Saint Joseph's

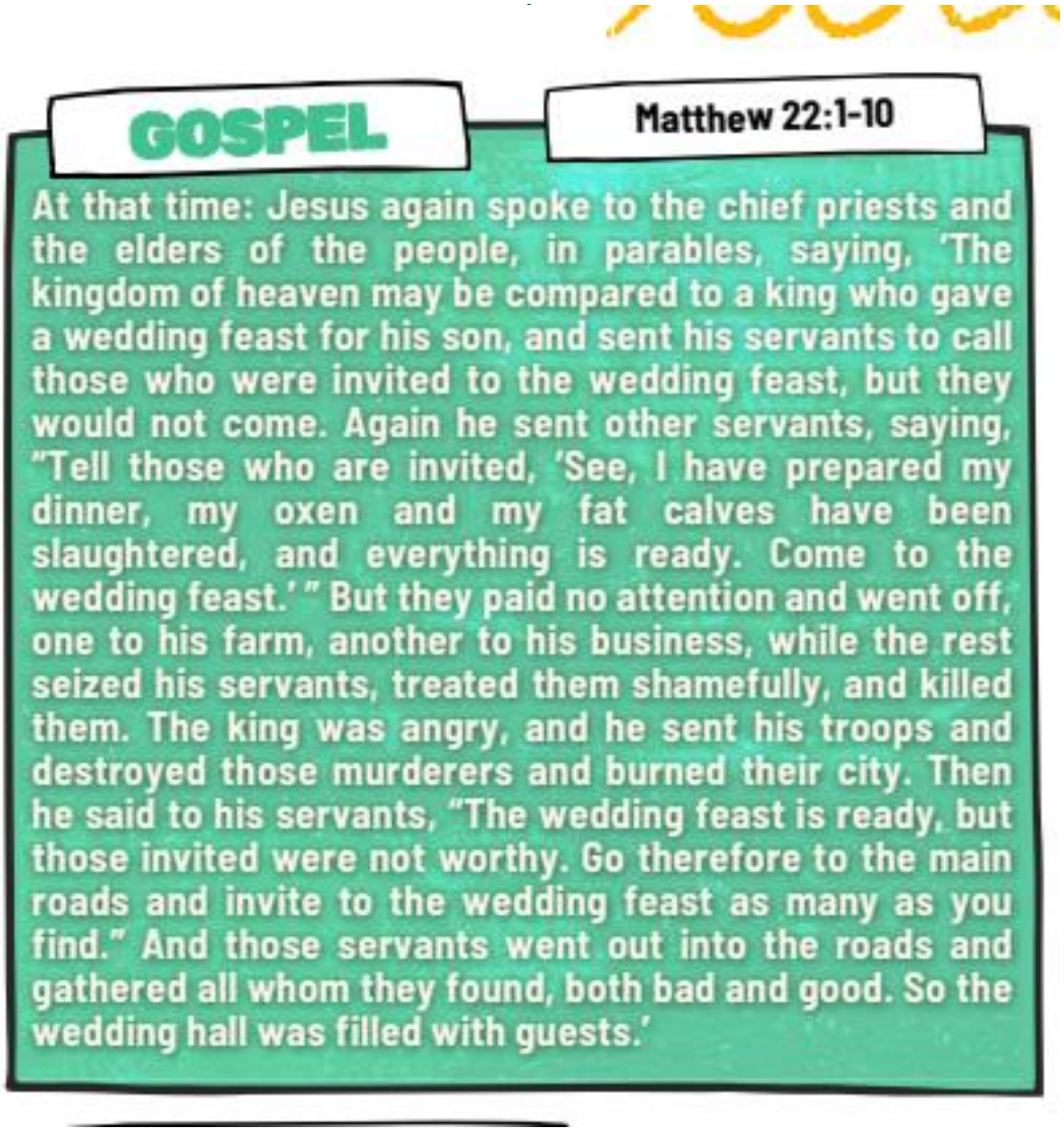
Catholic Academy

The Communicator

Friday 16th October 2026

God keeps coming back!

. In our whole school Celebration of the Word on Monday, Jesus told about guests invited to a wedding to help us understand that God invites each and every one of us to His kingdom, even when we don't answer Him. Take a few moments to share the Gospel with your child. What can they tell you about it?



Our mission this week (and always) is to accept God's welcome and join Him in His kingdom and also to show God's welcome to others. We follow the example of Jesus who always included and welcomed everyone.



RE Homework Project
St. Gabriel the Archangel

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy

St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

As part of the St. Gabriel the Archangel CMAT, we are inspired by the example of St. Gabriel. St. Gabriel was God's special messenger. He listened with love and spoke with peace to share God's message with others. Through these messages, God calls us all to follow His teachings and believe that with God, all things are possible. We are going to reflect on this through our homework projects this term.



You could try:

- drawing, painting or creating a model of St. Gabriel
- writing a prayer asking God to help you to follow His call in your life
- researching St. Gabriel and presenting 5 key facts about him in a creative way
- design a badge, shield or banner to represent St. Gabriel and explain the symbols you have chosen
- create a poster showing how you can be God's messenger at home, at school and in your community
- draw a journey map showing how you can follow God's path each day
- make a short digital presentation or video explaining why St. Gabriel is an important role model for us all today
- create an information booklet answering the question: "What does it mean to be God's messenger today?"

Characteristics of St. Gabriel



















Please bring your finished projects in to school by Monday 19th October.

Parents Evening

Thank you to those parents who have booked a Parents Evening appointment. If you have not yet done so, please make your appointment on Arbor as soon as possible.

During Parents Evening, you will be able to see some of your child's work, ask questions and hear from the teacher how your child is doing. Miss McGough and Mrs Hamilton will be based in the hall if any parent wishes to speak with them.

Question of the Week

This year, one of the things that we will focus on is developing our questioning minds, thinking of well- chosen questions, asked at the right time in order to help us to become the best version of ourselves. This week's question of the week comes from a Y1 pupil who asked **"How do cows make milk?"**

Cows make milk inside their udders. When a cow has a calf, special cells in her udder use nutrients from her food and water to make milk. The milk gives her calf the energy and goodness it needs to grow. Farmers can collect the milk to drink and make foods like cheese and yoghurt.

Sacraments

Receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation is a special way in which baptised Catholic children continue their faith journey by receiving grace from God.

In our parish, baptised Catholic children usually prepare for and receive:

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation in Year Three (24.2.27 6.00pm)
- The Sacrament of First Holy Communion in Year Four (13.6.27 11.00am)
- The Sacrament of Confirmation in Year Six (10.3.27)

That said, baptised Catholics are able to receive the Sacraments at any time. If your child is older, they are very warmly welcomed to prepare for and receive the Sacraments. Please speak to a member of staff if your child would like to receive Sacraments.

We began our preparations for Reconciliation only this week**. Information about First Holy Communion and Confirmation will follow in due course.**

If you have not received this information but believe that your child is able to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact a member of staff at school.

Children of any age who are not yet baptised Catholics but wish to become Catholic and receive Sacraments will need to be baptised first. Please discuss this with Fr Julian. Mrs Hamilton will be very happy to help you to do so.



Congratulations to...

The Year 5 and Year 6 children who visited the Houses of Parliament this week. Their behaviour, attitude and sense of responsibility were outstanding. A huge thank you to Mrs Cox, Miss McGough, Mrs Dawson, Mrs Birchall, Mrs Hudson and Mr Hewitt for making this amazing opportunity possible for our children. Those Y5 children who requested a place but did not attend this time are guaranteed a place on our next Houses of Parliament visit.



WOW Awards	
Nursery	Marybella Black
Reception	Freya-Rose Bailey
Year 1	Ruby Rigby
Year 2	Oscar Jerierski
Year 3	Divesh Thevatheesan
Year 4	William Popesco
Year 5	Geremy Kalenga
Year 6	James Smith

Virtues Award: Grateful and Generous	
Nursery	Zoe Agulto
Reception	Olivia Marcisz
Year 1	Zariah Khan
Year 2	Chimdie Nnadozie
Year 3	Connor Burgess
Year 4	Brooke Davis
Year 5	Joylene John Vincent
Year 6	Decoda Doherty

Presentation	
Nursery	Clay Lea
Reception	Nyla-rose Bowden
Year 1	Chester Dale-Yates
Year 2	Niall Dempsey
Year 3	Everlyn Lawton
Year 4	Molly Worrall
Year 5	Maciej Jezierski
Year 6	Decoda Doherty

Homework Hero	
Nursery	Benny Barrow
Reception	Archie Warburton

Dojo's	
Kosi Nnadozie	

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 2	98.85%
Year 4	98.02%
Year 6	96.58%
Year 5	95.82%
Year 1	95.39%
Reception	94.47%
Year 3	94.46%
Nursery	92.84%

Congratulations to Year 2 who have the best attendance this week 98.93%

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 chosen by the School Council.



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Diary Dates: Next Week

Date	Event
Monday 19.10.26	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Tuesday 20.10.26	Reception Class visit to Bearstone Fruit Farm
Tuesday 20.10.26	Y5 Class saint celebration with families
Tuesday 20.10.26	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Tuesday 20.10.26	Fire Service Visit to Y1 and Y2
Tuesday 20.10.26	NHS Y6 Height and Weight Check
Wednesday 21.10.26	Flu vaccines in school for children in Reception – Y6 ONLY children whose parents have consented using the link sent by the NHS
Wednesday 21.10.26	Dojo winner non uniform – St George
Thursday 21.10.26	Golden Time Reward for children who have earned this treat
Thursday 21.10.26 3.20pm	School closes to pupils

Future Diary Dates

23.10.26 School closed to pupils until TUESDAY 3.11.26

Monday 2.11.26 – School closed to pupils

Tuesday 3.11.26 – School opens to pupils

13.11.26 2.30pm Reception class saint celebration with families

18.11.26 – 20.11.26 Y5 residential visit to Alton Castle

24.11.26 2.00pm Y3 Inspire Workshop with families
29.11.26 11.00am Family Mass

1.12.26 2.00pm Y5 Inspire workshop with families

8.12.26 2.30pm Drama club performance for families

9.12.26 9.30am and 2.15pm Nursery and Reception class nativity play

10.12.26 9.30am and 2.15pm Y1 and Y2 class nativity play

10.12.26 6pm and 7.15pm Christmas disco

16.12.26 1.45pm Carol Concert

8.1.27 2.30pm Y6 Class Saint celebration with families

11.1.27 Watch Me Learn Maths

13.1.27 2.15pm Reception Class Inspire Workshop with families

8.2.27 and 9.2.27 Parents Evening

3.3.27 2.15pm Y6 Inspire workshop with families

5.3.27 2.15pm Y1and Y2 Mother's Day Celebration

8.1.27 2.30pm Y6 Class Saint celebration with families

11.1.27 Watch Me Learn Maths

13.1.27 2.15pm Reception Class Inspire Workshop with families

8.2.27 and 9.2.27 Parents Evening

3.3.27 2.15pm Y6 Inspire workshop with families

5.3.27 2.15pm Y1and Y2 Mother's Day Celebration

16.3.27 2.30pm Y4 Class saint celebration with families

17.3.27 9.15am St Joseph's day celebration with families

22.3.27 2.30pm Nursery and Reception Spring celebration with families

25.3.27 2.15pm Y5 and Y6 Born for This performance for families

19.4.27 Watch Me Learn event for families

10.5.27 13.5.27 Y6 SATS

14.5.27 2.30pm Nursery Class saint celebration with families

18.5.27 – 22.5.27 Y6 residential visit to Stanley Head

9.6.27 Sports Day:

9.30am – Nursery and Reception

11.00am – Y1 and Y2

1.00pm – KS2

10.6.27 2.15pm Y2 Inspire workshop with families

10.6.27 Class photos

18.6.27 2.30pm Y3, Y4, Y5 Father's day celebration

24.6.27 2.15pm Y1 Inspire workshop with families

30.6.27 2.15pm Y4 Inspire workshop with families

7.7.27 2.15pm Nursery class Inspire workshop with families

8.7.27 6.00pm and 7.15pm Summer disco

13.7.27 6.00pm Y6 production performance for families

14.7.27 9.30am Summer concert for families

19.7.27 6.00pm Y6 Presentation evening, Leavers meal and disco

21.7.27 9.00am Y6 Leavers assembly