus is:
Healthy Me

Through their PSHE lessons, children will learn more about how to make the right choices to keep themselves healthy. We all know that, to keep physically well, we need to:

- Eat a balanced diet including plenty of fruit and vegetables
- Keep hydrated
- Get enough sleep
- Be physically active
- Rest and relax
- Spend time connected with others
- Participate in activities which we enjoy

A reminder that break time snacks brought from home must be healthy. Fruit and vegetables are strongly encouraged. Chocolate, crisps, sweets, biscuits etc. are not permitted and children will be asked to put these away and offered a piece of fruit instead.

However, it is not always easy to make these choices as adults let alone as children. The message in our PSHE lessons is about “less” and “more” rather than “none” and “always” and we encourage you to share this message at home too. Can children spend a bit less time on a device and a bit more time playing football or have a few less sweets and an extra portion of fruit. NHS Sugar Swops give quick, easy ideas for making healthy choices.

A polite reminder that our Food Policy is based on Food in Schools Guidance and states that only water or milk may be drunk between meals in school. Please ensure that your child’s water bottle is filled with water only.

Award Winners

WOW Award	
Nursery	Niall Dempsey
Reception	Primrose Latham
Year One	Lihle Sibanda
Year Two	George Bourne
Year Three	Ella Johnson
Year Four	Annaya Butt
Year Five	Braxton Klebukowski
Year Six	Amira Mahmood

Virtues Award – Faith Filled and Hopeful	
Nursery	Adlene Adjei
Reception	Alona Robin
Year One	Chisimdi Nnajofofor
Year Two	Degbetua Igbiriki
Year Three	Grace Zhang
Year Four	Nicholas Ingram
Year Five	Adelina Enachi
Year Six	Michael Ikedinobi

Award Winners

Presentation	
Nursery	Mamadou Diallo
Reception	Isaac Broad
Year One	Ada Brzozowski
Year Two	Noah Bates
Year Three	Ezimai Kelsall
Year Four	Mylo Moran
Year Five	James Bailey
Year Six	Hamdan Syed

Homework Hero	
Nursery	Mun Alexander
Reception	Ellie Taylor

Award Winners

100 Dojo Awards

Harley Evans	Kieran Tramaloni
Roman Platt	Leo Wiltshaw
Michael Ikedinobi	Jaxon Jordan
Jayden Ingram	

75 Dojo Awards

Daisymae Steele	Filip Peter
Molly Till	Jidenna Alexander
Salote Batisele	Jorgie Malkin
Maybel Don	Seth Madanha
Tulisa Price	Saphie Summerfield
James Bailey	Hollie Hope
Flourish Akinlawon	Tiim Sidley

Attendance

Congratulations to
Year 5
who have the best
attendance this week
98%

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 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
Monday 22.4.24	Year Five rearranged Parents Evening
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
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
Thursday 2.5.24	Learn to Ride sessions for Y4 and Y5
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

Diary dates

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
Thursday 23.5.24 2.15pm	Instrumentalist Concert
Friday 24.5.24	School closes for Half Term
Monday 3.6.24	School opens

Future Diary Dates

Thursday 6th June – Goblin Car Event

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

Wednesday 26th June – Tunstall Town Sports Presentation Evening

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

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

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