



Catholic Academy

The Communicator

Friday 16th January 2026



The Baptism of Jesus

In our whole school Celebration of the Word on Monday, we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of our Lord and heard that the voice of God told us that Jesus was the Son of God, the beloved one.

Take a few moments to share the Gospel with your child. What can they tell you about it?

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

If your child is baptised, this is a great week to talk about their baptism and pray for their parents and godparents.

Some children who are not baptised have expressed an interest in being baptised. We can be baptised at any age; you can find information on the next page if you or your child are interested in being baptised.



If you are baptised, say a prayer of thanks for your own baptism, your parents and your god parents.

If you would like to be baptised, take an information card home and talk to an adult.

Pray for those who are recently baptised, waiting to be baptised or interested in being baptised.

What Is Baptism?

Baptism is a special celebration in the Christian Church. It is when a person is welcomed into God's family and into the Church.



Why Do People Get Baptised?

People choose to be baptised because:

- ✦ It shows that God loves them
- ✦ It welcomes them into the Christian family
- ✦ It is the start of their journey of faith
- ✦ It reminds them to try to live like Jesus

You can be baptised at any age.

Thinking About Baptism?

If you are **not baptised** and would like to know more:

1. **Talk to an adult at home** about baptism.
2. If they agree, you should speak to Fr Julian.

Mrs Hamilton, Miss McGough, Mr Hewitt or your teacher will be happy to help you and answer your questions.



Watch Me Learn Maths

A big thank you to all the families who were able to join us for our Watch Me Learn Maths sessions on Monday. It was great to hear your positive comments about how much you enjoyed the sessions and found them useful to be able to help your child. Many of you saw that rapid recall of number bonds and times tables are absolutely essential for success in Maths.

You can help your child to do their best by practicing times tables or number bonds (depending on your child's age) for a few minutes each day using:

*Hit the Button

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> ,

*TTRS

*White Rose One Minute Maths

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths>

Fluency Homework

Children in Y1 – Y6 are asked to complete 4 maths question each night at home. These are designed to practise rapid recall of number facts, calculation methods and skills already taught. Completing these will help your child enormously. Please speak to your child's teacher if they have any difficulties.

RE Homework Project January 2026



Thursday 1st January 2026 was the World Day of Peace. Pope Leo XIV's first words as Pope were: "Peace be with you all," and he continues to tirelessly work for peace around the world.



On Tuesday 6th January, we celebrated the Epiphany by remembering the three wise men who followed the star to bring their gifts to Jesus; The Prince of Peace. We are reminded to seek peace with Jesus just like the three wise men did.

Our RE homework project this half-term is to create a piece of work which promotes peace. Take a look at the ideas below and use them to inspire you. What does peace mean to you? How will you spread God's peace in the world today?

God gives me
Peace
JOHN 14 : 27



Please bring your finished projects in to school by Friday 6th February.

WOW Awards	
Nursery	Eleanor Osei Gyamfi
Reception	Patrick Doherty
Year 1	Isla Ward
Year 2	Isaac Broad
Year 3	Racheal Bailey
Year 4	Olaf Alaj
Year 5	Charlotte Paul
Year 6	Lola Nixon

Values & Virtues Award	
Nursery	Chiemela Nnadozie
Reception	Ellie Igbinakenzua
Year 1	Isabella Mannion
Year 2	Charlie Bailey
Year 3	William Popescu
Year 4	Amira Tony
Year 5	Gracelyn Black
Year 6	Logan Russell

Homework Hero	
Nursery	Thomas Frost
Reception	Shelby Kearney

Presentation	
Nursery	Lyla-Rose Tompkinson
Reception	Minnie Lea Barnett
Year 1	Jesse Osei Gyamfi
Year 2	Divesh Thevatheesan
Year 3	Lihlelenkosi Sibanda
Year 4	Praise Igbinakenzua
Year 5	Aurora Shaw
Year 6	Ruby Worrall

Dojo Winners Early Years	
Nursery	Zoe Susan Jestin
Reception	Lucianna Braddock

Dojo Winners	
Adlene Adeje	Alessia Russell
Chimdi Nnadozie	Esme Bailey
Haley SZ-Balla	Indie-Grace Grocott
Isla Ward	Kenzie Whittingham
Leo Mountford	Chisimdi Nnajoefor
Mitchell Kelsall	Chace Sowerbutts
Jeremy Kalenga	Finnley Turnock
Lucas Dupoi	Suzie Bourne
George Bourne	Ruby Worrall
JockNom Lyamgohn	

Attendance

The class with the best attendance for the year, will enjoy a class treat in July which will be chosen by the School Council. Here is our leaderboard:

Attendance	
Year 1	97.84%
Year 3	97.63%
Year 2	97.42%
Year 4	96.95%
Year 6	96.06%
Year 5	95.79%
Nursery	95.45%
Reception	92.66%

Congratulations to
Nursery
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.

Our 100%
attendance
reward trip this
year will be chosen
by the School
Council.



Diary Dates: Next Week

Date	Event
Tuesday 20.1.26 3.30pm and 5.00pm	SATs information meeting for Y6 parents
Wednesday 21.1.26	Encomass Dance Taster Day for all classes. Please ensure that PE kit is in school
Wednesday 28.1.26	Y5 visit to the Sikh Temple
Wednesday 4.2.26	Reception class Height and Weight Screening
Wednesday 4.2.26 6.00pm	First Holy Communion Meeting for parents and children in Church

8.2.26 11.00am Family Mass in Church for all children and families
(CHANGE OF DATE)

- 9.2.26 and 10.2.26 Parents Evening
- 10.2.26 2.00pm Y6 Inspire Workshop for families
- 13.2.26 School closes for Half Term
- 23.2.26 School opens to staff and pupils
- 25.2.26 6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church
- 9.3.26 2.00pm Y4 Inspire Workshop for families
- 13.3.26 2.30pm KS1 Mother's Day celebration
- 19.3.26 6.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation in Church
- 24.3.26 2.30pm Y4 Class Saint Celebration (families welcome)
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- 27.3.26 2.30pm Nursery and Reception Easter Bonnet Parade
- 20.4.26 Watch Me Learn morning
- 11.5.26 –14.5.26 Y6 SATs
- 18.5.26 –22.5.26 Y6 to Stanley Head
- 2.6.26 2.00pm Y2 Inspire Workshop for families
- 5.6.26 2.30pm Nursery Class Saint Celebration (families welcome)
- Sunday 7.6.25 11.00am First Holy Communion
- 11.6.26 Class and Team photos
- 19.6.26 2.30pm Y3, Y4, Y5 Father's Day celebration
- 24.6.25 Sports Day:
 - 9.30am N and R • 11.00am Y1 and Y2
 - 1.00pm KS2
- 26.1.26 2.00pm Y1 Inspire Workshop for families
- 28.6.25 11.00am Family Mass in Church for all children and families
- 2.7.26 Summer Disco
- 8.7.26 2.00pm Nursery Inspire Workshop for families
- 8.7.26 6.00pm Y6 Production
- 15.7.26 1.45pm Summer Concert
- 14.7.26 6.00pm Y6 Presentation Evening, Leavers Meal and Disco
- 17.7.26 9.00am Y6 Leavers Assembly