



*Catholic Academy*

**The**  
**Communicator**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**



# A message from Mrs Hamilton

## Happy New Year!

It was a pleasure to welcome our children and families back to school this week for the start of a new term and a new year. The weather hasn't made for the easiest of starts but I have been extremely proud of our children for the way that they have settled back into the school routines, of the hard work they have put in and for their very many achievements this week. I would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to all our wonderful staff for their dedication this week. We are blessed to have such wonderful staff, committed to doing their very best for our children.

**A new year is the perfect time to pray as  
a family and for your family!**

### **PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

*Heavenly Father,*

Please bless our families with  
Your love and protect us from  
harm. Give us grace to forgive,  
strength to overcome the  
difficulties we face, and keep  
us together when the world  
tries to pull us apart.

**In Jesus Name, Amen.**

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# Can you help our lovely Nursery children?

In January, Nursery will be learning about people who help us. Our Nursery children would love visitors to tell them about their job helping others. If you or a family member work as a police officer, firefighter, doctor, nurse, vet, builder, dentist or any other job that involves helping others and can spare a few minutes to talk to our Nursery children, please contact Mrs Byrne, Mrs Hamilton or the school office. Your help will be much appreciated.



## Watch Me Learn Maths

A reminder that, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, families are invited into the classroom to join their child for a Maths lesson. This is an invaluable opportunity to see how your child learns Maths, how they are progressing in Maths and how you can help them to achieve their best. You do not need to sign up, please just come to the school office on Monday morning. Please note that you will not be able to use a mobile phone while in school.

9.30 – 10.30 – Nursery Reception, Y1, Y4, Y6

10.50 – 11.50 Y2, Y3, Y5

# Sacramental Preparation

Baptised Catholic children in Year Three will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 6pm at St Joseph's Church.

Baptised Catholic children in Year Four who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 11.00am.

Baptised Catholic children in Year Six who have already made their First Holy Communion will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00pm.

Parents of baptised Catholic children in Y3 should have received a letter explaining the preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which began today. This letter has also been sent to parents of baptised Catholic children in Y4 – Y6 who have not yet received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are very welcome to join the preparation and receive the sacraments this year. If you have not received the letter and your child is a baptised Catholic, please contact a member of staff.

If your child is not a baptised Catholic but wishes to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, you will need to speak with Fr Julian. Details of when and how to do this can be found on the parish newsletter on the parish website.

## Award Winners

WOW Award	
Nursery	Chester-Jay Dale-Yates
Reception	Simey Doherty
Year One	Brodey Evans
Year Two	Caelan Cotterell-Rogers
Year Three	William Summerfield
Year Four	Amelia Stefani
Year Five	Mia Kearney
Year Six	Callan Jones

Grateful and Generous	
Nursery	Emmanelle Igbinakenzua
Reception	Isabella Mannion
Year One	Mya Kotlenga
Year Two	Molly Worrall
Year Three	Roman Platt
Year Four	Humu Sawadogo
Year Five	Harper Lilly Picken
Year Six	Ann-Maria Shiju

## Award Winners

Presentation	
Nursery	Lottie Griffiths
Reception	Mattia-Florin Acasandrei
Year One	Emily Wheatcroft
Year Two	Noé Offeyi
Year Three	Blossom Bolade
Year Four	Cornelius Adjei
Year Five	Tinadion Doherty
Year Six	Sapphire Summerfield

100 dojos	
Harley Evans	Abbie Green
Ruby Seabridge	Lily Grundy
Tinadion Doherty	Kelisienna Doherty

# Attendance

The class with the best attendance for the year, will enjoy a neon disco party in July.

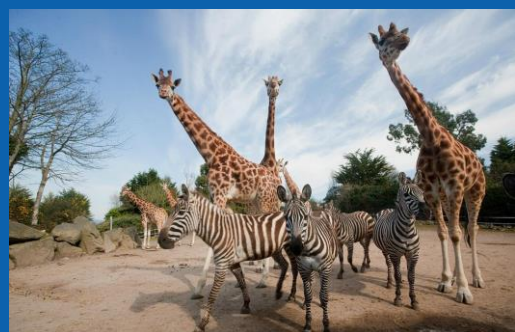
Here is our leaderboard:

Year 6	97.2%
Year 1	97.08%
Year 2	96.94%
Year 3	96.92%
Year 4	96.33%
Reception	95.85%
Year 5	95.63%
Nursery	91.76%

Congratulations to  
Year 4  
who have the best  
attendance this week  
97.58%

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 to  
Blackpool Zoo!



# Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 13.1.25	Watch Me Learn Maths – see above for times
Monday 13.1.25	Fire Service visit to Nursery class
Thursday 16.1.25 9.30am	KS2 Mass in school. Families very welcome
Thursday 16.1.25	Choir to perform at Young Voices. No Choir rehearsal today.
Tuesday 21.1.25 3.30pm and 5.00pm	Year Six Parents Meeting: SATs, Stanley Head, Confirmation
Wednesday 22.1.25	Year Two visit to Gladstone Pottery Museum
Thursday 23.1.25	Year Three visit to the Mosque
Friday 24.1.25	Year Four visit to Potteries Museum and Art Gallery
Friday 24.1.25 1.30pm	Active Families Workshop for children and parents with Mr Sigley
Wednesday 29.1.25	Nursery Dress Up Day – People Who Help us



# Future Diary Dates

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- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2.15pm – Y6 Inspire workshop, families welcome
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Reception Class visit to Jodrell Bank
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – TTRS Day. Children may come to school dressed as a rock star if they wish
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 9 – 10.30am – Parent Coffee Morning. Learn how to help your child sleep well.
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 11.00am – Family Mass
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Non Uniform day for the house with the most dojos
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm – Y3 Class Saint Liturgy. Parents invited into the classroom
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Dress as a Sports Star
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – School Closes for Half Term
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – School closed to pupils**
- **Tuesday** 25<sup>th</sup> February – School opens to pupils
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Year Five swimming starts
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7pm – Choir to perform at Stoke Gotta Sing at the Mitchell Arts Centre. Tickets for families will go on sale in January
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm Y4 Inspire Workshop
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Recorder ensemble to perform at the Recorder Festival at the Victoria Hall
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm – KS1 Mother's Day Service
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm Nursery and Reception Easer Bonnet Parade
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1.30 – 3.00pm Active Families Workshop for parents and children

# Future Diary Dates

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year Six SATS
  - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Watch me Learn Online Safety
  - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year Six residential trip to Stanley Head
  - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm – instrumentalist performance for parents
  - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 9 – 10.30am – Parent Coffee Morning. Learn how to help your child to manage their emotions
  - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm – Y2 Inspire Workshop for families
  - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm – Y3 and Y4 Father's Day Liturgy
  - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm Y1 Inspire Workshop for families
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- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day 9.30 am Nursery and Reception, 11.00am Y1 and Y2, 1.00pm Y3 – Y6
  - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2.30pm – Y4 Class Saint Liturgy. Families welcome
  - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm – Nursery Class Inspire Workshop for families
  - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm – Year Six production
  - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 6pm – Year Six Presentation Evening, Leavers Meal and Disco
  - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1.45pm – Summer Concert
  - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9.00am – Leavers Assembly